

Million Dollar Plus California Property Transferred from Friends to the Nisean People. The Sierra Friends Center property in the northern California mountains (home of the former Woolman School) is being sold to the Nisenan tribe, through their non-profit organization California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP). A national fundraising campaign raised \$1.5 million by the end of April 2024 to complete Phase I of transferring acres to the Nisean peoples. The goal of the fundraising is to pay off the existing mortgage on the property, make some repairs, and create an endowment that facilitates the Nisenan's management of it. The (Friends) Woolman School Board wrote on their website that "passing a small piece [the 230- property] of Nevada County land illegally taken in the past to the descendants of those people." [Click here for more information](#)

Alaska Friends and the Native Village of Kake. Alaska Friends paid \$93,000 in reparations to the Organized Village of Kake, a tribe in Southeast Alaska that was once the site of a Quaker school for Native kids that forced assimilation of on them. Quakers ran a boarding school for Native children in Douglas, AK from 1887 to 1912 (when the Presbyterian's took over. Friends also ran a mission and day school in Kake, Alaska, from 1891 to 1912. They personally delivered the check on Jan.19, 2024. accompanied by a four-page apology.

"It was wrong of us to believe that Western European worldviews and practices are superior to ones that you have lived for thousands of years. We apologize for Friends who have not respected your ways of living and for Friends' participation in forcing a Western way of life upon you."

Alaska Friends Conference also supported five young adults to travel to Washington D.C. this Spring to lobby for a [Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policy Act](#) . The purpose of the Commission is to recommend Federal actions to adequately have our country account for and redress and heal the historical and intergenerational trauma inflicted by the Indian boarding school policies. [Native News Online](#)