



PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS®

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

Program Partner Highlight

Karen Red Star is the Director at the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Health Education program located in Porcupine, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Karen & OST Health Education first worked with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) more than 20 years ago, and she uses the Healthy Living service to support her program.

OST Health Education helps provide access to health education and health appointments. Karen says the incentives provided through PWNA's Healthy Living service encourage the participants to participate in crucial health education and maintain their current healthcare. Karen states, "Healing is possible, if you're willing to try."

Karen has really enjoyed working with PWNA and says the quality of the items received is appreciated by all. She looks forward to continuing her partnership with PWNA for a long time.

Thank you, Karen, for your service to your 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.

Karen Red Star
Oglala Sioux Tribe Health
Education

Partner Goals and Examples

We are including some new information about “Helping Partners Reach Their Goals.” As you know, PWNA revised their Request and Report forms in early 2018. The revised forms focus on your organizational/program goals and how we can support those goals and outcomes. PWNA wants to understand how our services impact your program and your program’s work. The information you are providing is extremely helpful to us in determining the best way to support your programs. However, there has been some confusion with the questions on the Report forms, so we want to clarify this for you:

- Most report forms ask you to check **Yes or No** as to whether the PWNA service has helped you reach or make progress toward your organizational goals. Please be sure to select one of these choices.
- The forms also ask you to mark your **TOP 2 ANSWERS** as to how the PWNA service and the distribution of incentives helped you achieve your program goals. Any of the answers will fit, but our database has room for only two (2) of these answers.

Did the PWNA Service help your organization meet or make progress towards your goal(s) listed on the request?

(Check one) Yes No

Please let us know how this service helped your organization reach the goal(s). Select your top 2 answers:

- Increased Resources Increased Community Engagement Improved Outreach Improved Education
 Improved Health Improved Public Safety Improved Programming Improved Results

Please provide an example of how this service helped you to make progress to your goals: _____

Finally, the report form asks you to write in a brief **example** of how the PWNA service helped your organization/program meet or progress toward your organizational/program goals. In this question, we are hoping for an example of how using the PWNA service and incentives impacted your program. For example, if you checked “Increased resources” as one of your TOP 2 ANSWERS, tell us how this happened (for example, money saved is used toward other program needs, or PWNA products received helped save our facility funding). If you selected “improved education” as one of your TOP 2 ANSWERS, tell us how (for example, our clients are using what they learned in their daily lives, children are reading at a higher level). PWNA understands that your participants like to receive items or that they need the items, but we want to know how the service is helping YOU and your PROGRAM. Please feel free to contact us at (877) 281-0808 if you have any questions on these forms or other PWNA paperwork. The revised forms are available on our program partner website at www.plainsnativepartners.org.

Spotlight on PWNA Staff



Keva Mendoza
Partnership
Development
Coordinator

Keva Mendoza is our Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC) for the Northern Plains and a member of the Lakota Nation. She spent her early childhood in Rosebud, before moving to Eagle Butte and graduating high school. After spending her early adult years away, she returned to her home state in 2021 to be closer to family and her tribal communities.

Prior to PWNA, Keva served as Quality Assurance Manager for a commercial asset service company in Idaho. At PWNA, her focus is developing and maintaining partner relationships and assisting with any questions or concerns you may have. She also works closely with our Program Partner Support Specialist to ensure your programs are receiving useful products. Keva says, “I am happy to be back and doing work that has a positive impact in Native communities. Returning to my roots and working with tribes is my favorite part of the job.”

Report Deadlines

Due 30 days after delivery:

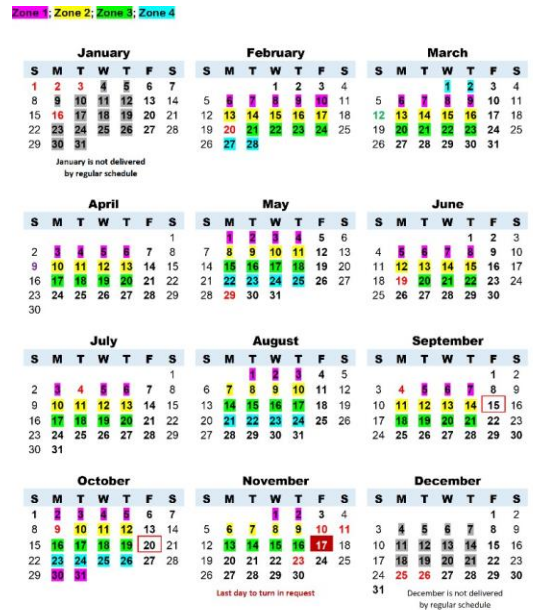
Healthy Living
Community Events
Food Pantry

Due 90 days after delivery:

Residential
Standard Food
Animal Welfare

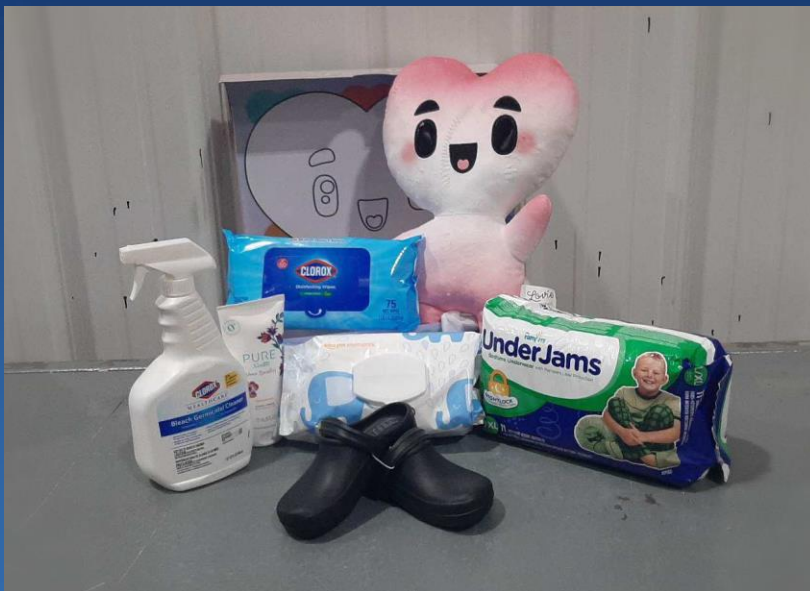
New in Your Delivery Packet

- Please keep in mind: If you as the Program Partner are unavailable at the scheduled delivery time, please pre-arrange for someone to be there 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. **Keep us informed if you have** changes to office/cell phone numbers or email addresses 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.



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 BEFORE your delivery week in order to be processed for that month

Featured Products



This quarter's featured products include:

- Unisex Toddler Shoes
- Baby Wipes
- All-Purpose Cleaning Wipes
- Large Stuffed Animals
- Overnight Children's Diapers
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Shaving Cream

PWNA staff is here to help!



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Save the Date: AIEF Scholarships

Typically, January is not a normal delivery month. PWNA hopes to begin making deliveries starting the second week of the month and we will not be delivering by zones. PWNA will send partners delivery notifications by email. If you do not receive a notification, please contact our Phoenix office. We will return to a normal zone delivery schedule in February.

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 12th. Remember to turn your clock forward one hour!

The **American Indian Education Fund** Undergraduate and Graduate scholarship application deadline is **April 4th, 2023**. Beginning in January 2023, please visit www.aiefprogram.org to apply. The new AIEF Vocational Scholarship application is also available on the AIEF website. If you have any questions, please email or call RaeAnne Schad at rschad@nativepartnership.org / 1-866-866-8642.

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



For any PWNA request/report form, visit www.plainsnativepartners.org or call 1-866-556-2472