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## Looking Onward After a Year of Pivotal Moments

Dear Confluence friends,

To say this has been a busy year at Confluence is perhaps more than an understatement. With your help, we have had a series of pivotal moments: We've had one development after another in our goal to fund our sixth and final site at Celilo Park. Major gifts from the Collins Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund and Arlene Schnitzer, in honor of her son, Jordan, and band leader, Thomas Lauderdale. We won final approval to move ahead on our fifth Confluence site, Maya Lin's "Listening Circle" at Chief Timothy Park near Clarkston, Washington. We wrote a business plan that maps a transition toward a member-based organization.

We even got a new logo to help us do that. Our volunteer branding crew, led by Kat Topaz at Topaz Design, came up with an image of seven imperfect circles, criss-crossing each other, signifying the seven cardinal directions, the seven generations and the seven Confluence sites (six on land and one online).

So much of this is prep work, preparation for completing bold plans for world renowned art installations that span two states, six sites and 438 miles. Truly, one of the most ambitious public art projects in the country. At the same time, we're laying the groundwork for an organization that is built to last as long as that artwork.

**Confluence connects people to place through art and education.**



Basalt stones prepared for Maya Lin's "Listening Circle" to be installed in the spring near Clarkston, WA. Photo: Corky Miller



View from Oregon hillside of Celilo Park (on far right), where Maya Lin's "Celilo Arc" will be completed in 2017. Photo: Staff.

Even as we transform the organization, we're also strengthening our education initiatives: Confluence in the Classroom, Confluence in the Community and Confluence Online. The *Gifts from Our Ancestors* program connects K-12 students throughout our region with Native artists and tradition keepers to do meaningful projects about the Columbia River system. It's a powerful experience for students that creates life-long lessons and memories.

Of all the moments that stick out in my mind from this year, it is a quiet one on a beautiful fall day. I stood on the hillside overlooking Lake Celilo (pictured left). I imagined Celilo Falls still there, silent and under the water. This is a powerful place that embodies, like no other, the confluence of history, cultures and environment of the Columbia River system.

**Join our cause** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and our [home page](#). Just a reminder, if you want your tax deductible donation to Confluence to count in 2014, we must receive it by December 31st. Thank you! Your support means everything to us!

**Save the date:** The dedication of Maya Lin's "Listening Circle" at Chief Timothy Park near Clarkston, Washington is scheduled for May 29, 2015. We'd love to see you there!

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Executive Director

