## The Artist's Statement The Cando 25th Silver Anniversary Logo

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## NATIVE ARTIST

The traditional art elements that I have combined to create this logo are the dreamcatcher, four stones (beads), and the eagle. The dreamcatcher represents the ideas and dreams of the communities Cando provides programs and services to. The stones, or beads, represent the four directions, but they also symbolize communication, trust, balance, and confidence. The stones are placed within the dreamcatcher to guard against the negative influences that might try to affect the dreams of the communities. The eagle, which is the focus of the piece, represents empowerment, for the eagle is the messenger that moves the dream from the spiritual/dream world to the physical/ real world — the world in which communities are empowered by the support Cando provides.