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SPIRIT ALIGNED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO ACCEPT APPLICANTS

Application period for Legacy Leader fellowship to open July 2018

AKWESASNE (May 22, 2018) – Spirit Aligned Leadership Program is pleased to announce the summer 2018 opening of its Legacy Leader fellowship application period. SAL program will begin accepting applications for its second circle of Legacy Leaders beginning July 2018. Indigenous Elder women working to heal, strengthen and restore the balance of Indigenous communities are invited to apply.

“We seek to honor and empower the Indigenous Elder women who have stood up for generations gathering knowledge and creating effective practices that sustain the multiple worlds they hold up,” says Director Katsi Cook (Mohawk). “They are a precious source of leadership and strategy for our future generations.”

The Legacy Leader fellowship award application period will remain open from July to October 2018. During that period, applications will be accessible online at www.spiritaligned.com. The selection announcement is slated for February 2019.

The SAL Program offers several unique benefits. Successful applicants are invited to a self-determined, culturally safe space to build on strengths in relation to self and others. They will receive a \$75,000 fellowship award annually for three years, as well as specialized support and resources while they endeavor to create a legacy bundle of knowledge for the benefit of our own communities and future generations. Legacy Leaders are encouraged to purposefully connect with each other, and meet as a full circle twice annually.

The inaugural circle of Legacy Leaders was selected in 2017. They are: Loretta Afraid of Bear Cook, Oglala Lakota; Yvonne Annette Toon Nee Mu Sh Dupuis Peterson, Chehallis; Louise Wakerakats:te Herne, Mohawk; Sarah Agnes James, Neetsa’ii Gwich’in; Jan Kahehti:io Longboat, Mohawk; Dr. Henrietta Mann, Southern Cheyenne; Lenora Naranjo-Morse, Santa Clara Pueblo; and Barbara Poley, Laguna/Hopi.

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About Spirit Aligned Leadership Program:

Spirit Aligned elevates the lives, voices and dreams of Indigenous Elder women who are working to heal, strengthen and restore the balance of Indigenous communities. For more information, visit www.spiritaligned.org.

