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for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities

Seasonal Update for Program Partners

March is a meaningful time for many tribes of the Northern Plains (March Madness notwithstanding). For the Lakota/Dakota/Nakota peoples, the Spring Equinox signifies a new year and is celebrated through a “Welcome Back the Thunders” ceremony held at Hehan Kaga Paha (Black Elk Peak). March also honors women via Women History Month and International Women’s Day. PWNA is grateful to all of you, our program partners, many of whom are women working to better life in their communities.

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Program Partner Honor Roll

Reservation	Program	Contact	PWNA Monthly Service	Partner Since
Crow Agency	Social Services	Joyce Deputee	Healthy Living	10/23/2015
Cheyenne River	CRST Diabetes Program	Leslie Thompson	Healthy Living	10/11/2005
Lake Traverse	Early Childhood Intervention	Terra Haug	Healthy Living, Holiday, Community Events	06/07/2006
Northern Cheyenne	Child Care/Dev. Fund	Mariah Walkslast	Healthy Living, Holiday	04/29/2008
Ponca	Social Services	Tayla Cournoyer	Healthy Living, Holiday, Easter	06/11/2010
Pine Ridge	Oyate Teca Project	Rose Fraser	Healthy Living, Holiday, Thanksgiving, Easter	02/14/2003



Request Deadlines: Save the Date!

May 15, 2019: Deadline for School Supplies

September 15, 2019: Deadline for partners in all zones to submit requests for Thanksgiving Community Meals

October 15, 2019: Deadline for partners in all zones for requests for Holiday Stockings

Friendly Reminder:

If your report and your request are not received by the deadline, your request will not be processed.

TOMS Distributions

If you are interested in receiving TOMS footwear for the students at your school, or you're unsure whether your school is already scheduled to receive them, please call Heidi at 605-399-9905 or send an email to:

hhanzlik@nativepartnership.org.



Reaching out to Communities

Staying with the March theme on honoring women, we reached out to a few to ask about women who have influenced them, and how they in turn support other women in their circles. Jodi Henry, the director of Little Moccasins in Santee, Nebraska shared her story: Shelly Avery, a professor with Nebraska Indian Community College, encouraged Jodi to attend college when she was a single mother of three small children living in low-income housing. “I lived on food stamps, the paper kind, and that's how we ate. It was a tough time and I really didn't think I could even go to school. Ms. Avery encouraged me and supported me emotionally... she was like family — a mother I never had. Now that I really think back, I owe a lot to her as she gave me self-esteem and made me realize my worth. I'm glad she was there pushing me so I could make a better life for my children.” Jodi shares her story with other women to motivate them to further their education, and she volunteered as a GED instructor, witnessing more than 25 graduates. “Through my job, I work daily with young women and teach parenting classes. I also try to boost their self-esteem so they too can find their worth. Kind words sometimes can go a long way.”

Careers in advocacy and helping others can be demanding — balancing work, home and self is imperative. As an alumnus of PWNA's Four Directions (4D) and Train the Trainer (T3) programs, Jodi learned new “de-stressing” skills: “Meditating... something I learned from PWNA... it's easy and can be done anywhere. I believe in deep breathing to assist with a lot of self-help needs... PWNA has also helped me in eating healthier and taking time for me. I have lost 83 pounds so far, so I'm very excited to set more goals for myself. That's another way to take care of yourself — set goals! I also love to read, garden and travel; doing things you love is a good way to heal your mind and body.”

Thanks, Jodi, and congratulations on pursuing your goals and encouraging others along the way to do the same. We appreciate your involvement over the years and are proud to call you a partner and friend of PWNA.



Education News

The American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) program of PWNA is accepting scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are available for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian undergraduate and graduate students attending an accredited college within the US.

To download an application, please visit our website at: www.aiefprogram.org. While you're there, read through our FAQs and explore our other resources.

AIEF scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 4 to be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact RaeAnne Schad at: rschad@nativepartnership.org.

PWNA staff is here to help!

Contact us!

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In February, we wrapped up the first year and first phase of emergency preparedness projects supported by Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Going forward, we're excited to have these new consultants working with us:

- Chele Rider: A Tribal Emergency Management Instructor and the Tribal Relations Lead nationwide for the American Red Cross, Chele is a great asset and partner for our training team.
- Lisa Adler: A member of South Dakota VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), she will help develop a disaster long-term recovery and case management curriculum specific to Native American communities on federally recognized reservations.
- Kari O'Neill: A Community Vitality Field Specialist with South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension, Kari will focus on the evaluation of the emergency preparedness projects.
- Yvonne Décor: She will bring 30+ years' experience working with Native youth and communities, as well as training in Sources of Strength, Building Safe Communities, Mental Health First Aid, and American Indian Life Skills.

These collaborators will be working with communities on emergency preparedness and training over the next year.

PWNA Staff Spotlight

RaeAnne Chad, Collaboration and Training Specialist

RaeAnne has been with PWNA for 3 years, coordinating our American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) scholarships and other services. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, RaeAnne grew up in Rapid City, SD at the base of Paha Sapa. She graduated college in 2014 with a Bachelor of Music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and quickly turned her efforts toward education and improving Indigenous lives through outreach and empowerment.

