

# Pati Martinson & Terrie Bad Hand

From the Denver Indian Center, the Denver Indian Center Development Corporation and the National Urban Indian Council to Taos, New Mexico where Terrie and Pati are the founders and Directors of Taos County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC). A community based organization celebrating its 30th year of operation and the current center for their lifelong work with indigenous and land-based cultures. Their work on community food systems, has become a model and successfully replicated in tribal and other land-based communities of color. Their model of Kinship and Extended Family Development led to the creation of a Small Business Incubator, Taos Business Park and Taos Food Center. These accomplishments are added to the creation of the Denver Indian Center Development Corporation, which provided the Native American community of Denver, Colorado with a new renovated facility, 48 units of elderly housing, commercial development and neighborhood revitalization.

We are honored to accept the responsibility of bringing together Native people to form a National organization dedicated to addressing Native Food Sovereignty.

We have called upon peoples who have been working in community on Native Food issues for many years to be a part of the NAFSA Founding Council.

Their work has taken them to NGO events in China and Italy as well as to the United Nations where they have conducted workshops and trainings and shared their model of community development. In addition they have worked with organizations such as; First Nations Development Institute, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Rural Development Leadership Network, the Sister Fund Grantees and working through an Oxfam America Mentorship Program with seven (7) Native American organizations. Together they have raised millions of dollars for their communities, and are exemplary in program and organizational development as well as project management and evaluation.