

Cris Stainbrook

Cris Stainbrook, Lakota, has been working in philanthropy for 36 years and has been **President of Indian Land Tenure Foundation** since its inception in 2002. As the Foundation's president, Stainbrook provides leadership, strategic direction, management, fundraising and policy oversight to the organization with an emphasis on the successful implementation of the Foundation's mission. He also serves as Board Chair and interim CEO of the Indian Land Capital Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ILTF.

Before joining ILTF, Stainbrook spent 13 years at Northwest Area Foundation, where he held several positions. As program officer, he managed grant making programs in sustainable development, natural resource management, economic development and basic human needs. During his final four years with Northwest Area, he served as the community activities lead, overseeing a rapidly growing staff and implementing new programs aimed at developing community-directed plans.

Stainbrook was a founding member of Native Americans in Philanthropy and served on the board of directors for 11 years. He was also a founder and longtime advisory committee member of the Two Feathers Endowment of The Saint Paul Foundation. He also served on the board of the Minnesota Community Foundation and The Saint Paul Foundation and is an emeritus board member of the Grotto Foundation.

In addition, he has owned and operated a number of small businesses including a recycling agricultural box and crate company, Christmas tree farm, a chain of laundromats and today operates with his wife, Heathglen Farm specializing in blueberries and heirloom tomatoes. Stainbrook holds a bachelor of science from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in fisheries science from Oregon State University.