

SHARE THE CARE

Native Cancer Conference

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

"Share the Care" began more than 20 years ago. Initially developed by the Ho-Chunk Nation with the support from the Spirit of EAGLES Program and UW Carbone Cancer Center. The success and interest generated by the first conference led to reach out to other interested tribes, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, and both public and non-profit cancer-related organizations as sponsors for the conference. This coalition continues to serve as the statewide planning committee for Share the Care, and annually organizes the conference in collaboration with a local tribal/community host.



ACTIVITIES

The conference features opening and closing ceremonies, a survivor/caregiver panel, remembrance ritual, and usually includes speakers from tribes and cancer centers, traditional medicine people, and a pre-conference Wisconsin Well Woman training workshop



OVERVIEW

The conference draws an audience of 100+ attendees from Tribal nations across Wisconsin, American Indian cancer control advocates and supporters, and patients, survivors/thrivers, and their caregivers. Each year, the Share the Care Planning committee works with the host tribe to plan and hold the annual meeting.



CONFERENCE GOALS

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2025 Share the Care Host
Stockbridge Munsee Community



CONFERENCE PARTNERS

Statewide planning committee members serve as co-sponsors, along with the host community, and provide funds, in-kind support and technical assistance to support the local host.

Current Members

After Breast Cancer Diagnosis
American Cancer Society
Exact Sciences
Medical College of WI
WI Well Woman Program
UW Carbone Cancer Center
WI Cancer Collaborative

Tribal Partners

Bad River Chippewa Tribe
Gerald L Ignace Indian Health Center
Oneida Tribe of WI
Stockbridge Munsee Community
WI Pink Shawls Initiative

To ensure that the conference remains successful for years to come, support, sponsorship, and engagement is welcome from anyone committed to reducing the burden of cancer for Wisconsin's American Indian population.