

PARTNERSHIP WITH
NATIVE AMERICANS[®]

2016 Annual Report

Mission:

Serving immediate needs. Supporting long-term solutions.

Vision:

Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities.

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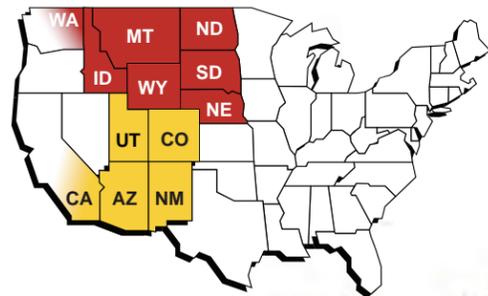
Our Purpose:

Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) is committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote and often isolated reservations. Collaborating with our partners in more than 300 tribal communities, we provide immediate relief and support long-term solutions for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities. We believe the people who live and work in the communities PWNA serves have the solutions to the problems that challenge their quality of life. PWNA's role is to provide resources and support to these community-driven efforts toward lasting change.

Our Impact:

More than 1,000 reservation programs know they can count on PWNA as a consistent, reliable resource. Our services are available year-round to address critical needs related to education, food, emergency relief, health and holiday support, and animal welfare on 60 reservations. PWNA also connects outside resources directly to the reservations, collaborating with other organizations to support solutions within tribal communities.

Service Area:



A Message From Our President

Partnership With Native Americans is proud to turn the page on another year of championing hope for Native American communities. Through our services, we are contributing both immediate relief from day-to-day hardships and working with tribal communities toward long-term solutions for sustainable living.

As a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, we focus on supporting 60 reservations across 12 states, faced with some of the toughest conditions and highest needs in the United States. Despite the immense challenges, we are honored to work directly with people living and working in these communities to improve the quality of life for 250,000 Native Americans and strengthen reservation programs that focus on the education, nutrition, health and well-being of American Indians.

While 45 percent of America's children live in low-income households, 61 percent of Native American children do, and we strive to create a better future for them. We also strive to support preventative solutions in tribal communities with high health disparities and limited access to healthcare. In response to this, our team of collaborators and reservation-based Program Partners supported several forward looking offerings in 2016, including community investment projects (CIPs), use of mobile units for training and nutrition (MUTNs), expansion of our 4 Directions Development (4D) training program for grassroots community leaders, continued support of K-12 and expanded support of postsecondary education, and emergency preparedness so tribal communities are better prepared to respond to their community's needs when in a state of emergency or disaster.

In the years to come, our efforts will continue to deliver high impact and immediate relief in response to needs and emergency situations, easing the hardships in communities that have little access to the services we often take for granted, such as safe drinking water and healthy foods. We will also continue expanding our support for long-term solutions that empower individuals and tribal communities toward self-sufficiency and sustainable gains for a brighter future.

I cannot express the enormous gratitude I have toward our committed donors, foundation and nonprofit partners, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors. Without you, we would be unable to work with tribal communities to improve the quality of life for Native Americans, a population receiving less than one percent of our nation's charitable giving. You, along with our nearly 1,000 dedicated Program Partners living in the tribal communities, have inspired us to do our critical work every day for the past 27 years. Thank you all for your contributions to PWNA and the people we serve.



Respectfully,

Robbi Rice Dietrich

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President/CEO

PWNA in the News

Minority Business News (National): "Partnership With Native Americans Champions Hope for Brighter Future" – March 2016

"PWNA touches the lives of many Native Americans through its commitment and stewardship. In the past six months alone, the organization awarded over 200 scholarships and provided literacy and school supplies to 36,000 students. It supplied food for more than 68,000 Native American elders, children and families."

PR Newswire (Texas): "Partnership With Native Americans Receives \$258,000 Grant From Walmart Foundation" – July 5, 2016

"The Walmart Foundation is pleased to support the efforts of PWNA to improve the diets in Native communities and increase the knowledge and availability of healthy foods. Helping improve the health of Native peoples through better nutrition is something with which we are proud to help PWNA."

Living Education e-Magazine (Maryland): "Native American Education: Challenging Environments and Conditions" – November 2016

"Despite the economic obstacles many families face, more Native Americans are striving to complete a postsecondary education. The AIEF program awards scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate a serious drive to attain a degree but lack the financial support to do so. More than 200 college students are assisted each year through scholarships and supplies, as well as emergency funds and challenge grants to universities, tribal colleges and other groups serving large Native student populations."

Celebrating Native Culture, Honoring Native History

In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month and in honor of the 5.2 million Native Americans living in the U.S., PWNA in November 2016 shared reflections of the Native tribes and cultures that first inhabited our country, as well as Native history, and stories from our partners and participants of the everyday realities of reservation life. Utilizing media, social media and other online initiatives, this public education campaign attracted nearly 1,550 new registrants and potential supporters to the PWNA website.



Reservation Realities



PWNA aids 250,000 Native Americans each year to help combat the harsh realities within remote and resource-challenged communities of Indian country.

We remain steadfast in focusing our resources and attention on the work the communities are doing, and educating the general public about these conditions, as they remain unfamiliar and shocking to many.

- 23 percent of Native Americans live with food insecurity.
- Some tribal communities experience acute or chronic contaminated water emergencies.
- 90,000 Native Americans are homeless.
- 35 percent of Native American children live in poverty and 61 percent live in low-income households.
- Only 17 percent of Native American students start college, and only 13 percent hold a college degree.
- 40 percent of Native Americans live in sub-standard, overcrowded housing, and the typical wait time for tribal housing assistance exceeds three years.
- Native Americans have the highest rate of diabetes in the U.S.
- The tuberculosis risk is 1 to 10 times higher for Native Americans than various other ethnic groups, and the high infant mortality rate is second only to African Americans.
- Native Americans suffer greater health disparities due to lack of access to healthcare in geographically remote communities.
- Northern Plains Natives have among the highest cancer diagnoses and death rates in the U.S., showing the need for improved cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment.
- Overpopulated and stray animals suffer and raise health and safety concerns on some reservations.
- Disaster relief is often slow and limited for tribal communities, with little news coverage to raise awareness of the situation or critically needed assistance.



Food and Water

Addressing Food Insecurity

Native peoples were removed from their traditional way of life, homelands and resources on which they relied, displaced as a result of westward expansion. This history and continuing oppressive policies have placed many tribal communities in the pathway of hunger, poverty and geographic isolation, making food insecurity an everyday issue on the reservations PWNA serves. In fact, one in four Native Americans struggles with uncertain access to sufficient, affordable foods for proper nutrition, including fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthy food choices.

This is coupled with the reality that Native Americans endure one of the highest rates of impoverishment in the U.S. In fact, Native American households are 400 percent more likely to report not having enough to eat, compared with other U.S. households. As a result, nutrition-related disease rates are high, with Native Americans suffering from the highest prevalence of diabetes in the country and nearly twice as likely to die from diabetes as other Americans.

Supplying food boxes to food pantries within our service area is one of the critical ways PWNA combats food insecurity. One such pantry is Polson Loaves and Fish Pantry in Montana – where 30 of the state's 56 counties are considered food deserts with limited access to grocery stores. In 2016, PWNA provided over a ton and a half of food to help stock Polson's shelves and get nutritious food into the homes of families in need.

"Our pantry is set up similar to a small-town grocer," said Bryan River, Managing Director of Polson Loaves and Fish Pantry. "Between our standard food resource room and emergency room dedicated to high-demand items, we serve approximately 600 people a month. Support from organizations like PWNA is vital to keeping our shelves full of healthy food that helps our community members prepare good meals for their families."

Although many food banks, like Polson, operate within PWNA's service area, a study by America's Second Harvest shows that the majority of food banks lack an adequate supply of food to meet demand. PWNA's efforts to supply food boxes to food pantries, along with staple foods to elderly nutrition centers and soup kitchens, distribution of emergency food boxes and fresh produce, breakfast supplies for Native American Elders and foods for community-wide holiday meals helped our reservation partners meet immediate needs and reduce food insecurity in their communities.



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Food Sovereignty

All people – no matter the circumstance – deserve access to fresh, nutritious food. But healthy and nourishing meals are often hard to come by, as many of the Native communities we serve are located an hour or more from the nearest grocery store with little transportation choices available.

To help counteract this, PWNA supports communities in providing their own food sources by growing their own vegetables through individual and community gardens. Encouraging self-sufficiency, PWNA tills garden sites and provides seeds and other supplies, as well as training and funding to support community-driven garden projects.

The Community Investment Project (CIP) at Leupp Schools, Inc. in Leupp, Arizona is one example. Sixteen garden beds were built by the school's high school students, affording each grade in this K-12 school and the FACE (Family and Child Education) program a plot in which to plant and grow vegetables.

"There is much excitement around the garden project," said Sara Begay, a special education teacher at the school. "The students' interest in gardening, building the



garden beds and landscaping has been tremendous, and career exploration in gardening has been integrated for our high school students."

Working with our reservation partners, PWNA also provides cooking demonstrations, healthy nutrition education as well as training on healthy cooking skills, canning and food preservation. With the support of the Walmart Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation in 2016, PWNA supported community gardens and workshops reaching more than 2,800 people with the potential to influence healthy meals for nearly 9,000 family and community members.

These initiatives do so much more than help plant corn and beans – they support self-reliance, bring communities closer together and help our partners reinforce traditional healthy Native American diets.

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Mobile Nutrition Outreach

PWNA supports Native American partners who take the lead on healthy diets and nutrition education in their tribal communities, with the goal to improve overall health and wellness. One of PWNA's 2016 innovations includes the use of mobile units for training on nutrition (MUTNs), which enable collaboration between Native chefs and local cooks to introduce healthier traditional foods to remote reservation communities.

The mobile units are utilized during fresh produce distributions to demonstrate new ways to use produce and incorporate it into family meals. For example, one session was held on the Pine Ridge Reservation with the South Dakota Extension office. During this session, 110 families were provided with 5,200 pounds of fresh produce and nearly 70 people were introduced to nutritious smoothies and vegetable recipes.

Karen Red Star, Health Educator with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said of the event, "determination outweighed discomfort, as this produce distribution took place outside during the hottest part of summer. But the appreciation of all the Elders when they received their produce made all the work worthwhile. What made this so important is that these community members were provided access to fresh and nutritious produce – and new recipe ideas – that they would not have had otherwise."



All of these activities increase access to healthy food in food deserts and help support a return to a traditional, indigenous diet with far less fat, sugar and carbohydrates.

Education Services



Supporting K-12 Students

Education is an important cornerstone of self-sufficiency and quality of life. It is also a crucial factor in addressing the long-standing poverty and other challenges experienced by the tribal communities we serve. For K-12 students, PWNA focuses on support that brings excitement to learning – including the provision of literacy and school supplies, and other incentive items to encourage reading.

One key initiative has been investing in literacy programs that motivate reading for individual students and promote parent-child reading time. At the Boys and Girls Club (B&G Club) of the Flathead Reservation & Lake County in Polson, Montana, students earn points for reading to each other. These "points" can be used to "purchase" items – such as books, toys, games, snacks, and personal care or household items – supplied by PWNA. For brothers Geo (age 11) and Ivan (age 10), this has been very motivating. With a combined total of 340 points, the brothers are saving for "something big."

"We've been utilizing PWNA's literacy service for several years, with positive results," said Ashley Byrd, Unit Director for the Flathead B&G Club. "Literacy programs can help youth develop skills to further their education, and watching children learn and develop is so incredible! I have been able to see advancement in reading with my Kindergarten through 2nd graders. My middle school members are starting to show interest in reading for pleasure; I often have a hard time getting them out of the library."

PWNA's literacy service also encourages the development of healthy relationships by involving adult reading

partners. In 2016, PWNA provided enough literacy incentives and supplies for 38 literacy partners on 14 reservations. Additionally, PWNA furnished school supplies to 75 partner schools on 28 reservations.

2016 also brought about the start of a new pilot program that focuses on increasing the number of Native American students graduating from high school and completing college and vocational programs. With the support of PWNA, the Hopi Foundation has implemented the year-round Hopi Mentorship Program on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona, providing resources and support that help students learn how to succeed in a higher education setting – before they are even enrolled at a college or university.

Thirty-two youth from the Advancement Via Individual Determination Program at Hopi Junior/Senior High School participated in the first installment of this college readiness and transition initiative.

"To date, there has never been a program created solely with the goal of mentoring youth to reach their post-secondary goals and dreams, so this is monumental for not only the organization but the youth to be served upon completion and revision to this pilot program," said Kyle Knox, Program Manager, Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative.

As this program continues to expand, they look forward to hosting a college exploration trip for their participants, based on the students' career interests, and providing first-hand perspective from Hopi Junior/Senior High School alumni as to what it's like to attend school out of state and live off the reservation.



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Supporting College Graduation

Attaining a postsecondary education is a rewarding goal for anyone, but holds even more meaning for Native American students. Facing a number of unique challenges the average student does not face, only 13 percent of Native American students earn a college degree, compared to the national average of 28 percent.

Economics, support systems or geographic locations of higher education institutions often convince many Native students that college is not an option for them. This is why PWNA's AIEF (American Indian Education Fund) program is so critical to ensuring Native students get the support they need to accomplish their goals for postsecondary education, service and self-sufficiency. Specifically, PWNA and AIEF services focus on assisting school partners to motivate students to consider college, and helping students pay for college and stay in college until graduation. In 2016, PepsiCo RISE, the Native American employee group within PepsiCo/Frito Lay, mentored AIEF scholars and donated fall semester backpacks with school supplies and snacks.

PWNA supports students pursuing higher education by awarding scholarships to applicants who are most often in the middle range of the academic ranking, but who have serious drive and a demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles. The academic-year completion rate for students who receive PWNA scholarships is 90 to 95 percent, considerably higher than the national average.

This success can be tied to our individualized mentorship program and our unique selection process of identifying "best bet" students who will persevere. In 2016, PWNA awarded nearly half a million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. We supplied laptops and awarded challenge grant funds to tribal colleges, universities, and other schools committed to Native education, to increase funding available for Native American scholars and support retention.

Scholarship recipient Mary Mitchell says of her success: "I've been called a success story, but the truth is I couldn't have done any of it without PWNA supporting Native students like me. You have no idea how much of a weight was lifted as a result of this financial support. It is also very humbling knowing people believed in my dreams of graduating from college and returning home to be a teacher. I am lucky to say I only have \$23,000 in student loans, which is nothing compared to some of my friends."

Mary grew up in Eagle Butte, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. After graduating from Black Hills State University, she returned to her home reservation and is now a 1st grade teacher at an elementary school.



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Partner Training

Responding to the needs of our reservation partners, in 2016 PWNA expanded its 4 Directions Development Program (4D) to equip emerging leaders who want to make greater contributions to their tribal communities.

4D is designed to benefit not only PWNA program partners but also current and aspiring grassroots leaders working in tribal communities. Through a six-month training program, participants establish and commit to personal and professional development plans and work with mentors for support in attaining them.

In 2016, PWNA invested more than \$100,000 in personal and professional development training to further 63 Native American professionals – including Derrick Leslie. A member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Derrick entered the 4D program as an Out of Home Placement Case Manager for his tribe's behavioral health facility, but has seen many changes since completing the program.

“A major hallmark of 4D is its ability to address real issues facing Indian country, which are presented by Native American professionals. I can honestly say 4D gave me a new level of confidence, especially in the areas of strategic planning and development of policy and procedure. As a result, I now serve as a Higher Education Coordinator for my tribe and was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Northland Pioneer College,” says Derrick.



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Emergency Services

Responding With Disaster Relief

The physical environment on the reservations PWNA supports is often harsh, giving rise to a wide range of environmental disasters such as floods, forest fires, blizzards, tornadoes and hurricanes. Some tribal communities also experience acute or chronic contaminated-water emergencies. When disaster assistance is needed, PWNA is quick to respond to the tribes in and beyond our normal service area, including tribes in Louisiana, Wisconsin and North Carolina in 2016.

Severe storms in Louisiana on August 11, 2016 created unprecedented flooding, affecting up to 250 tribal residents of the United Houma Nation. PWNA responded to this disaster, which resulted in the loss of homes, vehicles and personal effects for the reservation, with nearly \$1.3 million worth of urgently needed supplies. This included more than 36,000 pounds of food such as tuna, ready-to-eat meals, peanut butter, crackers and energy drinks; more than 86,000 pounds of cleaning supplies such as bleach, wipes, soap, sanitizers, latex gloves, trash bags and buckets; emergency and baby blankets; and personal hygiene items and over-the-counter health supplies such as ointments and bandages. An additional \$65,000 worth of water was delivered to the area, in coordination with the American Red Cross.

“With PWNA’s help, we were able to remove some of the financial stress and worry created by this unexpected natural disaster,” said Chief Thomas Dardar of the United Houma Nation. “Everything sent was needed and appreciated. Thank you for responding so quickly to our resident’s needs in the wake of the flooding.”

On July 11, 2016, heavy rains in Northern Wisconsin led

to widespread flooding. Up to 1,500 residents of the Bad River Reservation were affected and battling harsh conditions, including damaged homes, washed out roadways, disrupted utilities and damaged or washed away propane tanks. PWNA’s quick response delivered more than \$120,000 worth of food and cleaning supplies to the area, in support of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe.

On October 10, 2016 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina was severely impacted by flooding related to Hurricane Matthew, and tribal members were evacuated to shelters. Families were left homeless or without electricity, and businesses were destroyed. PWNA responded with nearly \$655,000 worth of food, personal hygiene and other supplies. The Walmart Foundation and UPS Foundation supported PWNA’s response, donating \$25,000 for supplies and nearly \$12,000 in shipping assistance, respectively.

“Due to bursting dikes and dams, about 50,000 people were affected, even though the hurricane had weakened to a Category 1 by the time it hit the state of North Carolina. Those most affected included middle-class working families who lost all their life’s accumulation,” Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin said. “Recovery will be an ongoing process for a long time.”

Additional emergency services from PWNA in 2016 included supplies for residential shelters with thousands of aged, homeless, disabled and domestic abuse victims; supplies for more than 2,000 children in foster care or other trauma; and winter and summer emergency boxes to help Elders during seasonal storms and outages. PWNA also repaired and weatherized homes and provided firewood or winter fuel vouchers for Native Elders at risk.



Emergency Preparedness

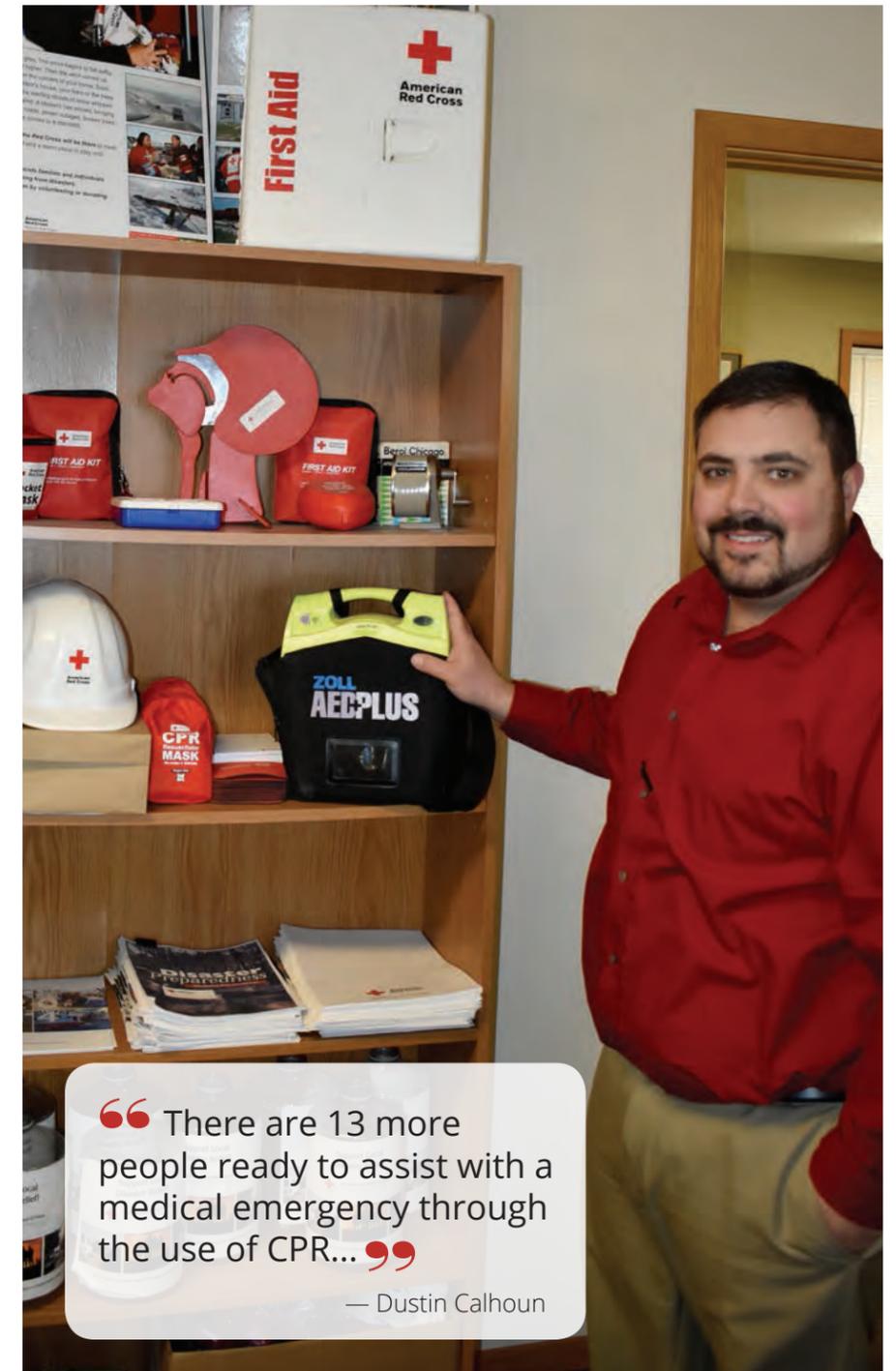
With the rise of the reservation system in the 1800s, inconsistent federal policy has somewhat diminished Native Americans of their natural process and ability to plan and prepare. This is especially problematic for the remote or geographically-isolated reservations PWNA serves, where resource-scarce conditions are exacerbated when emergency strikes.

In partnership with the American Red Cross, PWNA assisted four communities in strengthening their preparedness for the inevitable modern day disasters and emergencies. This new capacity building project included asset mapping and a needs assessment for each community, as well as identification of people to be trained to assist during disaster events.

In 2016 we collaborated with the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Reservations as they worked through improving localized emergency preparedness plans, evacuation procedures and emergency medical training. PWNA also provided emergency kits and supported first aid training. These plans and newly learned preparedness skills will be particularly important in situations where there are no first responders or firefighters in close proximity for a timely response.

Dustin Calhoun of the American Red Cross said the following of the project: “I coordinated an Adult CPR/AED class in La Plant, South Dakota; there were 13 attendees in this very small community. There are 13 more people ready to assist with a medical emergency through the use of CPR. This was not only a great show of effort through our partnership with PWNA and support from the Red Cross, but a great thing that our residents identified CPR training as a need for the community. Just to drive home how important this is, La Plant is a small community located approximately 32 miles from Eagle Butte, South Dakota and more than 30 minutes from reach by an ambulance. So, 13 newly trained CPR providers is a HUGE accomplishment for La Plant as well as the Cheyenne River Sioux.”

Harold Tiger, the Emergency Manager for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, participated in the training and started his own radio program – KLND 89.5 – to broadcast emergency preparedness information.



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— Dustin Calhoun



Health & Holiday Support

Supporting Remote Communities

Native Americans endure a legacy of healthcare disparities, leading to disproportionate disease rates. People living in the remote tribal communities PWNA serves rely on Indian Health Service (IHS) clinics for medical care, which oftentimes fall short. IHS clinics are typically underfunded and focus on healthcare crises, rather than critical preventative care, and access can be impeded due to a general lack of transportation and the long distances separating the clinics and the communities they serve.

Due to higher infant mortality, lower life expectancy, diabetes at epidemic levels, tuberculosis seven times higher for Native Americans and cancer-related disparities higher than for any minority group in the U.S., PWNA supports reservation programs that address preventative care, home health visits and health education initiatives for tribal members. We also support reservation partners who motivate healthy involvement in community service.

In 2016, PWNA supported healthy lifestyle programs and community activities for thousands of Native Americans. Among them, more than 100,000 people participated in health events or other projects designed to increase community involvement in schools, elderly service programs and wellness initiatives. New moms earned baby baskets full of essential products by participating in pre- and post-natal care, parenting and behavioral health programs, and Elders participated in uplifting congregate activities such as exercise classes and sewing circles.

PWNA aided over 500 reservation partners who conducted health screenings for diabetes, high blood pressure, tuberculosis and cancer; education classes on diabetes prevention, healthy nutrition and heart health; youth programs such as cultural camps or suicide awareness and prevention; health appointments for immunizations, hospital post-release and medication monitoring; and home visits with those who are homebound or otherwise unable to access services.

Additionally, PWNA supported projects related to youth development and healthy activities, including a summer volleyball camp on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. The camp brought together upwards of 50 female students from elementary to high school to teach skills critical to the game – serving, passing and hitting – as well as the greater lessons of teamwork, competition and sportsmanship.

Taylor Schad of the Rosebud Boys and Girls Club stated, “the Rosebud Boys and Girls Club/Todd County High School volleyball camp brought together a great combination of girls that typically compete against one another and placed them on the same side of the net as teammates. To be successful, it was critical for them to commit to hard work and good sportsmanship. The girls’ willingness to learn and become better athletes during the camp is a lesson that transcends sports.”



Spreading Holiday Cheer

Another aspect of healthfulness on the reservations is the stress and disenfranchisement that often occurs during the holiday season. Native American Elders and children are certainly aware of holidays celebrated across the U.S., but frequently their families cannot afford special holiday gifts or extras due to overstressed family budgets. On the 60 reservations we serve, poverty rates range from 38-63 percent. Additionally, up to 43 percent of Native American children live in poverty, many of them raised by grandparents on severely limited, fixed incomes.

PWNA’s Holiday services help our reservation partners provide practical items to meet immediate needs, while spreading a bit of cheer and excitement during the holiday season. During the 2016 holidays, nearly 300 program partners requested holiday gifts for delighted children, teens and Elders who received stockings filled with items ranging from books and toys to gloves and personal care items to meet immediate needs.

One such Elder who received a holiday stocking was 88-year-old Lillian Brown of the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Brown is homebound due to a knee injury that keeps her in a wheelchair; she relies on the tribe for transportation to church and on state health services for her medical care. The Cheyenne River Elderly Nutrition Center – with support from PWNA – home delivered Brown’s stocking, ensuring that she and others like her had a fond memory of the Christmas holiday.



Animal Welfare

Supporting Animal Care Givers

Animal welfare and the problems created from overpopulated and stray animals are immense for some tribal communities, including the spread of disease, animal bites, rabies and other community health concerns. The Navajo Nation alone has thousands of stray dogs and cats roaming their 27,000 square miles.

Because of this, PWNA supports reservation programs that spay, neuter and vaccinate animals and educate communities on proper animal care, enabling these groups to care for more animals. In 2016, PWNA supplied veterinary programs with more than 23,000 pounds of pet food and other needed supplies, such as bowls, collars, leashes, toys and tick/flea products.

Additionally, PWNA aided Program Partners, such as Borders Without Boundaries Rescue on the Rosebud Reservation, that care for abandoned, abused or unwanted animals through the process of rescue and rehabilitation. Our shared goal is placing injured or stray animals – mostly dogs and cats – in foster care or forever homes, ensuring the well-being of the animals and healthy, safe communities.



The Navajo Nation alone has estimates reaching as high as 6,000 stray dogs and cats across their lands.



Supporting Healthy Communities

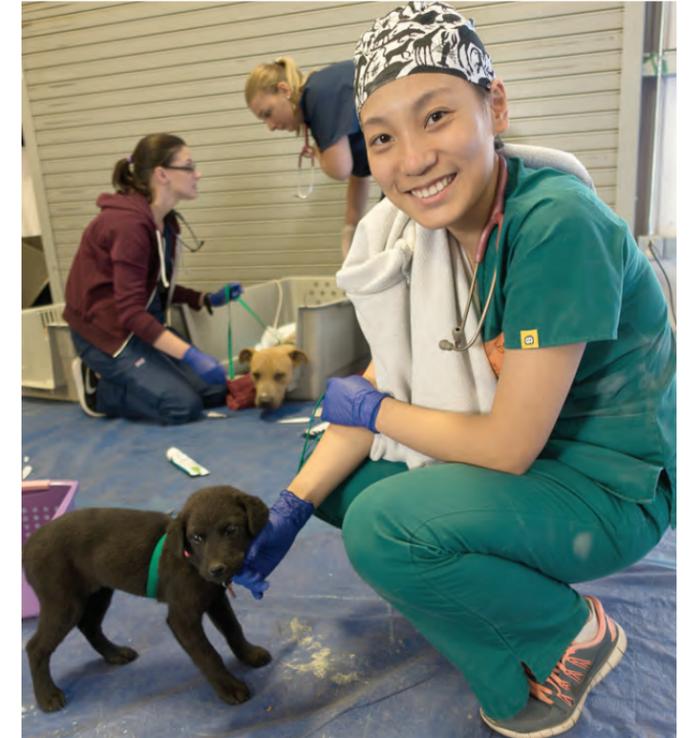
While PWNA's RAR (Reservation Animal Rescue) program helps partners address animal welfare on the reservations, it also speaks to a much larger issue – the related human health risk and well-being of the overall community and its members.

To combat these larger concerns, PWNA provided a \$10,000 grant in 2016 to Midwestern University's Animal Health Institute in Glendale, Arizona. The funds served a critical need for reservation-based spay and neuter services, which began with the San Carlos Apache Tribe through Midwestern's mobile animal clinic.

In one visit alone, coordinating through our RAR partner, Midwestern's Animal Health Institute team spayed/neutered 41 animals, vaccinated 27 more and performed one specialty surgery – repairing a laceration to the leg – on a dog that had been attacked by a javelina.

"These dogs are the most challenged, and with the greatest health issues, I've personally seen. And the issues are compounded in tribal communities by lack of access and remoteness," said Rachael Kreisler, VMD, MSCE, Assistant Professor Shelter Medicine at the Animal Health Institute. "We can service about 25 animals a day with the mobile clinic, which is critical for the overall health of the reservation animals and companion families. Having a healthy animal community is important in all communities."

The mobile clinic provides the equipment and the environment needed to provide veterinary services in areas without the benefit of a local veterinarian or clinic.



“ We can service about 25 animals a day with the mobile clinic, which is critical... ”
— Rachael Kreisler

Our Supporters

PWNA is fortunate to have the continuing support of more than 500,000 individual donors who recognize the realities on the reservations we serve and support our work year-round. We are also amazed by our Circle of Friends who make monthly gifts in support of our mission, and by our Heritage Circle members who choose to leave a legacy gift to PWNA in their wills.

PWNA is also fortunate to have the support of the in-kind donors and community investors who collaborated with PWNA in 2016 to address critical needs of our reservation partners. Faith-based organizations such as Matthew 25: Ministries, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and International Aid also supported our work throughout the year.

Your collective support allows us to provide the right goods at the right time and in the right way, across a multitude of more than 300 diverse tribal communities. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and dedication to PWNA's mission and the people we serve.



Community Investment & Capacity Building

Throughout 2016, our in-kind donors and major funders came to learn more about our work as well as the work and evolving needs of our reservation partners. In some cases, changing partner needs meant reaching out to our organizational donors for products and funding to achieve specific goals for community investment and capacity building.



In 2016, PWNA was one of nine organizations selected by the Walmart Foundation to receive grants to fund programs that address hunger and nutrition education, as a way to strengthen local communities. PWNA was awarded \$258,000 to help serve 26,000 Native Americans. We did this by providing children a nutritious snack and juice service through schools, distributing emergency food supplies through food pantries, providing fresh produce at eight Elder nutrition centers, supporting community garden projects, conducting canning and healthy cooking training in tribal communities and equipping a mobile nutrition and training unit for use in Southwest communities.

"Collaboration and dedication are key to making a positive impact on the issue of hunger in local communities across the U.S. We're proud to work with Partnership With Native Americans to support hunger relief and nutrition education for individuals and families in need. Thanks to the programs these grantees have implemented, thousands of underserved people had access to emergency meals and information to help themselves and their families make healthier life choices," said Carol May, Program Manager of the Walmart Foundation.



Newman's Own Foundation is the independent foundation created by late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman, and PWNA is pleased to have their support. Now supporting nutrition-focused organizations for more than 30 years, Newman's Own Foundation awarded PWNA \$25,340 to help us add a train-the-trainers component to Project Grow in 2016 – a service of our NPRA (Northern Plains Reservation Aid) program. With this training on healthy cooking and food preservation skills, the participants will be able to instruct others in their communities.

"We are proud to fund Partnership With Native Americans as they work to make a difference in our communities," said Bob Forrester, President and CEO, Newman's Own Foundation. "They are one of the many organizations helping to identify needs and fill the gaps for children and families who lack access to healthy foods."

In November 2016, PWNA accepted the Newman's Own Challenge to raise funds for healthy nutrition, as one of 20 charities selected to participate in the global #GivingTuesday initiative. We used this challenge to focus on supporting reservation partners who deliver healthy meals, along with holiday cheer, for the homebound. The Foundation matched \$10,000 in funds raised by PWNA during the challenge. In December, PWNA was selected to receive an additional \$20,000 grant for nutrition support in Indian Country.



In 2016, PWNA was accepted as a member of National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Along with this, our response to disaster events outside our regular service area expanded. Fellow VOAD members such as the American Red Cross donated water for our disaster relief efforts to the United Houma Nation in Louisiana.

Other contributors that supported relief efforts during 2016 included the Walmart Foundation and in-kind donors such as Feeding South Dakota, Matthew:25 Ministries, United Mesa Food Bank and International Aid.

Our Leadership



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The dedicated members of our Board of Directors set the stage for the strategic direction of PWNA and govern our administration and finances. Passionate about improving the quality of life for Native Americans, they volunteer their time and expertise to help PWNA achieve its mission and vision with efficiency and integrity. Their backgrounds span business and financial management; strategic planning; law; education; healthcare; fundraising, grants and economic development; social programs; diversity and partnerships.

For full bios, see www.nativepartnership.org/directors

Alyce Sadongei, Chairman

Kiowa and Tohono O'odham Tribal Affiliation. Alyce is a nationally recognized expert in the field of tribal libraries, archives and museums, repatriation and preservation, museum development and training. She holds a bachelor's in communications, and brings to PWNA experience in curriculum and program development, grants management, tribal engagement and strategic planning.

Christina Kazhe, Vice Chairman

Navajo and Mescalero Apache Tribal Affiliation. Christina is nationally known for legal expertise in tribal sovereignty, land restorations and federal recognition, and protecting the interests of Native communities. She holds a juris doctor and a bachelor's in human development and Native American studies, and brings to PWNA legal and public policy expertise, strategic thinking and nonprofit leadership.

Ann Marie Woessner Collins, Treasurer

Ann is a business problem solver recognized for helping companies expand or optimize manufacturing, warehouses, offices, data centers, call centers and other facilities. She holds an MBA and a bachelor's in finance, and brings to PWNA experience in minority business programming, business development and tribal economic development projects for sustainability.

Nikki Pitre, Secretary

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Affiliation. Nikki is well known among tribal colleges and educators for AIHEC native student success programs, the BIE College Bound initiative and serving on the Miss Indian World Committee for Gathering of Nations. She holds a bachelor's in American Indian studies and brings to PWNA a passion for youth leadership and development, and Indian education outreach and advocacy.

Joshua Arce

Potawatomi Tribal Affiliation. Joshua is known for expertise in information technology at Haskell University, tribal law and emerging issues, tribal entertainment and gaming operations, Native youth program development and advocacy for youth safety and wellness. He holds a juris doctor and brings to PWNA experience in strategic planning, youth programs, information technology and law.

Tracey Zephier

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Affiliation. Tracey is known for social justice, tribal/state relations, realty, legal/physical infrastructure matters for tribes, and being in the first cohort of the Bush Foundation Native Nation Rebuilder's Program. She holds a juris doctor and a bachelor's in business administration and accounting, and brings to PWNA acumen in law, finance, government funding and programming.



Mark Nadolny



Ronetta (Roni) Keeter Briggs



Leonard J. Smith



MaKenley Barton



Kevin Diepholz



Jackie Blackbird

Mark Nadolny

Mark is a CPA known for his focus on organizational relevance and sustainability, global finance, and "Big 4" and public accounting, and formerly served as chief financial officer for Susan G. Komen Foundation where he managed a \$250 million portfolio of investments. Mark holds a bachelor's in accounting and brings to PWNA experience in strategic planning, and a passion for humanitarian causes and fundraising.

Ronetta (Roni) Keeter Briggs

Cherokee Tribal Affiliation. Co-founder of The Osiyo Group and the Council House Institute, Roni is known for tribal government consulting on strategic plans and economic and human resource development, and as subject matter expert for Native resource/development groups. She holds a bachelor's in political science and brings to PWNA corporate philanthropy, tribal governance and marketing experience.

Leonard J. Smith

Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Affiliation. Leonard is recognized for Native-owned business advocacy, tribal economic development, small business loans and startup, sustainability strategies and economic partnerships for revenue streams. He holds a bachelor's in business administration and brings to PWNA business strategy, and experience in economic and business development and jobs creation.

MaKenley Barton

Cherokee Tribal Affiliation. MaKenley is known for healthcare administration at Cherokee National W. W. Hastings Hospital, and being selected for the Cherokee Nation Summer Youth Program. She holds an M.S. and a bachelor's in healthcare administration, and brings to PWNA experience in Native healthcare, tribal community outreach, and PWNA's AIEF program as a former scholarship recipient.

Kevin Diepholz

Kevin is a retired business development professional known for working his way up from pouring concrete to corporate management and international business development in Taiwan, Korea, UK and Canada. Kevin studied business and economics, and brings to PWNA familiarity with reservation conditions, and a broad perspective of diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds

Jackie Blackbird

Gros-Ventre and Assiniboine Tribal Affiliation. Jackie is known for community partnerships, community impact and business development in tribal communities, and bringing about positive changes in Native lifestyles through sport, advocacy and volunteerism. She holds a bachelor's in business and brings to PWNA experience in community partnerships and programming for Native youth and wellness.

Robbi Rice Dietrich

President/CEO of PWNA and a non-voting member of the Board, Robbi is known for building positive awareness of organizations and presenting their causes to public officials, community and business leaders, contributors and media. She brings to PWNA experience in community and media relations, government affairs, organizational development, strategic thinking, and a commitment to helping people.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,400,512
Accounts Receivable	750,689
Inventory	8,046,493
Investments	3,537,325
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	310,191
Property & Equipment	<u>6,195,371</u>
Total Assets	\$20,240,581
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$540,587
Accrued Expenses	347,345
Annuities Payable	<u>16,660</u>
Total Liabilities	\$904,592
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$19,056,561
Temporarily Restricted	213,103
Permanently Restricted	<u>66,325</u>
Total Net Assets	\$19,335,989
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$20,240,581</u>

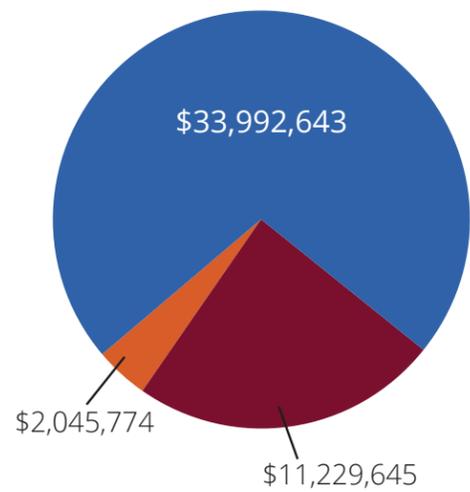
Statement of Activities

Revenue	
Non-Cash Contributions	\$22,169,591
Contributions and Grants	21,746,809
Other Revenues, Net	<u>818,770</u>
Total Revenue	\$44,735,170
Expense	
Plains Region	\$15,262,663
Southwest Region	16,444,792
Educational Support	1,909,249
Other Programs	<u>375,939</u>
Total Program Expense	\$33,992,643
Management and General	\$2,045,774
Fundraising Expense	<u>11,229,645</u>
Total Expense	\$47,268,062
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$(2,532,892)</u>

Our Programs

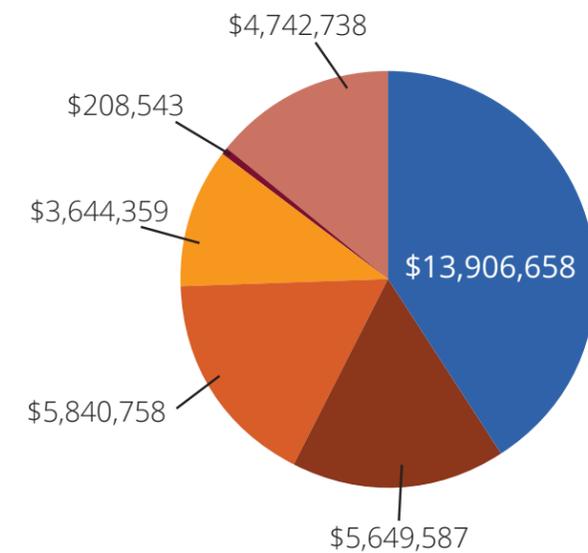


Percentages Data



- Program Services 72.0%
- Fundraising 23.7%
- Management & General 4.3%

Program Services



- Health — 258,571 served
- Food & Water — 136,737 served
- Holiday Support — 56,886 served
- Education Services — 67,657 served
- Animal Welfare — 46,416 served
- Emergency Services — 98,935 served



Why PWNA?

PWNA performs a dual role, serving immediate needs by providing critical goods and services such as water, food and emergency supplies, while also supporting long-term solutions in education, nutrition and leadership development that lead to sustainable change in tribal communities.

We listen carefully so that we can be a helpful partner in addressing the self-determined needs of each community. This ensures we are providing the right goods and services – the requested goods and services – in the right time and right way for our reservation partners. Our 27-year history has created 95 percent partner satisfaction across PWNA's service area.

We involve tribal community members in the delivery of our services, challenging dependency and poverty while simultaneously building capacity. This approach gives our network of more than 1,000 partners and their volunteers a direct hand in improving the lives of those they care about most – those within their own communities.

*The most important thing
PWNA provides is hope.*

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Cover painting "Faith" by Native American artist and student, Del Curfman. We loved this particular piece as it speaks to the way we work with tribal communities, honoring the history and culture while supporting modern day efforts toward moving forward.

