

30 Years of Service, Partnership, Impact

“PWNA is in a unique position to change understanding and support as it relates to Native causes. With increased awareness to Indigenous issues, we can support the movements that will lead to sustainable change. Our tribal communities are relying on us to be a partner in changing the narrative and advocacy for diversity, inclusion, and equity. PWNA has demonstrated adaptability, resiliency and stewardship over the past 30 years and today looks ahead to the opportunities as a Native-led, donor-centric and Native Aware organization.”

– Joshua Arce, PWNA President & CEO

Our Origin Story

Our “aha” moment occurred in 1989 when our founder read a “Time” magazine article about the poverty and isolation on the Rosebud Reservation. He travelled to South Dakota to meet with then tribal president Alex Little Soldier Lunderman, and in 1990 our organization was born.

In the first five years, we honed our focus from supporting livelihoods and self-help programs to providing monthly food distributions in South Dakota. We got our first truck in 1992 and by 1994 turned our attention to the underserved reservations, including Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River.

By 1996, we expanded to the Southwest, serving Navajo, Hopi and the Havasupai. From 1997 to 2008, we added our education program, followed by 5 more humanitarian aid programs, including one for animal welfare.

Over the next decade, we continued to expand our reservation partnerships and service area. In 2013, we re-staffed our Board of Directors to majority Native membership and enhanced our mission to address immediate needs and support sustainable gains in reservation communities – better responding to the focus of our tribal partners. Then in 2015, we rebranded to Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA).

PWNA Programs



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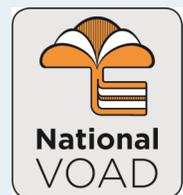
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Mission: Serving immediate needs, supporting long-term solutions.

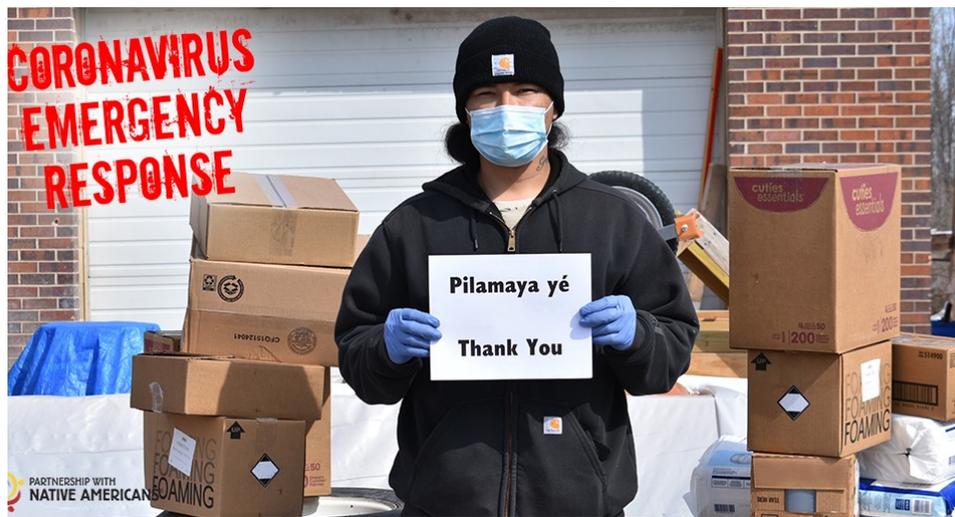
Vision: Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities.



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The most important thing PWNA provides the reservations is hope!



PWNA Today

Today, PWNA is one of the largest Native-led, Native-serving nonprofits in the U.S. We serve hundreds of partners across reservations in the Southwest and Northern Plains, focusing on areas with the highest need in the U.S. Working together, we're improving quality of life for 250,000 Native Americans each year.

We're a BBB-accredited charity and a national VOAD member with the support of major funders such as the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Catena Foundation, Newman's Own Foundation, LDS Charities and the Walmart Foundation, as well as in-kind supporters like Feed The Children, Matthew 25: Ministries, TOMS, Baby2Baby and more.

About 250,000 individual donors support PWNA and our programs – and none of our work could be done without their care and generosity.

Legendary actor Wes Studi also supports PWNA in raising awareness about realities on the reservations. This year alone, he raised significant funds for COVID-19 relief for the tribes.

Opportunities

Our **current focus** is primarily on emergency relief and food security for tribes impacted by COVID-19.

Our **long-term solutions** include leadership development, nutrition train-the-trainer and food sovereignty summits, emergency preparedness planning, scholarships and grants to college partners, seed funding for community gardens and grant funding for spay/neuter services and vaccinations.

Our new **Native Aware** program promotes awareness and advocacy in support of the tribes. We hope you will join us!

30 Years Together

Working together for 30 years with our reservation partners, donors, collaborators, staff and Board, we've changed Native lives:

3.7 million lives were improved through support for preventative health care.

2 million Native Elders, families and children had relief from food insecurity.

1.2 million lives were made brighter through holiday support.

875,000 Native people received disaster aid and/or disaster preparedness training.

835,000 Native students received supplies and/or funding for college entry and retention.

370,000 reservation animals were rescued, rehabilitated and/or placed in care by partners.

90 percent of PWNA partners rate themselves more effective with our support and services.

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