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American Indian Cancer Foundation to Host 8th Annual Powwow for Hope *Community fundraising event helps to improve health in Indian Country*

Minneapolis, MN, March 2019 -- American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) is thrilled to announce the 8th Annual Powwow for Hope™: *Dancing for Life, Love and Hope* happens May 4th, 2019 at the TeamBuilding Center in Fort Snelling. Teams, sponsors, drum groups, silent auction donors and volunteers are now being sought to join in the community fundraising event and help eliminate cancer burdens on American Indian and Alaska Native people.

AICAF has organized the national fundraising event since 2012. Thousands of individuals representing many tribal nations and urban communities come together to support loved ones facing cancer by creating a space for healing. Last year's event helped to further the Foundation's mission by raising more than \$85,000. In the months leading up to the powwow, Teams actively seek donations from across the country; they are also the primary source of healthy foods, crafts and activities during the event. Start or join a Team now at powwowforhope.org/teams/.

Proceeds support the Foundation's work to eliminate cancer burdens on American Indian and Alaska Native people throughout the country through improved access to prevention, early detection, treatment and survivor support. These funds have allowed the organization to develop and share culturally tailored cancer prevention resources across Indian country, connect cancer survivors and caregivers to healing and supportive services, and partner with Tribal nations to change the outcome of cancer in their communities.

In the past year the organization has been designing a survivorship support program to effectively address the needs of Native people facing cancer. Proceeds from this year's event will enhance AICAF services by helping to: launch a meaningful survivor support program; deliver cancer care packages to more communities; strengthen program initiatives to better address cancer inequities in our communities.

Improve the health disparities in our communities by getting involved in the 8th Annual Powwow for Hope! Learn how to participate at www.PowwowforHope.org.

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