



## PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS®

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

### Program Partner Highlight

Pamela Ash is the secretary/treasurer at the Tongue River Emergency Shelter located in Birney, Montana, on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

The Tongue River Shelter has worked with Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) since 2016. Pamela uses the Residential service, and the shelter also began using the Food Pantry service this year.

Tongue River is a full-time, year-round emergency shelter. They offer shelter, resources, food pantry services and transportation for people with disabilities. Pamela is in the process of opening the Women's Emergency Shelter and has helped add a garden there.

What surprised Pamela most about PWNA is how nice and helpful everyone is and how responsive they have been to requests for the shelter. She has really enjoyed working with PWNA, looks forward to continuing her partnership with PWNA and wishes others knew about its resources. vice to your clients and community!

**Pamela Ash**  
Tongue River Emergency Shelter  
Northern Cheyenne Reservation

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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

PWNA's **Healthy Living** service is meant for those who encourage community members to participate in continuous education and/or community engagement activities with an opportunity for self-improvement, personal growth and wellness. Some examples of Healthy Living topics are:

- Language & Culture
- Diet & Nutrition
- Exercise
- Diabetes Education
- Alcohol/Drug Prevention
- Parenting Classes

To be eligible for the Healthy Living service:

- Your program must be part of an established organization and serve a large group/community.
- Require participants to attend the education and sign the distribution log (sign-out sheet) for incentives received.
- Provide information/education to the participants.
- Use incentives provided for the event only with participants, not share the incentives with other groups or distribute them at any profit-generating event.

Accurate and complete reporting is essential for participation in the Healthy Living service. The report is due 30 days from your delivery date. Pictured to the right is our updated **Healthy Living Request Form**. To start using Healthy Living, submit a request, which must **include two of your organization's goals**. Once received, your partnership development coordinator (PDC) will review the goals with you and let you know when your request will be processed and/or delivered.

Click [here](#) to download the form.

## Spotlight on PWNA Staff



**Leslie Selgestad**  
Partnership Development  
Coordinator (PDC)

Leslie Selgestad is the new Partnership Development Coordinator (PDC) for Zones 2 & 4 in the Northern Plains. Leslie was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and moved around after high school. In 2020, she moved to Rapid City, her mother's hometown.

Leslie started at PWNA 6 months ago as the Administrative Assistant and was promoted to PDC to develop and maintain partner relationships and assist with any questions or concerns you may have. She also works closely with our Program Partner Support Specialist to ensure you are receiving useful products.

Leslie says: "What I love about this job is being able to help you, our Program Partners, achieve your goals. You're doing so much good in your communities and deserve all the support in the world!"

## Report Deadlines

**Due 30 days after delivery:**

- Healthy Living
- Community Events
- Food Pantry
- Literacy

**Due 90 days after delivery:**

- Standard Food
- Residential
- Animal Welfare

# Capturing The Story

PWNA offers a Healthy Living service to support partners who share wellness information and life skills. Beverly Gray Water leads the Spirit Lake Tribe's Early Childhood Tracking Program (ECTP) and receives healthy products to distribute to parents like Shirley and her 2-year-old daughter Blakely. Shirley appreciates the support she gets from ECTP as a full team guides her through health and education milestones, and she appreciates the hygiene products provided through the Healthy Living service.

To help families enhance their abilities as an advocate for themselves and their children's health, PWNA partners like Beverly incentivize their outreach to community members.

"The items we get are so needed because 95% of our families are low-income and can't afford diapers, paper towels, cleaning supplies and lotion, so it's really appreciated. Our budgets don't allow us to purchase those extras. We're very grateful and our parents are too. The incentives get them in here so we're able to help them."

As PWNA's Program Information Coordinator, I look forward to continuing my visits to learn about your work and share it with PWNA supporters. Feel free to contact me at [ahensrud@nativepartnership.org](mailto:ahensrud@nativepartnership.org) or 605-399-9905 ext. 409.



**Alyssa Hensrud**  
Program  
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## Featured Products



This quarter's featured products include:

- Swaddler Sack (Infant)
- Assorted Children's Sandals
- Furniture Slip Covers
- Sunscreen
- Make-up Remover
- Insect Killer
- Children's T-shirts (Girl)

# PWNA staff is here to help!

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## Save the Date: Upcoming Deadlines

### The PWNA Thanksgiving Request Deadline is September 22nd.

We will start accepting Thanksgiving requests on July 1st, 2023.

- **Individual Meals** Food is boxed and distributed to Elder households (1 per household)
- **Community Meal** Food is cooked by the Program Partner/team and served to the community.



### The PWNA Holiday Request Deadline is October 20th.

We will start accepting Holiday Requests on August 1st, 2023.

- **Elder Gift Bags** The Elder Bags are **gender neutral** and can be given to either a male or a female participant. Products packaged inside the elder bags may include snacks, personal hygiene, candy, playing cards, etc.
- **Children's Stockings** (Ages 6-12) The Children's Stockings are **gender neutral** and can be given to either a male or a female participant. The items inside the stockings are appropriate for children ages 6-12 years old.
- **Santa Stop** (ages 0-5) The Santa Stop is for children ages 0-5; PWNA staff may attend your event as Santa to give out stockings to the Children.
- **Community Meal** To qualify for the Community Meal, you must have a facility where you can cook and serve the food for the community. The entire community must be invited to the meal.

