



THE CULTURAL SANCTUARIES FOUNDATION

Protecting the Protectors



Call-guq John McIntyre, Yup'ik master carver and storyteller, photographed in one of his masks by Chris Rainier in Bethel Alaska

A FOCUS ON FUNDING: EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

You gave us some feedback.

A few of you have told us that it would be helpful to understand the level of funding that we are currently looking for. Some of you have also told us that because we talk about physical buildings in creating our culture and language centers, it is easy to assume that the numbers involved are always huge.

Actually the funding that we need is relatively modest in the scheme of things. We have no significant overheads and no employees so we are a very lean organization. Every dollar that we raise goes to the projects themselves and to the indigenous communities that we work with.

So, to give you a flavour of what your donation could support, 3 examples:

<p>1. In Mexico, our Casa de la Cultura Mazahua opened last autumn and the success of its first six months has already surpassed our expectations and those of the local community which it supports. There, while US\$20,000 would pay for the Casa's operating costs for an entire year, a donation of US\$2,000 would pay for the salary of a Mazahua language teacher for a whole year of twice-weekly evening classes and just US\$500 would pay for 30 local students to attend those classes to learn their indigenous language.</p>	<p>2. In Mongolia, our Eagle Hunter Cultural Center is into its second year of operations. To run it for a year, including keeping the lights and heating on in the depths of the winter and supporting the salaries of the local management team, costs just over US\$30,000. A donation of US\$1,000 would, though, cover the entire transportation cost each year for school visits from hundreds of kids from the 15 local schools to learn all about the eagle hunting culture and history and about the protection of golden eagles and the local grasslands.</p>	<p>3. In Papua New Guinea, we are building the first ever Language and Cultural Center in the province of Madang, the most culturally, linguistically and biologically diverse place on the planet. It will be accessible to over 60,000 people from a large number of different tribes who, between them, speak more than 50 endangered languages. While we need a final US\$85,000 to get us over the finishing line to complete the Center, a donation of US\$10,000 would pay to lay its foundations or would pay the Center's annual running costs once built.</p>
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The same is true for all our projects around the world.

SO EVERY SINGLE DONATION, OF WHATEVER SIZE, IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND MUCH APPRECIATED.

We and our community partners are, as ever, indebted to all of our supporters. None of our work could be achieved without you.

THANK YOU

The Cultural Sanctuaries team