



## Mission & Vision

Serving immediate needs, supporting long-term solutions  
for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

## Our Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has become a global health issue and Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) is actively monitoring the situation, keeping health and safety close to our hearts, and working closely with you, our partners, to understand how to best address your needs during this time. We are being especially mindful of those most vulnerable – the Elders.

We know tribal areas are especially at risk. PWNA is still processing orders and making deliveries, so continue submitting your reports and requests on time. We have hand soap in stock and limited supplies of sanitizer, toilet paper and paper towels. If you are expecting a shipment from PWNA, please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be available to accept it. If your program shuts down, we will hold your products until your program resumes operation.

Please contact PWNA if circumstances beyond your control happen, such as:

- Your event is cancelled/postponed – we'll adjust your report due date
- Your community is not allowing deliveries
- You are quarantined and cannot accept deliveries

PWNA will contact you ASAP if:

- Our office is quarantined for any length of time
- A driver is feeling ill and your delivery must be postponed
- We need to meet in a special location to mitigate health risk

Please reach out to PWNA at any time with concerns or questions. Stay safe, stay home if you are feeling ill and wash your hands to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your community. And stay up to date by visiting

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

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**Our toll-free number:  
866-556-2472**

## Program Partner Honor Roll

Nation	Program	Contact	PWNA Monthly Service	Partner Since
Crow Agency	Social Services	Joyce Deputee	Healthy Living	10/23/2015
Crow Creek	CHR Program	Sherry Powers	Healthy Living	04/13/2006
Crow Creek	Family Enrichment Program	Lynn Harrison	Healthy Living	10/16/2007
Cheyenne River	Emergency Youth Shelter	Willie Ducheneaux	Residential	03/26/2008
Northern Cheyenne	CHR Program	Jolene Spang	Healthy Living	06/11/2010
Northern Cheyenne	Heritage Living Center	Damien Hart	Healthy Living / Residential	04/01/2005

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lakota Food Summit

Partnership With Native American’s collaborated with the Lakota Food Sovereignty Coalition and Thunder Valley CDC to offer three days of learning and sharing of indigenous food ways in Rapid City on February 18-21. PWNA sponsored 50 youth and adults from the Oglala, Cheyenne River, Northern Cheyenne and Crow Creek nations to participate in this first-ever summit, along with our new President & CEO. Many of the PWNA-sponsored participants were graduates of our Train-the Trainer Native Food Preparation service (aka T3). Kicking off the first evening, Chef Sean Sherman (Oglala) led a group of Native cooks and chefs, including youth from the Cheyenne River Youth Project, in an Indigenous Food Tasting that was open to the public. The next two days were filled with speakers and breakout sessions by local experts on a variety of nutrition and wellness topics.



The Lakota Food Sovereignty Coalition is a collaboration between food producers, processors, transporters, financial supporters, sellers and consumers on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Thunder Valley CDC is a Lakota-run, grassroots community catalyst helping to create systemic change on Pine Ridge.

## Meet our new President & CEO

Josh joined PWNA as President & CEO in January 2020 in our 30th year of serving Indian country. A citizen of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, he has more than 20 years’ experience in education management, social work and business development. Most recently, he served as Chief Information Officer of Haskell Indian Nations University, advancing their IT infrastructure and services to better meet their mission. Other public sector experience includes tribal law and governance; after-school, youth, foster care and housing programs for low-income families; and diversity and inclusion. Josh has also volunteered for the Kansas court-based Citizen Review Board for child welfare and Lawrence Memorial Hospital for health equity, diversity and inclusion. Arce earned his B.A. in social work from the University of Kansas and then a J.D., specializing in tribal law, applied indigenous leadership, federal Indian law and Indian gaming law. Sincere and forward looking, Josh actively supports the advancement of Native communities.



*“I want to help PWNA grow so that we can continue fostering connections to success and support real and sustainable change in tribal communities. From a*

# Scholarship News



Typically, only about 20% of Native Americans who start college complete their first year. That’s why our American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) program offers much more than just funding. Our scholarship recipients receive support and mentoring from PWNA staff, our scholarship selection committee and corporate partners. They also receive “care packages” filled with personal hygiene items and school supplies, as well as a holiday box around exam time. This extra support helps 90-95% of AIEF scholars complete the college year for which they are funded—and that speaks volumes to their own motivation and drive to succeed!

Here is a recent thank you from an undergraduate scholar after receiving her mid-term care gift:  
*I just received the gift and letter of encouragement, and I just want to say thank you all so very much! You guys are outstanding in the way that you go above and beyond to make us feel individually cared about, I just appreciate you all so much, you are like a faraway family with the care packages and uplifting notes, Blessings to you all! –Celeste K.*

To download the undergraduate or graduate scholarship application, visit [www.aiefprogram.org](http://www.aiefprogram.org). For questions, contact RaeAnne Schad, AIEF Program Specialist, at [rschad@nativepartnership.org](mailto:rschad@nativepartnership.org) or 866-866-8642.

**Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 4, 2020.** Mail all completed applications to:  
 American Indian Education Fund, c/o RaeAnne Schad, 2401 Eglin Street, Rapid City, SD 57703

# Training News

PWNA has been busy implementing our third year of emergency preparedness activities supported by Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. We partnered with the Wanblee Community Action Team (WCAT) for a First Aid/CPR Training on February 28 and all trainees received Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED card that is good for two years.

Due to COVID-19 disruption, some communities and partners have postponed training events. These will be rescheduled at an appropriate time.

With the support of Newman’s Own Foundation, PWNA co-hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lakota Food Summit, providing planning, networking, and support to presenters.

# Key Dates & Reminders

**School Supplies**

**REQUEST**

Page 1 of 1 Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name	Title Name
Address	Office Ph. #
City, State Zip	Office Fax #
Principal Name	Email Address
Primary Contact	Home Phone #
Title	Email Address
Secondary Contact	Home Phone #
Title	Email Address

Is the storage location secure and lockable?  Yes  No

Physical Delivery Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

How many volunteers/staff have been recruited to assist your program?  None  1-2  3-4  5-6  7-8  9-10  11-12  13-14  15+

**SELECTED SUPPLIES:** PWNA will make every effort to fill your request. Assorted grade appropriate supplies will be delivered. List the preferred student enrollment number by grade, include TOTAL enrollment number.

Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Total Student Enrollment
Kindergarten						

**\*SUPPLIES NEED TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS, NOT TO BE HELD AS CLASSROOM SUPPLIES\***

Do you have a distribution plan (i.e. first week of school, in class, registration day)? Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

When is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school? \_\_\_\_\_

Will items be used available during summer months to (check if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO

**Program Partner Agreement**

I warrant that the products requested with this School Supplies Request will be used in the manner specified. Products provided by Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) cannot be sold or distributed to promote any type of for-profit business (i.e. retailers, meetings, companies, etc.). If at any time PWNA is informed that a Program Partner and/or program volunteer has used the products in such a manner, PWNA will be forced to stop the Program Partner.

I will provide a secure and safe storage facility. I will send advance-notice of the distribution. I will adhere to a mandatory contract on every aspect of my obligations to that in the event I cannot complete my agreement the secondary contact info.

Primary Contact Signatures/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator Signatures/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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[www.nativepartnership.org](http://www.nativepartnership.org)  
 Box 817

**Scholarship Deadline:**  
 Undergraduate and Graduate applications for AIEF scholarships **must be postmarked by April 4, 2020.**

**School Supplies Request Deadline: 05/15/20**

- Any program partner may submit a request for School Supplies. With limited supplies available, PWNA does give priority to schools.

**Monthly Request Deadline:**  
 The Friday that is two weeks before your scheduled ship week

### For Requests/Products/Services:

#### **Delivery Areas 1 and 3:**

Jonnie Winters, Partnership Development Coordinator  
[jwinters@nativepartnership.org](mailto:jwinters@nativepartnership.org)

#### **Delivery Areas 2 and 4:**

Leona Means, Partnership Development Coordinator  
[lmeans@nativepartnership.org](mailto:lmeans@nativepartnership.org)

### For Reports/Services:

Tracy Sazue, Program Support Specialist  
[tsazue@nativepartnership.org](mailto:tsazue@nativepartnership.org)

**Call us:**

605-399-9905 or Toll free 1-866-556-2472

**Visit us online:**

[www.plainsnativepartners.org](http://www.plainsnativepartners.org)



## Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get a Report/Renewal or Request Form?

- Jonnie, Leona or Tracy will be able to email you an electronic copy that you can save to your computer and use month after month. They can also fax you a form that you can make multiple copies of to use each month. Or, you can visit [www.plainsnativepartners.org](http://www.plainsnativepartners.org) to print/save the form you need.

How will I know when to get my Request or Report/Renewal Form in?

- Every other month in your delivery packets, Jonnie and Leona send a paper copy of the schedule for your zone. If requested, we can also email it so you can print at your convenience and save to your calendar. Our Special Project Deadlines are also included in this document.

I have several pallets left over from previous shipments; do you take them back?

- Absolutely! Our drivers and warehouse staff would very much appreciate the returning of pallets so that we may reuse them. Once you receive a shipment, you can keep your pallet in the storage area and when your shipment comes the following month, be sure to pull it out so the driver can load it after he unloads your delivery. Our driver can also take the pallet the same day he delivers your supplies, if you and your volunteers can unload it as soon as he arrives. (Our drivers are on tight schedules for other deliveries.)

I have leftover products from our previous shipment; can you take them back?

- Unfortunately, once a product leaves our warehouse, only under special circumstances can we take them back. However, you can save and offer them to your clients again during their next class, appointment or home visit.