



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

Program Partner Highlight

Theodore Roosevelt School is located on the White Mountain Apache Nation in Fort Apache, Arizona. For the last 5 years, Amanda Manuel (Parent Liaison) and Marla Wilkerson (Principal) at the school have partnered with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA). Amanda has worked at the school for 8 years and Marla for 5. They both enjoy working with the youth and are grateful for the opportunity to do so day after day.

Amanda feels that partnering with PWNA has been a great thing for their students, school and community. The school regularly uses PWNA's Residential service for the youth who reside in the school dorms. Amanda said the Residential service has enhanced the students' comfort and the stability of their learning experience by providing personal hygiene and other items. The facility also receives essentials that help offset their budget, saving them dollars that can be used elsewhere in their program. Amanda is grateful to PWNA for having a service to support those living in rural areas with less access to meet basic needs.

Sometimes, the school also utilizes PWNA's Thanksgiving, Holiday (Christmas) and Community Events services to encourage parent participation or ease the burden on the families during the holidays.

Still navigating the pandemic as best they can, they are optimistic things will get better, and they are excited about their continuing partnership with PWNA.

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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 do not, please call us so we may better serve you.

**Amanda Manuel &
Marla Wilkerson**
Theodore Roosevelt School

Featured Service: Emergency Relief

PWNA is responding to many Program Partners who are requesting COVID-19 emergency relief on behalf of their communities. We encourage all partners to work with your program, local tribal government or emergency management offices to submit an emergency relief request for the pandemic, if needed.

With more and more tribes trying to curb the spread of the coronavirus through stay-at-home orders, curfews, closure of tribal offices and restricted travel on and off the reservations, PWNA is helping by supplementing the tribes with essential supplies such as nonperishable food, water, beverages, paper goods, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other products to help your community members weather the pandemic.

If you are interested in PWNA's Emergency Relief service, please call us at (602) 340-8050 or email cherrera@nativepartnership.org and Cassandra will fax or email you the Emergency Relief guidelines, request form and a distribution checklist. The information you submit on these forms will help us determine whether PWNA is able to support your request. As always, submitting a request form does not guarantee we can support your organization, but it allows us to populate and review requests systematically and according to the service guidelines.

Always call us to confirm your request was received or to ask any questions: (602) 340-8050 or toll-free (877) 281-0808.

PWNA Staff Spotlight



Kayleen Wilson
Training & Collaboration
Specialist

Kayleen Wilson from Pine Springs, Arizona, on the Navajo Nation has worked with PWNA since 2015. Currently, she supports our Long-Term Solutions (LTS) team by facilitating services such as Emergency Preparedness, nutrition Train the Trainer (T3) and the 4 Directions program (4D) for leadership development. Her title is Training & Collaboration Specialist.

Kayleen enjoys working with partners to develop training programs and ensure they are effective for them. She meets all kinds of people and enjoys the relationships she develops and maintains.

One thing you might find surprising about Kayleen is that she enjoys gardening with her family. They planted a small garden at her home to grow various fruits and vegetables. She finds that gardening keeps her connected to the land and maintaining the garden fuels a healthy mindset and overall healthy lifestyle.

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

Here at PWNA, we're very much aware that the tribal communities we serve are part of sovereign nations and that each Tribal Nation has their own set of mandates when it comes to the prevention of the coronavirus within their boundaries.

Many states have begun to end mask mandates and other COVID-19 prevention measures, but we recognize that the pandemic is still impacting communities across Indian Country. Please check out this insert located at [We-can-all-be-respectful-as-we-move-forward-Factsheet.pdf](#) to help you move forward.

It is very important to protect our families and tribal members while conducting business on tribal lands.

Check with your tribal government or local health provider to learn more about guidance for your community.

Continue to do what feels safe for you and your community.



A big **THANK YOU**
goes out to all of you, our Program Partners!

PWNA is so thankful you have continued to partner with us during the past two years, in a world where COVID-19 changed so many things. We are sorry to hear of all the loss you have endured and hope that things are starting to get better for your community.

We thank you for your patience when we have been understaffed (especially with our drivers) and when this causes deliveries/orders to be delayed. PWNA is working diligently to hire quality staff to work in both our program offices and warehouses, including more drivers.

Again, we appreciate your patience during this challenging time.

We are all learning how to deal with the "new normal," so please feel free to ask us any questions regarding your needs or requests or how to distribute to your participants. Our toll-free number is 877-281-0808.



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Education Corner

The American Indian Education Fund has launched the new **AIEF Vocational Scholarship**.

This \$500 scholarship is for Native American students attending vocational/technical schools. There is no application deadline.

Students may apply at any time by using this link: [AIEF Vocational Scholarship Application](#)

To learn more, please contact RaeAnne Schad at rschad@nativepartnership.org or 1-866-866-8642 or visit the AIEF website: www.aiefprogram.org.

The **PWNA/AIEF School Supplies deadline is May 1, 2022**.

- Head Starts and schools with grades pre-K through 12th grade are encouraged to submit a request.
- Typical supplies may include crayons, pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, rulers and/or similar items.
- Earmarked for students, these supplies are typically distributed during Back-to-School events, school registration or orientation.

If you have any questions about the School Supplies service, please contact us.



For any PWNA report/request forms, visit www.swnativepartners.org or call 1-877-281-0808.