



THE “EPIC JOURNEY OF HEALING” PHILOSOPHY

Honoring Tribal Legacies is a **journey of healing** for both Native and non-Native peoples, a journey which begins by facing the past and embracing our shared histories. The choices we make now will determine whether we move towards healing in an inclusive and vital future. There is a need to reassess our preconceived notions and lack of knowledge in order to come to terms with the effects of our history.

Honoring Tribal Legacies is about **healing** for the sake of goodness, a goodness extended to the young people of this world who need heroes and true stories of inspiration to aspire, to dream, and to strive to contribute meaningfully to the health and vitality of their communities each and every day. It is a bold and courageous act of kindness and consideration that exudes strength and integrity. The ultimate reward, benefit and outcome will be more laughter, learning, and loyalty all across this great country.

For me, my tribe, and many others, the preservation of these many tribal legacies has been a journey towards healing. We are moving closer to “balancing the books.” The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial did provide the opportunities for tribes and communities to share our stories; and in many cases people have reached out to provide support representing yet another step towards healing. —**Richard Basch**

Honoring Tribal Legacies to me is truly a journey of healing. Giving our students, our employees, and our children opportunities to experience a different way of seeing the world is vital to creating a more respectful and peaceful one. —**Jill Hamilton-Anderson**

Our desire for a journey of healing challenges us to seek out new approaches that strengthen us, ones that remind us of legacies that instill honor and pride. — **Stephanie Wood**

Healing takes us to a state of wholeness, harmony, and balance. Like the fibers woven into a blanket, healing attends to the strength and functioning of each strand as it contributes to the whole. As Native and non-Native curriculum designers and authors working together to honor tribal legacies, we have carried forward the cross-cultural bridge-building and healing work begun during the Bicentennial Commemoration. Our ongoing, in-depth, and heartfelt dialogue over the past two years has taken us forward on this sacred journey as we have been linked spiritually, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a common vision of honoring tribal legacies.

We want students to join this Epic Journey of Healing as they build on the plan of action of those who have come before us—tribal and non-tribal people together—to build hope, health, and wellbeing for the next seven generations.

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