



PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS®

Vision: Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

Program Partner Highlight

Round Rock Senior Center first worked with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) from 2006 to 2010 and then stopped due to staff changes. It was 2016 when the Elders asked Susie Deswood about incentives at their center, and she restarted the service using the PWNA's Standard Food and Healthy Living services. She has also used our Holiday service to distribute Elder bags to the seniors.

Originally from Lukachukai, Arizona, Susie has worked at various senior centers for approximately 14 years, including being a driver and sometimes a cook at the Tsaile-Wheatfields, Cottonwood, Rock Point and now Round Rock senior centers. Susie introduces herself saying, "Kinlich'nii nishłj, Tó'aheedłínii báshíchiin, Kinyaa'áanii dashícheii, Tótsohnii dashínali" ("I am Red House People, born for Water Flows Together Clan. My maternal grandfather is Towering House People and my paternal grandfather is Big Water Clan.") She enjoys working at the senior centers and introducing herself to Elder clients only to find she has relatives everywhere.

Susie says the staple foods like flour and beans provided through the Standard Food service are a great help because they save the Round Rock Senior Center money to buy fresh food items. They currently serve approximately 35 Elders hot meals at the center and home-deliver meals to 11 Elders. The Healthy Living service provides incentives the Elders enjoy, and this has helped boost attendance and participation. The center holds exercise classes and presentations on nutrition, home safety, socialization and more.

Round Rock is a small rural community located in the central part of the Navajo Nation. The nearest retail store like Walmart is a one-way, two-hour drive, so the Elders are very appreciative of the PWNA products and the Senior Center.

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Susie Deswood

PWNA DELIVERS ONLY NEEDED GOODS AND SERVICES

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I received a message (phone call or email) asking me to call you for a follow up, what is that?

PWNA utilizes two types of follow up calls with our Program Partners:

1. One type of call is from the Assistant Program Manager/Program Partner Support Specialist (APM/PPSS), who calls for additional information needed to process your report. For example, information such as how the PWNA products aided the Program Partner in making progress toward your program goals is collected to share with our donors. The APM/PPSS also gathers sign out sheets on the participants who received the products.
2. The second type of call is from the Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC) who gathers information about your program needs and discusses the incentives available in our warehouse to support your program goals. Every Program Partner should receive a follow up call from your PDC to process your request for delivery.

Q: Can I get a copy of PWNA's inventory list, so I can see what is in stock in the warehouse?

PWNA's warehouse inventory changes daily, so we are unable to provide you with a static list. In addition, eligibility for products is based on the specific services you are using. The best products available to address the needs of your program and participants are reviewed with you by the PDC during your follow up call.

Q: When my event or class is cancelled, what should I do with the product I received?

A: First, please contact PWNA to update us on changes to your class or event. We need to know when your class/event will be rescheduled so that we can adjust your report due date. Once rescheduled, you can keep and use the incentives as intended. To report changes, please contact your PDC at (602) 340-8050 or toll free at (877)-281-0808.

Spotlight on PWNA Staff



Joshua Arce
President and CEO

Our Board of Directors has appointed Joshua (Josh) Arce as PWNA's new president and chief executive officer (CEO), effective January 6, 2020. A citizen of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, he previously served on our Board.

Looking ahead to his new role, Josh said, "I am both honored and thrilled by the opportunity to work for Partnership With Native Americans. The current board and staff have charted a path for success and positioned PWNA with the credibility and relationships to positively impact Native communities. I deeply appreciate their work and look forward to leading PWNA in this next chapter."

Josh will bring more than 20 years' experience in education management, social work and business development to PWNA. Originally from Kansas, he earned his bachelor's in social work from the University of Kansas and then his law degree, specializing in tribal law, applied indigenous leadership, federal Indian law and Indian gaming law. He most recently served as the first chief information officer (CIO) of Haskell Indian Nations University. He will be working from our headquarters in Addison, Texas.

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

1. Always remember, if you as the Program Partner are unavailable at the time of the delivery, please pre-arrange for someone to accept and sign off on your delivery. Drivers cannot leave pallets without a signature—**always have a secondary contact available to ensure your deliveries.**
2. For the safety and well-being of our drivers, **volunteers must be available** for each delivery to help them unload your order off the truck. If you have volunteers ready to help PWNA drivers immediately upon arrival, you help us stay on schedule with deliveries to your neighbors.
3. PWNA drivers have many stops in a day and up to 26 pallets to unload. This, along with unpredictable weather, road conditions and mechanical issues can cause a driver to fall behind schedule. **Keep us informed** if you have changes to your office or cell phone numbers so that we can reach you with delivery information and updates. Our drivers are always happy to go above and beyond but, by law, they're limited to 11 hours a day on the road.

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Native Youth Know Forum Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day – January 15, 2020

Arizona Governor
Doug Ducey

Office on Tribal
Relations



Annually, and since 1995, the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs and the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations hosts an Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. Typically, the day begins with a Joint-Protocol Session hosted by the Senate, with floor privileges extended to tribal leaders. Traditionally, the session opens with comments from the Senate President and Speaker of the House and closes with a keynote address by a Tribal Leader(s).

A special initiative for youth — **Native Youth Know (NYK)** — was inaugurated at the 2015 Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. Established by Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations (GOTR), the purpose of Native Youth Know is to engage the talent, intelligence and energy of Arizona's Native youth and provide them an opportunity to voice and better understand their concerns, challenges and opportunities.

To register for the 2020 Native Youth Know Forum (NYK Forum), scheduled for 1-3 p.m., please contact GOTR at gotrinfo@az.gov or (602) 542-4426. At PWNA, contact Shane Burnette at sburnette@nativepartnership.org or (602) 340-8050. Lunch will be provided to NYK participants on the state capitol lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Reminders

January Deliveries – will hopefully begin the week of January 13th. We will be sending your delivery notifications by email, fax or phone. We will return to our normal delivery schedule in February.

Daylight Savings Time – begins on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to "spring" forward one hour.

AIEF (American Indian Education Fund) Scholarship Deadline – is approaching. Be sure to submit your scholarship application by April 4th.

You can download the form from our website at www.aiefprogram.org or contact RaeAnne Schad, AIEF Program Specialist, at rschad@nativepartnership.org or (866) 866-8642.

Partnership With Native Americans – thanks you for your invaluable partnership. We look forward to supplementing your programs and maintaining a positive, lasting relationship.

