

but they are obtainable through cooperation and team work.

I will continue to work for the American Indian Heritage School, but in a different capacity, working to get corporate sponsorship. My hope is to educate all citizens with this experience, and recruit volunteers from school and business so they will have a better understanding of our reality. Through mutual work, we can hope to achieve understanding and mutual benefit to enrich our society.

I was asked how this learning experience helped me come to terms with my own personal history and the pain and struggles it encompassed. Natives don't give of their secrets, pain and personal problems easily; but in order to heal we must speak of the unspeakable. I have always been a "stubborn," difficult, and strong willed person. The abuse, abandonment, lack of recognition, and self-esteem issues I suffered as a child have affected me in my adult life. The education I received at the University of Las Vegas at Nevada 1972 - 1974 started me on a path of self help. It has taken years of self work, analysis and having a successful marriage and wonderful children to allow me to trust and open up. I went to the American Indian Heritage School to help the children. I found through research that my history is their history, my history is that of other women, children and minorities - mine is not the exception, but the norm.