

Heather Gatti, Tribal Assembly Coordinator

Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

9097 Glacier Highway

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Ms. Gatti,

The San Francisco Tlingit and Haida Community Council submits and endorses Morgan Fawcett, a member of our community, for the 85th Annual Frank G. Johnson Memorial Citizen of the Year Award.

Morgan Fawcett is the Founder and Spokesperson of One Heart Creations, a not-for-profit meant to increase awareness for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Morgan and his Grandparents began to raise awareness for FASD when he was 14 years of age and travelled extensively over the years as a motivational speaker. Morgan incorporates his Native American Flute playing into his programs to provide support and expand his message. He has released three CD's (Ancestral Memories, Tears of Our Fathers, and Legacy). Mr. Fawcett was inducted into the NOFAS Tom and Linda Daschle FASD Hall of Fame, selected as a Champion of Change for President Obama's Winning the Future Initiative, participated in the White House Internship Program as well as an Internship with Senator Mark Begich.

Mr. Morgan Fawcett has been a strong asset to our community, our families and our friends. Morgan shows his Native Pride through his generous contributions of cultural knowledge for various groups and events held here in California. He brings with him an outstanding love and understanding for his culture and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Morgan participated and was one of the driving forces behind One Canoe Society's Paddle Class offered by CALaska. Morgan helped teach the two day class alongside his Uncle, Doug Chilton. As a participant in a Bentwood Box class, Morgan set his own project aside to ensure others were able to finish theirs. (This is just one example of his kind and giving nature.)

Morgan is also an active member of Southern Winds Dance Group. His role as a strong dancer not only encourages the group, but sets a high standard and is someone the younger children look up to and learn from. As a Tlingit language speaker, Morgan has helped the group gain grasp of how words are spoken and the meanings behind them. As Alaskan Natives living in California where the language is rarely spoken, this is a wealth of knowledge and has helped the dance group grow as individuals.

Recently, Morgan Fawcett alongside his Grandmother, taught a Drum Workshop for the members of Southern Winds Dance Group. Not only did participants complete a 15 inch drum with intricate weaving on the handle, they walked away with history and a better understanding of their cultural ways, bringing our community together in unity.

Morgan Fawcett's silent contribution to our community should not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

John Silva

President, San Francisco Tlingit and Haida Community Council

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