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Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project Calls for Community Support on Giving Tuesday to Preserve Indigenous Language and Culture

Mashpee, MA (November 15, 2024) — This Giving Tuesday, the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) invites community members, supporters, and advocates to join in the vital work of preserving and reclaiming the Wôpanâak language and cultural heritage. WLRP's mission is to breathe life back into a language that had gone unspoken for generations, fostering a resurgence of cultural pride and identity for future generations.

As a nonprofit organization dedicated to language reclamation, WLRP works tirelessly to develop immersive language programs, community classes, and resources to strengthen Wôpanâak language fluency among both children and adults. With the collective effort of linguists, educators, and community leaders, WLRP has seen significant growth and impact, yet continued support is crucial to sustain this progress.

"Every contribution makes a difference," said Mae Alice Baird, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of WLRP. "Our programs bring the Wôpanâak language back to life, connecting community members to their heritage in powerful ways. This Giving Tuesday, we're asking our friends, neighbors, and supporters to join us in preserving the linguistic and cultural identity of the Wampanoag people."

How Donations Will Make an Impact

Funds raised this Giving Tuesday will support WLRP's language programs, including:

Expanded Language Classes: Increasing the availability and accessibility of language classes for adults, families, and community members.

Linguistic Resources: Development of culturally-relevant materials, curriculum, and teaching tools.

Speaker Training Programs: Supporting the training of fluent speakers and language speakers to continue teaching future generations.

In addition to supporting these initiatives, donors' contributions help WLRP remain resilient and adaptable as we pursue our long-term vision of restoring fluency in the Wôpanâak language and ensuring its survival for generations to come.

Join the Movement

Giving Tuesday provides a unique opportunity for people across the country and around the world to come together in the spirit of generosity. To make a donation and learn more about WLRP's programs, please visit our website at wlrp.org. Contributions of all sizes make a difference and are deeply appreciated.

"Language is more than words—it's identity, tradition, and the heartbeat of a community," added [Spokesperson]. "With your support, we can continue to make the Wôpanâak language accessible, meaningful, and alive for the next generation. This Giving Tuesday, we thank you for standing with us."

About the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP)

The Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project is dedicated to reclaiming and preserving the Wôpanâak language, which has been endangered for many years. We believe that language is a part of cultural identity, and we are committed to ensuring that all Tribal members now and in the future can learn and speak this beautiful language.

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