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# NORTHERN PLAINS NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOSHUA ARCE, PWNA PRESIDENT & CEO

Greetings Partners!

As we close out 2023 and look ahead, I hope you will take a moment to review this newsletter to reflect on your partnership with us and your efforts in the positive impact you've had on your communities.

Our work would not be possible without the dedication of each of our Program Partners. I look forward to all the positive things we will accomplish by working together in 2024 and beyond.

I wish you, your friends, your family, and your community members many blessings and love through the New Year.

Joshua Arce  
PWNA President & CEO  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation



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### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Tiffany D. is the director at the Pryor Senior Citizens Center in Montana, where they serve Elders of the Crow Nation with nutritional meals and foster social engagement. Partnering with PWNA since October 2009, the center utilizes Standard Food service and other seasonal projects. The staff appreciates the incentives and services, and the Elders

value the items they receive. Tiffany recently told us, "We are always open and available to reach and serve our Elders and help them in anyway we can." PWNA thanks Tiffany and her team for their ongoing partnership and for the work they do to support their community!



# SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

## RESIDENTIAL



PWNA's Residential service is meant for shelters, dormitories, and other residential facilities providing a safe and healthy overnight space in their communities. To be eligible for the Residential service, your program must:

- Provide residents with the supplies provided by PWNA
- Have an adequate storage facility
- Be located on a reservation PWNA serves
- Be a residential facility with a physical building and the ability to host residents for an overnight stay

**[Download the Residential service request form to get started!](#)**

Accurate and complete reporting is essential for participation. Reporting is due within 90 days from your delivery date. To see if you qualify, [submit a request](#) and include two of your organization's goals. Once received, your PWNA Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC) will review the goals with you and, if approved, let you know when your request will be processed and/or delivered.

## REPORT DEADLINE REMINDERS

### Due 30 days after delivery:

- Healthy Living
- Community Events
- Food Pantry

### Due 90 days after delivery:

- Standard Food
- Residential
- Animal Welfare



## BUFFALO MEATBALLS

BY CHEF KIM BRAVE HEART (reprinted with permission)

### WILD RICE DIRECTIONS

In a sauté pan, use 2 tablespoons of butter and sauté onion until translucent. Add in dried cranberries and 1/3 cup of uncooked wild rice. Toast lightly until the rice pops (almost like the smell of popcorn.) Add 2/3 cup preferred liquid and simmer for 30 minutes or until completely cooked.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb ground buffalo
- 1/2 lb Italian pork sausage
- 1 egg
- 1/4 yellow onion, diced
- 1 tbs salt
- 1-2 tbsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup wild rice, uncooked
- 3/4 cup cranberries

### MEATBALL DIRECTIONS

- Combine all ingredients in bowl and work mixture together well, for about 5 minutes by hand.
- You might use another egg during this step.
- Form meatballs - 1 oz each or the size of a ping pong ball.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Sauté meatballs on stovetop until brown and finish in oven for about 25 minutes until they reach an internal temperature of 160 degrees.





# 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. Please be sure to ask about them when you complete the follow-up call with your Partnership Development Coordinator:

- Bathroom Cleaner
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Sports Drink
- Mouth Wash
- Disinfecting Wipes

## SAVE THE DATE

**Daylight Savings Time Begins -**  
March 10, 2024



**American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) Scholarships -** April 4, 2024. Visit [www.aiefprogram.org](http://www.aiefprogram.org) for more info!

**2024 PWNA Delivery Calendar** will be in your January delivery packet and can also be downloaded from the [Program Partner website](#). Keep in mind that January deliveries do not run on a “normal” schedule.



# COLLABORATION CORNER

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

PWNA is excited to announce that Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP) awarded \$1 Million to the Protecting Our Relatives Through Emergency Preparedness and Partnerships project. The funds will be used to build on emergency and resiliency competencies accumulated during Phases I and II of the project. It's difficult to predict when emergencies will occur, so having a plan in place and knowing what to do helps mitigate physical, mental and even financial distress. When emergencies arise in Tribal communities, PWNA responds quickly with essential materials and relief. With the recent grant funding, we will be able to continue helping Tribes develop and implement emergency preparedness strategies. Phases I and II of the project built a foundation of local capacity that will be enhanced in Phase III. Areas of focus will include active community engagement systems, more involved training/services, and sustainability of environmental response and recovery (ERR) teams and partnerships. MACP's support will help us enrich emergency systems, including partnerships and protocols to provide resources to 15 active Native communities and reach 8 more communities across the Dakotas, Montana, and Nebraska.







## 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 November 2023):

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9 - 11: CERT Training - Santee Sioux (Nebraska)

January 18: South Dakota VOAD Meeting (Pierre, SD)

January 23: Mental Health First Aid Training (Santee Sioux)

January 23-25: CERT Training (Thunder Valley)



**1,761**  
SHIPMENTS

 **12,085**  
SERVED THROUGH  
EMERGENCY SERVICES

 **1,642**  
SERVED THROUGH  
ANIMAL WELFARE

**115,357**  
MILES DRIVEN

 **15,765**  
SERVED THROUGH  
EDUCATION SERVICES

 **45,476**  
SERVED THROUGH  
FOOD SERVICES

**1,679,208**  
LBS OF SUPPLIES

 **45,485**  
SERVED THROUGH  
HEALTH SERVICES

**"I absolutely love the work that PWNA does. They're a great organization – I mean one of the best ones I've ever worked with. PWNA brings hope, balance, and empowerment to my life. Thank you!"**

Charlotte, Crazy Horse School  
Wanblee, SD

## EDUCATION UPDATE

**2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE!**

We encourage all Undergrad, Grad, and Vocational students to apply! (Funding varies from \$500-\$2,000 per year.)

A huge thank you to everyone involved in assembling and shipping out 262 student holiday boxes and 53 children's stockings for our 2023-2024 AIEF scholarship students!

