

# NORTHERN PLAINS NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOSHUA ARCE, PWNA PRESIDENT & CEO



Greetings Program Partners!

The weather is starting to warm up, the flowers are blooming, and spring ceremonies are in full swing. Spring planting is underway, and preparations for the upcoming summer activities are on the horizon.

As our communities gear up for spring and summer activities, we get the chance to come together, reflect on the past year, and make plans for the future. Our reflection now will help chart our path for spring, summer, and beyond. We embrace this time as a season of renewal and growth.

We appreciate your continued partnership and support. To serve you better, we must continue to hear from you. Please share with us your spring plans and initiatives, and we look forward to supporting another year of activities, programming, and success.

From the PWNA Team to you, your team, and your community, we wish you many blessings as we embrace the spring season!

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PWNA President & CEO  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

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## Partner Spotlight



Susie Laducer is the Coordinator/Lead Parent Educator at the Turtle Mountain Home Visiting Program on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in Belcourt, ND. Her program helps families increase their knowledge about child development. They conduct home visits where they promote reading, parent-child activities and pregnancy wellness among other topics. Their trained parent educators also help participants with stress reduction techniques, and they offer positive support at every turn. Susie has been with the Home Visiting Program since 2017 and has worked with PWNA the whole time. Her program uses the Healthy Living service to promote health and safety in the home, by providing needed items to families along with education. Susie says that parents love to receive cleaning supplies, especially. She also says the stockings they received at Christmas time, through our Holiday service, were a wonderful surprise to families. The Turtle Mountain Home Visiting Program's Vision Statement is: "All children and families will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential". Susie and her staff work hard each day to realize this vision and they appreciate the support provided by PWNA. Thank you, Susie, for all you do for your community!

## Indigenous Recipe

### Peach Corn Salsa

By Laura Schad



#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 peaches, diced
- 4 fresh ears of corn, cooked and cut off the cob
- 1 small can diced green chiles\*
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- ½ medium sweet or red onion, diced
- 1 small lime, juiced
- 2 dashes hot sauce

\*If you like your salsa spicy, use jalapenos instead.

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Wash and dry peaches. Depending on preference... the skins can remain on or be peeled. (Leaving the skin on provides some good texture). Chop the peaches and place in bowl.
2. You can either grill the corn in the husk or you can boil the corn. Once cooked, trim the corn from the cob and mix corn with chopped peaches. (Frozen or canned corn will also work).
- 3.) Mix in the chopped cilantro, chopped onion, lime juice, hot sauce, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

(Recipe reprinted with permission)



# COLLABORATION CORNER

“Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) has become more of a training focus among Long-Term Solutions partners. The one-day Youth MHFA course equips adults working with young people, to recognize common mental health challenges, understand adolescent development, and support youth in crisis or non-crisis situations. Certification requires attendee engagement and pre-/post-tests.

Jody K., a MHFA instructor and former suicide prevention educator, collaborated with PWNA’s LTS team to train a large group of educators during their previous activities. She recommended staff “take time out from teaching” for self-care “because it can be emotionally and mentally exhausting.” She explains: “Mental Health First Aid is important for students to bring them awareness and reduce the stigma of suicide and mental health...it gives them the skills and techniques to offer support and get help.” Jody remains an advocate for mental health education in Cheyenne River, and now serves as a Council Representative for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Government.



## \*\*\* REPORT DEADLINE REMINDERS \*\*\*

### Due 30 days after delivery:

Healthy Living  
Community Events  
Food Pantry

### Due 90 days after delivery:

Standard Food  
Residential  
Animal Welfare



# COLLABORATION CORNER

Coming soon: PWNA's Animal Welfare RAR Community Investment Project (CIP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Grant Announcement.

Look out for an email from [ciprar@nativepartnership.org](mailto:ciprar@nativepartnership.org) (and check your spam and junk folders)



"That's what's really good about programs like this is to recognize depression. [Students] need somebody to talk to that they can trust. That's where we come in. We're the first and last ones to see them."

-Darold M.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**REGIONAL TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUMMIT**

**RAPID CITY, SD**  
Ramkota Hotel

**MAY 27-29 2025**

**REGISTER AT**  
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/TRIBALEMSUMMIT25](http://tinyurl.com/tribalemsummit25)

Registration is free. Limited scholarships available for lodging.

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"We need more training, resources, and counseling. Some programs schedule months out for training unless someone is in crisis, and there's no specific program to focus on suicide and mental health."

-Jody K.



- Pine-Sol All Purpose Cleaner
- Nail Press on Kit
- Nail Polish
- Eyelash Extensions
- Toothpaste
- Children's Party Supplies
- Alcohol Free Mouthwash
- Zero Sugar Sports Drinks



## Service Highlights

2025 PWNA Delivery Calendar can be downloaded from the [Program Partner website](#).

PWNA's Food Pantry service is for organizations focused on solutions by nourishing people, building nutrition and reducing hunger. The Food Pantry service supports the goals and desired program results of the organization and is not intended to supplant existing services. This service provides reservation food pantries with supplemental food products to help support the basic nutritional needs of community members. Items of non-perishable food items could include:

- ✓ Soup
- ✓ Canned Vegetables
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Bottled Water
- ✓ Food Bars
- ✓ Meal Kits
- ✓ Canned Fruits

Accurate and complete reporting is essential for participation. Reporting is due within 30 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.



# SAVE THE DATE

## MATERIAL SERVICES

- ✓ Accepting School Supplies Requests since February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ✓ Deadline for School Supplies Requests is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

- ✓ April 16<sup>th</sup> | Emergency Management 101 | SD Office of Emergency Management, Pierre, SD or contact: [Colleen.Dryden@state.sd.us](mailto:Colleen.Dryden@state.sd.us) or 605-773-3231
- ✓ April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am | SD VOAD – Catholic Social Services, 529 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD or contact: Kylee Sivertson [Kylee.Sivertson@lsssd.org](mailto:Kylee.Sivertson@lsssd.org) for virtual attendance
- ✓ May 5-7<sup>th</sup> | CERT – Community Emergency Response Training – Dupree Multi-Purpose Building – Contact: [art.rave@lakotanetwork.com](mailto:art.rave@lakotanetwork.com) (co-sponsored by CRST Long Term Recovery Group, Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board and Partnership With Native Americans)
- ✓ May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm | NWS SKYWARN Storm Spotter Program – 7<sup>th</sup> Gen Cinema – Eagle Butte, SD (Movie Twister 2 to follow with free popcorn and soda) Hosted by CRST Long Term Recovery Group)
- ✓ May 27-29<sup>th</sup> | Tribal Emergency Management Summit – Best Western Ramkota, Rapid City, SD

## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

29,124

MILES DRIVEN

339

SHIPMENTS

282,214

LBS OF SUPPLIES

180

SERVED THROUGH ANIMAL WELFARE

9,650

SERVED THROUGH HEALTH SERVICES

1,782

SERVED THROUGH EMERGENCY SERVICES

186

SERVED THROUGH EDUCATION SERVICES

7,149

SERVED THROUGH FOOD SERVICES



# EDUCATION UPDATE

- AIEF began the year by prioritizing our outreach efforts, distributing scholarship posters, brochures, and business cards to our priority High Schools, TCUs, Colleges, and Universities.
- As part of our scholarship outreach, AIEF participated in the Mid-Year Unity Conference on February 7-9, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ; the UTA Powwow on March 1, 2025, in Arlington, TX; and the 2025 Student AIHEC Conference on March 8-11 in Rapid City, SD.
- AIEF had the honor of presenting at the 2025 Student AIHEC Conference. Our presentation, "Do What You Love, Love What You Do," highlighted personal stories about several PWNA staff members' educational and career journeys and encouraged higher education.
- In the planning stages for the Scholarship Review Committee Retreat, scheduled to take place from June 23 - 26, 2025.



AIEF Scholarship Deadline for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Vocational/Technical Students - April 4th by 11:59 p.m. ET.  
Online Application link: [https://webportalapp.com/sp/american-indian-education-fund\\_undergrad-grad](https://webportalapp.com/sp/american-indian-education-fund_undergrad-grad)  
Questions: [aief@nativepartnership.org](mailto:aief@nativepartnership.org) or call (866)-866-8642

“An AIEF scholarship awardee acknowledged, “I was relieved that I didn’t have to stress about getting the education I wanted.”

**Kylie P.**  
Part of the Turtle Mountain  
Band of Chippewa Indians  
University of South Dakota



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