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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOSHUA ARCE, PWNA PRESIDENT & CEO

Greetings Program Partners!

With Easter behind us, clocks moved forward, and daylight hours getting longer, we are engaged in spring activities. Some might be tilling and planting, while others may be thawing out and preparing for weather-related emergencies.

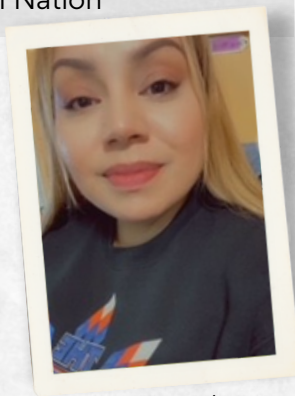
The seeds we plant now will be our harvest in the fall. Our preparations during blue skies will ease the burden when gray skies fall upon us. The diligence, steadfast work, and investment we make now will be our fruits (and vegetables) later this year.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to supporting your communities as best as possible. I wish you, your families, friends, and communities many blessings this year.

Many A-ho's!

Joshua Arce

Joshua Arce, PWNA President & CEO
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation



Terese M.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Terese M. is the Family Service Worker at the Little Blujays Preschool (LBP) located in Walthill, Nebraska, on the Omaha Reservation. They provide developmental screenings for both Head Start and Pre-K children as well as resources for parents to help their children succeed in school. LBP has worked with PWNA since 2009, and Terese uses the Healthy Living Service to strengthen the connection between parents and schools. She sees parents more engaged in their children's education and less stressed at home with the products provided. Terese appreciates the easy process and wishes others knew about PWNA's services. Thank you, Terese, for your service to your community!

COMMUNITY EVENTS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS



2023 set the bar high for capacity building around emergency preparedness and response in Tribal communities. Together with the dedication of hundreds of Tribal residents, PWNA staff, and collaborators, we equipped more people to serve and support their families and neighbors through Mental Health First Aid, Heart Saver CPR/First Aid/AED training, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). We also grew the number of Native instructors for FEMA's Tribal Curriculum courses and established 10 new CERT teams across 5 reservations, bringing together 192 individuals ready to assist during an emergency. Leading the charge in 2024's CERT training is Jesse Big Crow (Oglala). Thanks to her efforts, there are two new CERT teams located in Santee, Nebraska, and Porcupine, South Dakota.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to two individuals from our 4D cohort #7 that demonstrated exceptional commitment to their professional and personal growth:

- **Austin S.L.** (Cheyenne River) was recently named Oglala Lakota Student of the Year by the Leadership and Financial Aid team at OLC recognizing their academic achievements, community involvement, and commitment to excellence and growth. Austin was recently honored during the 2024 AIHEC conference in Minneapolis.
- **Winona S.B.** (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) is one of nearly 40 professionals named to the 2024 class of Leadership South Dakota. The group will spend 8 months expanding their knowledge of the state, meeting with leaders and developing skills to contribute to South Dakota's success.

REPORT DEADLINE REMINDERS

Due 30 days after delivery:

- Healthy Living
- Community Events
- Food Pantry

Due 90 days after delivery:

- Standard Food
- Residential
- Animal Welfare



WOJAPI SAUCE

BY CHEF KIM BRAVE HEART
(reprinted with permission)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 c. Cranberries or other berries
- 1 c. Sugar or honey
- 1 1/2 c. Water
- 1/4 c. Cold water
- 2 tbsp. Cornstarch

DIRECTIONS

Place cranberries and sweetener in saucepan and cook slowly, adding 1 1/2 cups of water. Mix 1/4 cup of cold water with 2 tbsp. of cornstarch. Let sit until it is room temperature. Slowly add cornstarch mixture to the simmering berries, stirring constantly for 20 minutes.

(Perfect for glazing buffalo meatballs)



Chef
BRAVE HEART
MODERN INDIGENOUS

CONTACT US

PWNA only delivers needed goods and services. We want to ensure the products we send fit your needs. If they do not, please call us so that we may better serve you.

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FEATURED PRODUCTS

The following items are available in our warehouse this quarter. Please be sure to ask about them when you complete the follow-up call with your Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC):

- Sports Drinks
- Sugar-Free Drinks
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Insect Killer
- Bathroom Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Hand Soap

SAVE THE DATE

School Supplies Request Deadline -
Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) Scholarships Deadline - April 4, 2024. Visit www.AIEFprogram.org for more information!

2024 PWNA Delivery Calendar can be downloaded from the [Program Partner website](#).



SERVICE HIGHLIGHT STANDARD FOOD

PWNA's Standard Food Service is for those who are focused on increasing access to food and enhancing quality/nutrition of meals provided through Elderly Nutrition Centers. To be eligible for the Standard Food service, your program must:

- Provide access to food and nutritional meals
- Provide a feeding program that offers a daily meal on a regular/scheduled basis.

- Provide access to socialization services
- Have adequate storage for food deliveries

Accurate and complete reporting is essential for participation. The report is due 90 days from your delivery date. To see whether you qualify for the Standard Food service, **submit a request** along with two of your organization's goals. Once received, your PWNA Partnership Development Coordinator will review the goals with you and let you know when your request will be processed and/or delivered.





IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS SEE THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING






Collaborating with amazing Program Partners like you has helped us work efficiently and effectively for more than 30 years on remote reservations. Here's how partnering with dedicated friends like you continues to make a positive impact in Tribal communities (through February 2024):

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18th-21st:
2nd Annual Regional Tribal Emergency Management Summit - PWNA is partnering with Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board and Headwaters Economics to support Tribal Emergency Managers

See attached flyer for more details.



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| 344 SHIPMENTS | 26,188 MILES DRIVEN | 286,501 LBS OF SUPPLIES |
|  2,087 SERVED THROUGH EMERGENCY SERVICES |  270 SERVED THROUGH EDUCATION SERVICES |  9,391 SERVED THROUGH HEALTH SERVICES |
|  30 SERVED THROUGH ANIMAL WELFARE |  6,953 SERVED THROUGH FOOD SERVICES | |

EDUCATION UPDATE

**AIEF 2024-2025 TOM RUSSELL
IMPACT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP
FOR DEGREES IN EDUCATION**

Visit www.AIEFProgram.org for more information.

Applications Open: April 5th, 2024
Deadline: May 31st, 2024

See attached flyer for more details.



“I’ve had great experiences with PWNA, especially the delivery drivers. They are always respectful, helpful, and understanding.”

Terese M, Healthy Living Service Partner