

Vision: Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

# Program Partner Highlight

Mike Benavidez is the Pisinemo District Elderly Coordinator; he has worked there for the last eight years. He is also a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Mike has partnered with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) over the years and currently utilizes the Healthy Living service and the Standard Food service as well as Thanksgiving Meals and Holiday (Christmas) Elder Bags.

Mike is thankful for PWNA support, as the Healthy Living service motivates the Elders at the center to continue to participate in weekly exercises (e.g., the chair and balance exercises) and health education. He knows that a sense of community and friendships are two of the benefits that arise from the classes at the center. The Elders express their gratitude to him and to one another. The homebound Elders are grateful for the meals they receive from the center too. They may be unable to physically go to the center, but they still feel that sense of belonging when Mike and the rest of the people at the center reach out to them.

Mike says that the PWNA Standard Food service assists the center in saving money to be used toward other vital issues. Two such issues include maintenance and repairs to the center and the Elder's homes. These also are two skills that Mike possesses. He studied home maintenance and repair in college and is very knowledgeable about repairing items in the Elder's homes such as the air conditioning units. He reminds the Elders to be aware and to please speak up about any maintenance problems they are having at home and takes it upon himself to make calls or repairs to save the Elders money.

Mike enjoys working at the center and meeting the needs of the Elders. He wants to continue to remain an advocate for the Elders and his community. He appreciates the continued support of the Pisinemo District Chairman Stanley Cruz and all the other resources that are offered to them, and he looks forward to continuing the collaboration with PWNA.

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Mike Benavidez

### 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: How do I distribute the incentives properly?

A: Incentives are available to be "earned" by participants and should be distributed by you as the Program Partner after the participants have met the requirement to attend or participate in your services. We ask the Program Partner to obtain the participants' signatures to ensure they receive the incentives. The sign out sheets also help report the number of participants served to our donors, and they help determine the appropriate allocations for your next delivery under that service.

#### Q: I turned in my report a long time ago; why don't you have my report?

**A:** Reports may be sent in by fax, e-mail or mail. Once your report is received in our office, it is recorded by Denise Suchy. To ensure we received your report, please call us at 877-281-0808.

### Q: Why didn't I receive an order this month if I turned in my report?

**A:** There could be a few possible reasons for not receiving a delivery.

- There may have been questions regarding your report (i.e. missing information, no sign-out sheets attached, no signature on the report) and it was put on hold until we could talk to you about it.
- The required partner follow-up call was not completed between the Program Partner and the Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC). Information from your report needs to be discussed to complete your order for your next delivery. The PDC makes every attempt to contact Program Partners via phone, email or fax.
- The order was not received in time to process by your delivery week.

# Spotlight on PWNA Staff



**Barry Fazar** Delivery Truck Driver

Since May 2016, Barry has worked for Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA). When he was working for another company, he saw our box truck pull into the back of the building and curiosity got the best of him. He stopped by got some information on PWNA, applied for the driver position and the rest is history! Barry's first memory of working with PWNA is traveling to different Native communities and learning what he could about the people, the history and the culture. While we do keep our drivers on a schedule, Barry finds time to connect with people. He appreciates how most everyone makes him feel welcome, will offer him a meal and thoroughly enjoys sharing stories and conversations. The most challenging part of working in rural areas is the cell phone service! In some areas the cell phone service is clear and in others there is no service at all. If there was anything Barry wants you to know about PWNA, it would be that we offer a wide variety of services from Residential to Animal Welfare to Healthy Living. Barry grew up in Virginia and has four daughters and four grandchildren.

## Report Deadlines

Due 30 days after delivery:

Healthy Living Community Events Food Pantry

Due 90 days after delivery:

Residential Standard Food Animal Welfare

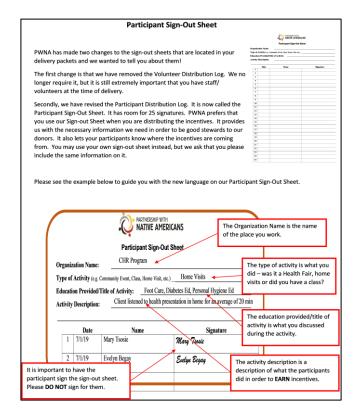
## New in Your Delivery Packet

PWNA wants you to know about two changes to the sign-out sheets that come in your delivery packets.

The first change is that we removed the Volunteer Distribution Log. We no longer require this, but it is still extremely important that you have staff/volunteers at the time of your delivery.

Secondly, we revised the Participant Distribution Log, and it is now called the Participant Sign-Out Sheet. It has room for 25 signatures.

PWNA prefers that you use our Sign-out Sheet when you are distributing the incentives. It provides us with the necessary information we need in order to be good stewards to our donors. It also lets your participants know where the incentives are coming from. However, you may use your own sign-out sheet if it includes all the same information as PWNA's sheet.



## Featured Products



PWNA has two new beverages in stock: Prickly Pear Water and Jumex Refreshers Sparkling drinks.

The canned Prickly Pear water is an organic beverage with natural electrolytes and antioxidants.

Jumex is a fizzy beverage with an orange-ade flavor that will quench your thirst during the summer heat.

Ask your Partnership Development Coordinator to include them on your next order!



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## Reminders

School will be starting before you know it. If you are a school partner and interested in receiving **TOMS shoes** for your students, please contact our office and speak with Denise Suchy. She will send you everything you need to get the process started.

Program Partners, holidays are right around the corner. Please keep in mind there is a window of opportunity for you to submit a Thanksgiving and/or Holiday (Christmas) request. If you need help with this, please call us at 877-281-0808.

- Thanksgiving: Accepting requests from July 1 through September 20, the 3rd Friday.
- Holiday (Christmas): Accepting requests from August 1 through October 18, the 3rd Friday.

\*\*Submitting a request is **not** a guarantee that your request will be approved. ALL requests are reviewed and approved based on established selection criteria. PWNA will notify Program Partners well in advance about the determination for your request.







For any PWNA request form, visit www.swnativepartners.org or call 877-281-0808.