



# Silent Nation Project



From 2000-2002, the White Plume tiospaye planted industrial hemp on their land on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Although their tribe passed an ordinance recognizing the difference between hemp and marijuana, the federal government raided their fields, destroying their cash crop and their family's opportunity for economic independence. Meanwhile the hemp continues to grow...



## THE SILENT NATION PROJECT

**T**he Silent Nation Project began as a result of reactions to screening the documentary, *Standing Silent Nation*, which features the story of the White Plume family as they struggle to grow industrial hemp on their tribal lands.

*Comunidad* is a series of short documentaries about an indigenous community's efforts to build a stronger local economy. Directed by Indigenous women in Guatemala, *Comunidad* demonstrates how artisans create textiles and shampoos for sell in Guatemalan markets.



In exchange for your donation you will be thanked in our program and acknowledged at our events.

### Proceeds from all events go to:

- White Plume fire rebuilding efforts
- The Peoples Media Project* (an collective that collaborates with people on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to create media that inspires social change and human rights).
- Maya Pedal* (a Guatemalan organization that recycles used bicycles to build pedal-powered machines for self-sustainable projects);
- The Lakota Media Project* (an initiative of Prairie Dust Films and Owe Aku to train Lakota youth in documentary making . It encourages the development of videos about Lakota from a Lakota perspective).

## Upcoming Events

### THE INTRODUCTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008**

**YOLOT ATECOCOLLI**

**6PM-Midnight**

**2005 S. Blue Island Ave, Chicago**

Introduction to the Silent Nation Project. Screening and discussion with filmmakers from *Standing Silent Nation* (a documentary about a Lakota family's growing of non-drug, industrial hemp on their land) and current work from Guatemalan indigenous communities. Followed by the best in local music, drumming, DJ's, poetry, live art, silent auction, raffles and more.

### CREATING SOLUTIONS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008**

**CATEDRAL CAFE**

**2500 S. Christiana, Chicago 6-10PM,**

Local and global green marketplace. Ally with others interested in participating in positive consumer choices. Featuring videos form the Lakota Media Project, Chiapas Media Project and Maya Pedal. Learn about trade with direct communities, bike friendly options for energy, hemp and the ways it can help land preservation. Presentations feature work from indigenous and American activists. Silent auction, raffles, games...and more!

### THE CULMINATION FEST

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008**

**1100 W. CERMAK SPACE, Chicago**

**7PM-2AM**

A hosted showcase featuring local music (Los Vicios de Papa, Che Christ, DJ David Chavez, Rebel Starz, DJ Scapegoat and more), art raffles, photos, videos, live art, installation, dancing. Take the hemp seed challenge.