

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

Program Partner Highlight

Jodi Henry of the Santee Sioux Little Moccasins Healthy Start in Niobrara, Nebraska, is a Program Partner of Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA). Little Moccasins provides education and services to parents and young children, such as parenting classes, healthy nutrition, immunization health, car-seat training, as well as prenatal and postnatal care. They have used PWNA's Healthy Living, Literacy, Holiday (Christmas) and Community Events services. Jodi was also a member of our first 4D leadership training cohort in the Northern Plains.

Clients of Little Moccasins receive PWNA incentives for participation in classes, in-clinic appointments and home visits. Currently, they're highlighting weekly cradleboard classes to engage both parents to create something for their child, and Jodi shared that PWNA incentives have helped create lasting memories, resources and knowledge.

Jodi sees PWNA as a program that goes beyond needed materials to support knowledge and networking. As a resource, she says PWNA has always been there for her, and she wants readers to know PWNA consists of "good, wholesome people who care" and "genuinely want your program to succeed."

We thank Jodi for her service to the Santee clients and community.

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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 we may better serve you.

Featured Service: Emergency Relief

PWNA is responding to many Program Partners 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 office to submit an emergency 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 reservation, PWNA is helping by supplementing the tribes with essential supplies such as nonperishable food, beverages, paper goods, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other products to help weather the pandemic.

If you are interested in PWNA's Emergency Relief Service, please call us at (605) 399-9905 or email nevans@nativepartnership.org and Nate 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: (605) 399-9905 or toll-free (866) 566-2472.

Report Deadlines

Due 30 days after delivery:

Healthy Living Community Events Food Pantry Literacy

Due 90 days after delivery:

Standard Food Residential Animal Welfare

Spotlight on PWNA Staff



Bill Kusiek and Travis Stebbins Warehouse Associates

Travis and Bill are two of the Warehouse Associates in our Northern Plains program office. Both are responsible for pulling and packing the items we send to our Program Partners. Travis and Bill are always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed to make our warehouse run smoothly.

Travis ensures the pallets are loaded onto the trucks safely, organized by partner stops and easy to unload. Bill picks orders, builds pallets and receives products into our warehouse, ensuring nothing is damaged or ineligible for delivery.

Travis: "I have been with PWNA for over 3 years and love the teamwork within our warehouse as well as with our partners. I've been lucky enough to ride along with our drivers and have met some of you in your communities. Knowing the hard work that we do here helps build strong communities makes it rewarding to me every day."

Bill: "This June, I will have been with PWNA for 19 years. I really feel good about the work we do here to provide support and assistance to our Program Partners in the Northern Plains. It is what has kept me here for so long."

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, be 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.



Featured Products



Our Northern Plains distribution center team would like to let you know about some items available for your programs. Be sure to ask your PDC about the products during your follow-up call.

<u>Personal Protective Equipment:</u> Face masks, face shields, hand sanitizer sprays, wipes and gel sanitizer.

<u>Animal Pawtizer</u>: Antibacterial spray for animals

Baby Swaddlers: Wrap to keep babies warm and help them sleep longer

PWNA staff is here to help!

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Education Corner

The American Indian Education Fund has launched a 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 using this link: AIEF Vocational Scholarship Application

To learn more, please contact RaeAnne Schad at <u>rschad@nativepartnership.org</u> or 1-866-866-8642 or visit our website: <u>www.aiefprogram.org</u>



The PWNA 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.

