



**Mission:** Serving immediate needs. Supporting long-term solutions  
**Vision:** Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

## Program Partner Highlight

Second Mesa Day School (SMDS) is in northern Arizona and serves approximately 200 Hopi students in grades K through 6. The school has worked with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) since August 2011, utilizing our Healthy Living, Community Events, TOMS shoes, School Supplies and Holiday service for children's Christmas stockings.

The school's Parent Liaison, Valerie Thomas, is our primary contact. Valerie often utilizes our Healthy Living service for her Parent Advisory Committee Meetings. The Healthy Living incentives provided have helped her increase attendance, get important information out to the parents, and get parents more involved in their child's education. Valerie has also used our Community Event service to encourage parents to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences for updates on their student's academic progress.

For the students, Valerie has used the School Supplies, TOMS shoe distributions and Holiday stockings. The students look forward to receiving their TOMS shoes and are very appreciative of the school supplies at back-to-school time.

The parents appreciate receiving incentives that help them with everyday living; they especially appreciate the household and hygiene items like paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo and toothpaste.

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**PWNA DELIVERS ONLY  
NEEDED GOODS AND SERVICES**

We want to make sure the products we send fit your needs.  
If they don't, please call us so we may better serve you.

**Valerie Thomas  
Second Mesa Day School**

# Featured Service: Produce Distribution

During the pandemic, it has been difficult for many Native families to purchase food due to shortages in local and border town grocery stores. PWNA offers the Produce distribution service to increase Elderly access to nutritious food and reduce food insecurity in our service area.

This seasonal service encourages participating communities to come together, plan and organize a distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables to community members. Important eligibility criteria would include having a forklift, a pallet jack, numerous volunteers and an accessible location for those you're intending to serve.

This summer, PWNA supported a produce distribution in Whiteriver, Arizona. To ensure a safe distribution, we also provided water, masks, hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes that were used by volunteers. They also practiced social distancing throughout the distribution.

One participant, Wylene, said, "There are two of us in house; the produce and water are going to save my family a trip to the grocery store and help us save money. We appreciate it."

Another participant, Amanda, shared there are 13 people in her household, including grandparents, parents, siblings and her own family. They love cucumbers and lemons and planned to use all the fresh produce right away. They were also grateful to have the bottled water, PPE and extra food.



WMAT Volunteers



Food Distribution Set Up

## PWNA Staff Spotlight



**Alex Varela**  
Warehouse Associate

When Alex Varela joined PWNA in April 2021, he came out of retirement and brought 20 years of warehouse experience with him.

Each day as a warehouse associate, Alex works with PWNA inventory. He receives your requests and puts the supplies on pallets for delivery. He also takes care to ensure that no products are damaged when the pallets are stacked.

Alex enjoys working at PWNA because we provide products to Native programs at no cost. He is always willing to learn and is still getting to know the communities we serve.

In his spare time, Alex enjoys spending time with family – especially his granddaughter. He does woodworking and is a die-hard Las Vegas Raiders fan.

## Report Deadlines

**Due 30 days after delivery:**

Healthy Living  
Community Events  
Food Pantry

**Due 90 days after delivery:**

Residential  
Standard Food  
Animal Welfare

# New in Your Delivery Packet

We need to continue to be vigilant in battling the coronavirus. COVID-19 cases are rising in some tribal communities due to a new strain called the Delta variant.

- The Delta variant spreads easily and quickly.
- Unvaccinated people are at high risk.
- The Delta variant is just one strain of COVID-19. The virus will continue to change as it spreads from person to person.

With the highly contagious Delta variant spreading, some vaccinated people are experiencing ‘breakthrough infections.’ A breakthrough is when someone fully vaccinated against COVID-19 tests positive for the virus. Breakthrough infections are uncommon, and a vaccinated person who gets COVID has a very low risk of severe illness or death.

Vaccinations can protect against getting the virus as well as severe illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19, even if fully vaccinated, and continue wearing your mask in public places.

## COVID-19 Delta Variant: What Community Members Need to Know

COVID-19 is a new strain, called the Delta variant, that is spreading more quickly than other strains. The Delta variant is more contagious than other strains. It has also been found in people who were fully vaccinated. The Delta variant spreads more easily and quickly than previous strains of the virus.

- Unvaccinated people are at high risk of getting sick from Delta.
- People who are not fully vaccinated are more likely to get sick from Delta.
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**How contagious is the Delta variant?**  
The Delta variant is much more contagious and spreads much faster than other strains of the virus.

**Am I at risk of getting sick from the Delta variant?**  
People who have not been vaccinated or who have not been vaccinated for a long time are at high risk of getting sick from Delta.

**What is the Delta Plus variant and should I be concerned?**  
The Delta Plus variant is a new strain of the Delta variant that was first identified in April. It is a combination of the Delta variant and another variant called Delta Plus. The Delta Plus variant is more contagious than the Delta variant.

## COVID-19 Breakthrough Infections: What Community Members Need to Know

With the rise of the highly contagious Delta variant, some vaccinated people are experiencing breakthrough infections. Breakthrough infections are when someone fully vaccinated against COVID-19 tests positive for the virus. Breakthrough infections are uncommon, and a vaccinated person who gets COVID has a very low risk of severe illness or death.

**What are the risks of 'breakthrough' infections?**  
Breakthrough infections are usually mild and do not lead to severe illness or death. However, breakthrough infections can still lead to severe illness or death, especially in people who are not fully vaccinated.

**Why did guidance change again about vaccinated people wearing masks?**  
The Delta variant is more contagious than other strains of the virus. This means that even if you are vaccinated, you are still at risk of getting sick from Delta. Wearing a mask can help reduce your risk of getting sick from Delta.

**What can I do?**  
• Get vaccinated if you have not been vaccinated.  
• Wear a mask in public places.  
• Avoid crowded places and indoor spaces.  
• Practice good hand hygiene.  
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Information Sources: CDC, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Featured Products

The products pictured here are available in our warehouse in limited quantities. During your follow-up call with your PDC, remember to ask about these items!



- Paint – A variety of paint available. They come in a variety of colors and sizes
- Art Box – Contains various products designed to keep individuals busy, such as stencils, paint, cross-stitch projects, stamps and sponges.
- Stencils – Made of plastic and re-useable in various shapes and sizes, can be used to create your own personal graffiti or decorations
- Iron-on Letters – Can be used for all kinds of crafts, on casual wear, for decoration or repair, whether you iron-on or sew
- Canvas coverings – Made of durable canvas, can be used for crafts, make rugs, or cover furniture

*Pictured at top: variety of paint, art box*

*Pictured at bottom: Canvas covering, iron-on letters, stencils – L, M, S*

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## Reminders

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 7.**

Remember to turn your clock back one hour!

The **Holiday deadline** is coming up fast! The last day to turn in a Holiday (Christmas) request is **Friday, October 15.**

The deadline to submit a report/renewal or request form for **one last 2021 delivery is Friday, November 19 by noon.**

If you have any questions regarding the Holiday deadline or any PWNA service, please call our office and staff will assist you.

*Partnership With Native Americans would like to thank you for your valued partnership. We look forward to a strong, lasting relationship with your organization.*



For any PWNA report/request forms, visit [www.swnativepartners.org](http://www.swnativepartners.org) or call 1-877-281-0808.