



SPIRIT OF THE SUN

2026 FALL EQUINOX GALA

*BALANCE OF THE SEVENTH GENERATION: HARVESTING POWER,
PLANTING THE FUTURE*

SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

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Dear Sponsor,



With gratitude, we invite you to join us at a powerful moment of reflection, harvest, and renewal. The Fall Equinox is a sacred time across many Indigenous cultures—a moment when day and night stand in balance, reminding us of our responsibility to live in right relationship with one another, the land, and generations yet to come. It is a time to honor what has been cultivated through resilience and collective effort, and to plant seeds that will sustain the future.

For Indigenous peoples, cultural knowledge is carried through relationships—with land, language, and lived practice. Across generations, colonial systems disrupted these relationships in profound ways. Yet our communities continue to endure, guided by ancestral wisdom and a deep commitment to balance. Today, we are restoring Indigenous stewardship of land as a pathway to cultural continuance, healing, and self-determination for the next seven generations.

Spirit of the Sun is honored to be one of the Indigenous-led organizations serving Native and Indigenous youth, young adults, elders, and families throughout Colorado's Front Range. Our programs—centered on youth development, land stewardship, food access, and community education—reflect Indigenous values of reciprocity, responsibility, and collective growth. Through multigenerational learning and community-centered spaces, we are harvesting the strength of our people while planting opportunity for those who will follow.

On September 24, 2026, we will gather at the Denver Botanic Gardens to celebrate this shared vision and to launch our 2026 Campaign for Indigenous Self-Determination. This evening will honor the balance between past, present, and future—recognizing the power we are reclaiming today and the future we are planting together.

Spirit of the Sun envisions the return of land to Indigenous stewardship, where we can operate our programs, care for bison, practice Indigenous agricultural traditions, and model a way of living grounded in balance with the Earth. Our collective goal of \$2,000,000 will help bring this vision to life—ensuring that cultural knowledge, food sovereignty, and land-based teachings endure for generations to come.

We respectfully invite you to sponsor the 2026 Fall Equinox Gala and stand in partnership with Indigenous women-led leadership, community-driven solutions, and a future rooted in balance. Your generosity is an investment in LANDBACK, cultural preservation, and the wellbeing of the seventh generation. Every contribution is a seed—planted with intention—that helps harvest a more just and sustainable future.

Thank you for considering this invitation and for honoring Indigenous leadership, resilience, and self-determination. We look forward to gathering with you in community during this meaningful season of balance.

With gratitude and respect

Shannon Francis
Executive Director



Introduction

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for Spirit of the Sun's 2026 Gala!

Your support plays a vital role in restoring Indigenous lands to Indigenous hands while uplifting the next seven generations. Together, we can create lasting impact. We deeply appreciate your consideration and hope to celebrate with you.

About Us

We are an Indigenous women-led nonprofit located on Očhéthi Šakówin, Núu-agma-tʼavv-pų (Ute), Tsésthó'e (Cheyenne), Hinono'eino' biito'owu' (Arapaho), and 48+ other tribes' sacred land, working to empower Native communities one youth at a time through farming, education and rematriation.



Sponsorship Opportunities

We offer these sponsorship packages:

- **Sun Carrier - \$10,000**
- **Earth Guardian - \$5,000**
- **Water Protector - \$3,000**
- **Seed Keeper - \$2,000**

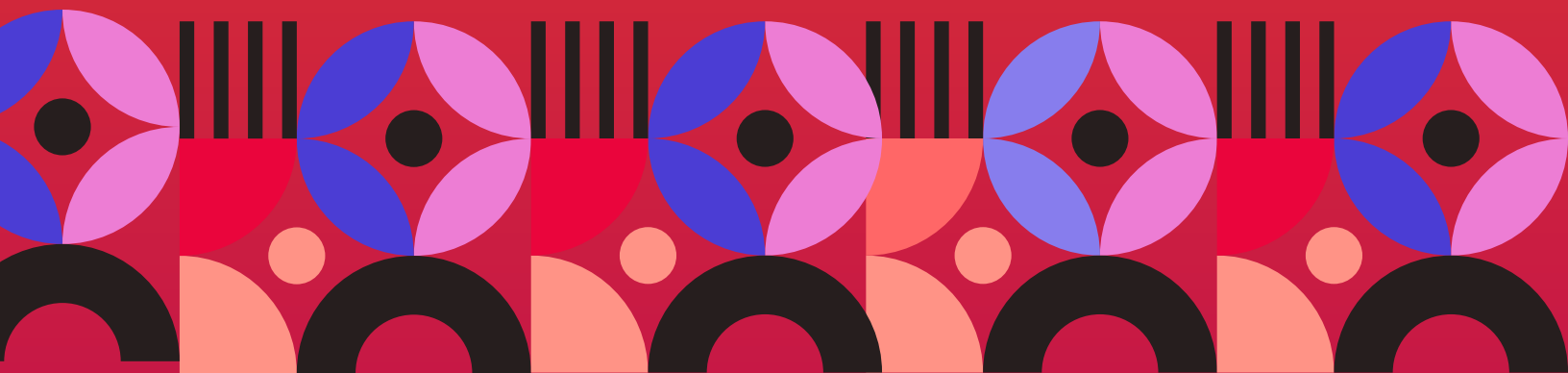
Event Overview

DATE:

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

LOCATION:

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS



Why Sponsor?

Sponsoring would demonstrate your commitment to community-based work and Indigenous-led efforts towards rematriation, environmental stewardship, and true collective liberation for the next seven generations.

Our Target Audience

We are asking for the support of our allies who are truly committed to restorative justice, in order to place land back in the care of Indigenous people. This gala will engage community partners, families, and allied organizations from the Denver-Metro area and beyond who are looking to deepen and continue relationship with Spirit of the Sun.



Contact Information

For more details, please contact:



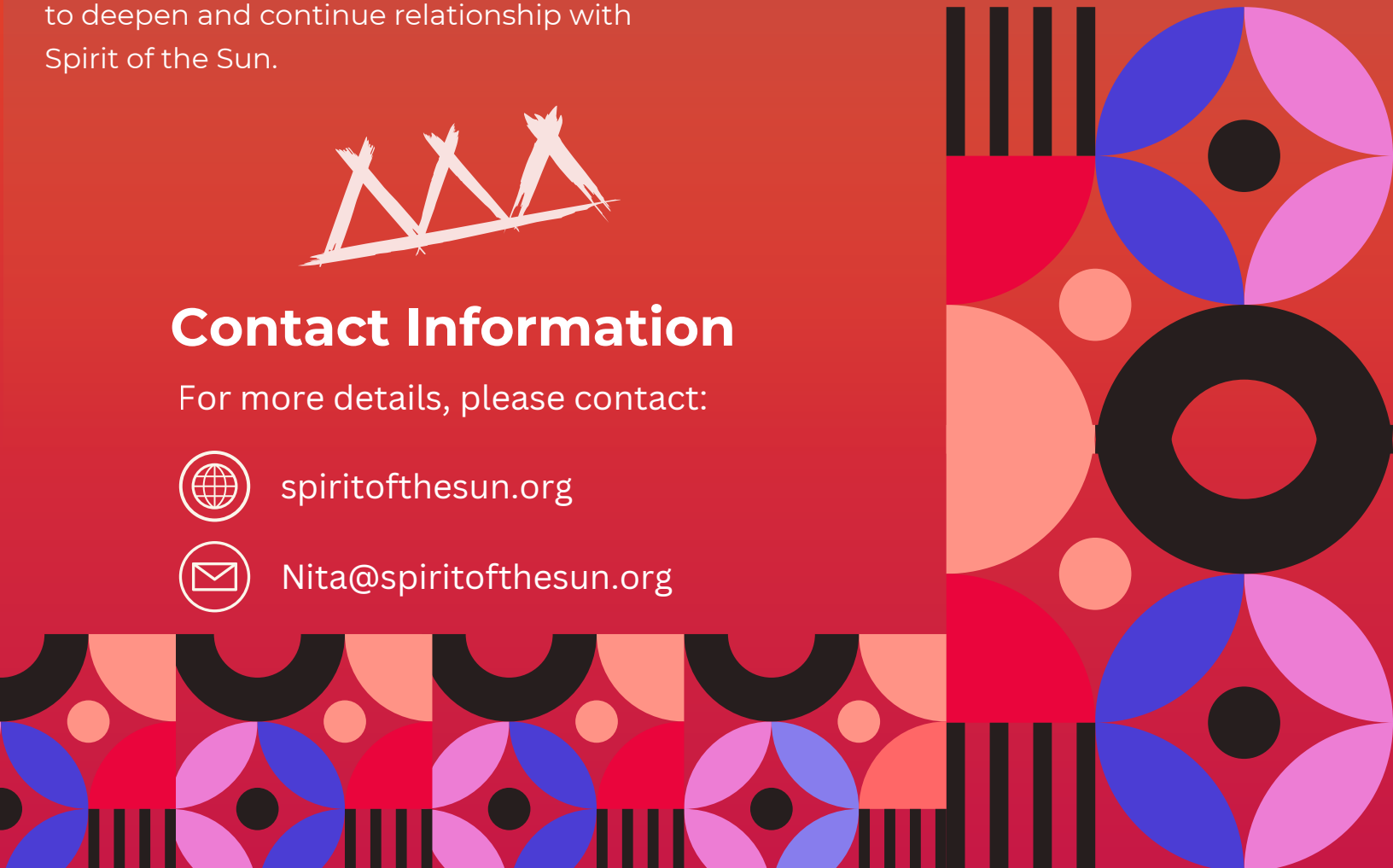
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***We look forward to
partnering with you to
ensure the success of our
2026 Gala!***





Sponsorship Packages

\$10,000

Sun Carrier

- Two (2) premium tables (seats 20). Table may be gifted back to Spirit of the Sun team members upon request.
- Sponsor 1 table for SOTS community members and elders
- Premium Visual Presentation, Website, Newsletter, Social media and Logo Display at Gala
- Three dedicated social media posts
- Opportunity to speak on stage for 2-3 minutes or showcase short video
- Outstanding acknowledgement in welcoming speech + closing ceremony
- Honoring with a prepared gift

\$5,000

Earth Guardian

- One (1) premium table (seats 10). Table may be gifted back to Spirit of the Sun team members upon request.
- Name and Logo Presentation, Website, Newsletter, Social media and Logo Display at Gala
- Two dedicated social media posts
- Outstanding acknowledgement at Gala Welcome Speech
- Honoring with a prepared gift

\$3,000

Water Protector

- One (1) premium table (seats 10). Table may be gifted back to Spirit of the Sun team members upon request.
- Name recognition on website, program listing, and social media
- One dedicated social media post
- Honoring with a prepared gift

\$2,000

Seed Keeper

- One (1) table (seats 10). Table may be gifted back to Spirit of the Sun team members upon request.
- Name recognition on website and program listing
- Honoring with a prepared gift

