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

Program Partner Highlight

Amiee Mestaz is the Adult Educator and Coordinator for the Gila Crossing Community School Family and Child Education (FACE) program. Amiee and Lacy Guerra have partnered with PWNA since 2019 and currently use our Healthy Living service.

Amiee and Lacy complete home visits with families with children enrolled in FACE and use the Healthy Living incentives to encourage families to be available for the visits and attend the monthly group meetings. Amiee encourages uses Healthy Living incentives to encourage parents to attend Adult Basic Education classes and learn new skills.

The FACE staff are thankful for their PWNA partnership as the Healthy Living service has allowed them to reach parents they could not normally access and to boost continuing participation in their program. This allows for stronger relationships to develop between FACE and the families, which means a better outlook for the program to achieve its literacy and educational goals. This year Gila Crossing Community School FACE has been recognized for their continuous success in working with families in their area.

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Amiee Mestaz Gila Crossing Community School

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.

Featured Service: Scholarships & Career Readiness

Education is one of the most important cornerstones of self-sufficiency and quality of life. It is also a crucial factor in addressing the long-term challenges on the reservations we serve. The American Indian Education Fund (AIEF), a program of Partnership With Native Americans, offers scholarships, literacy programs and school supplies to Native American students, providing them with an opportunity to fulfill their educational pursuits. The scholarship is open to students who are working on their undergraduate, graduate, or vocational degrees.

AIEF receives more than 500 scholarship applications annually and nearly half of the applicants are the first in their families to attend college. Scholarships are awarded to traditional students who are transitioning from high school to college, non-traditional students who did not go to college or who are restarting after a long break. Students with a GED and adults attending college/vocational schools are encouraged to apply.

Beginning in January 2022, the scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year will be available online. The early submission deadline is March 1st – and the final cutoff deadline is April 4th. Please visit <u>www.aiefprogram.org</u> for updates on scholarship applications or contact RaeAnne Schad, Higher Education Coordinator, at (866) 866-8642 or <u>rschad@nativepartnership.org</u>.

In other news, PWNA in collaboration with Google is proud to present the <u>Grow with Google (GWG) Indigenous Career</u> <u>Readiness Program</u>. As part of Google's commitment to supporting Native American jobseekers and entrepreneurs, PWNA and GWG will be partnering with Native-serving organizations (NSOs) to help students develop the digital skills they need to find/land internships/jobs and succeed in their careers. To support the program, Google has invested \$1 million with PWNA to train 10,000 students at 50 NSOs by 2025.

PWNA Staff Spotlight



Laura Schad Program Information Coordinator

Laura Schad is the Program Information Coordinator. She has been with PWNA nearly 13 years.

Laura is best known for taking pictures and interviewing program partners and participants. The content she gathers is shared with donors and organizations looking to support PWNA. Laura also attends events and assists in many ways, from helping partners distribute PWNA products to playing Mrs. Claus at a holiday event.

"I have years of memories with the program partners that PWNA serve. I've met some amazing partners, friends, relatives and even animals over the years, and enjoyed my time in tribal lands. I am honored to be part of your work to enhance your programs and ultimately your communities."

Report Deadlines

Due 30 days after delivery:

Healthy Living Community Events Food Pantry

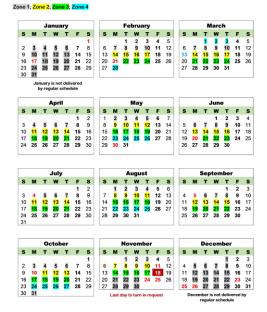
Due 90 days after delivery:

Residential Standard Food Animal Welfare

New in Your Delivery Packet

- Please keep in mind: If you as the Program Partner are unavailable at the scheduled delivery time, please prearrange for someone to accept and sign off on your delivery. Drivers cannot leave pallets without a signature – have a secondary contact available to help us ensure your deliveries can be completed.
- For the safety and well-being of our drivers, staff/volunteers must be available for each delivery to help them unload your order off the truck. If you have staff/volunteers ready to help PWNA drivers immediately upon arrival, you help us stay on schedule with deliveries to your neighbors.
- PWNA drivers have many stops and up to 26 pallets to unload in a single day. This, along with unpredictable weather, road conditions and mechanical issues can cause a driver to fall behind schedule. *Please keep us informed of any changes* – such as changes to staff, email addresses, 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 are limited to 11 hours on the road a day.

Partnership With Native Americans – 2022 Delivery Schedule



Please note: All requests or report/renewals need to be in our office by the end of the day on the Wednesday that is 2 weeks REFORE your delivery week in order to be processed for that month





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

Featured Products

With 2022 just around the corner, we want to let you know we have these items available for your programs. Be sure to ask your PDC about the products during your follow-up call.

- <u>Labels</u> –These come in a variety of sizes for multiple uses. There are name badges, address labels, food labels, etc. They can be used at home or for arts & craft projects too.
- <u>Stencils</u> The stencils can be used to create your own graffiti or decorations. They come in a variety of sizes and shapes, are made of plastic and are re-useable.
- <u>Iron Letters</u> These letters can be used for all kinds of crafts and casual wear. They can also be used for repairs. They are easy to use, and you can iron or sew.
- <u>Canvas coverings</u> These quality coverings are made of durable canvas material. You can use them for crafts, Rugs or furniture covers.

Contact Us!

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Reminders

January Deliveries will begin the second week of the month and we will not be delivering by zones until February. PWNA will be sending partners delivery notifications by email or a phone call. If you do not receive a notification, please call our office. We will return to a normal zone delivery schedule in February.

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour!

The American Indian Education Fund scholarship application deadline is April 4, 2022. You can download the application form at <u>www.aiefprogram.org</u>, if you have an questions, please call RaeAnne Schad at 1-866-866-8642 or email her at <u>rschad@nativepartnership.org</u>.

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



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