



## *New Name, Same Great Faces!*

On July 29th 2015, we changed our name from National Relief Charities (NRC) to Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA). Our new name honors our ongoing partnership with you, our treasured program partners. Additionally, we anticipate the new name will better portray our purpose and help us reach more individuals, foundations and corporations interested in Native causes.

Our mailing address, phone numbers, fax numbers and people you deal with will remain unchanged. We look forward to providing you with the same excellent service that you have grown to know and expect!

Please visit our website: [www.plainsnativepartners.org](http://www.plainsnativepartners.org) or if your in the area, come see us at 2401 Eglin Street, Rapid City, SD.



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### **Christmas 2015**

- **Request Deadline Is October 15th**
- ***First come first serve basis***
- ***Must be current on reports***
- ***Program partners who did not report on Christmas last year are not eligible this year***
- ***Late requests will not be considered***

## **Christmas is Coming!**

We love to spread holiday cheer to Native American families by providing Christmas gifts to children and elders. Every year Santa's helpers are hard at it putting together stockings for our Program Partners and their clients. We are seeking volunteers to help us by stuffing stockings and getting them ready for distribution which will take place in late November and early December. This year, Partnership With Native Americans plans to distribute 10,000 Teens Stockings, 6,000 Elder Stockings, 4,000 Baby Stockings, 15,000 Regular (youth) Stockings. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Ed Vocu at 605-399-9905, extension 417.



## Residential Service



Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) provides products to residential facilities for use in the care and maintenance of the facility and for use by the residents. The facilities that PWNA wants to assist are those that serve people in a residential setting. Most of these target facilities operate on tight budgets and cannot provide all of the items needed for the people who come to their facility. PWNA hopes that the products that PWNA sends to the facility will help the facility save money that can then be used to purchase other items needed for the residents.

When PWNA delivers the supplies, the residents and staff of the facility are asked to help unload the supplies from the truck. All of the facilities that participate in this service are encouraged to have the residents perform duties to help keep the facility operating. These duties can include cooking, cleaning, and working on the grounds area. However, PWNA does not require that the residents volunteer in order to earn the products.

Who is eligible? Detention Centers, Dormitories, Group Homes, Nursing Homes, Shelters, Treatment Centers etc.

What items are available? Personal hygiene products, facility supplies, furniture (when available).



Partnership With Native Americans is excited to be on the way to deliver TOMS Shoes to school children in our service area. Last year we handed out more than 40,000 pairs of shoes while visiting 120 different schools on 24 reservations. We hope to you soon!

The point of contact is Eric Lowe and he can be reached via email; [elowe@nativepartnership.org](mailto:elowe@nativepartnership.org) or by calling 605-399-9905, ext 406.





## Fall 2015 Program Partner Honor Roll



Each newsletter Partnership With Native Americans likes to dedicate a section to Program Partners who have turned in all their reports on time for the previous quarter. Here are those partners for last quarter. Thank you all for your hard work, we appreciate you!

<u>Reservation</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Services Utilized</u>	<u>Partner Since</u>
Flathead Nation	Mission Valley Food Pantry	Heide Riddle	Food Pantry & Christmas	January 2011
Pine Ridge	Black Hills Dialysis	Joanne Thompson	Healthy Living	April 2015
Winnebago	Social Services	Tina Tassler	Healthy Living, Bulk, & Community Events	August 2004
Cheyenne River	Suicide Prevention	Sherylynn Herrera	Healthy Living & Community Events	February 2015
Rosebud Sioux	Sicangu Oyate Tipi	Pauline Bear Shield	Residential	May 2010
Standing Rock	Early Childhood Tracking	Ron Martel	Literacy, Community Events, & Healthy Living	June 2014
Pine Ridge	Kyle Healthy Center	Charlotte Vassau	Healthy Living & Community Events	March 2013
Northern Cheyenne	St. Labre Dormitory	Susan Hayes	Residential	February 2011
Santee Sioux	Public Health Nursing	Dava Mier	Healthy Living & Community Events	June 2012
Pine Ridge	Bennett County Community Action	Mary Thomsen	Incentive, Community Events, Easter, & Healthy Living	February 2003

## Driver Profile

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of our drivers, Mike Stonum. Mike has been with Partnership With Native Americans since June 2003. Not only has Mike self-proclaimed that he is the “best driver in the world”, he is also a skilled mechanic and owns a collection of Pontiac Trans Am vehicles. He always shows up with a smile on his face and has plenty of products to unload. Mike says that the best part of his job is the Program Partners. As a driver he gets to see first hand the gratitude from the partners. He also enjoys the company of the volunteers at each stop. PWNA drivers are one of the best lines of communication with our Partners. They are out every week delivering products to you. Be sure to let your driver know of any changes to phone numbers, contact, or directions right away. Being an PWNA driver isn't easy. They often battle weather, construction and wrong phone numbers to get products to you. Often Mike will leave at 3am and travel all day making up to 20 different stops. Mike's job is a tough one, but he is happy and in a great mood all the time. We think pretty highly of him too. Thanks Mike! We all appreciate all your hard work!



## Long Term Solutions

After a busy summer for Long Term Solutions we are preparing for an equally busy fall with some exciting opportunities that they want to share with you.

Our 4 Directions development program is a six-month personal and professional development program that meets once every other month for a total of four in person sessions in Rapid City, SD. From the first session to the last session, 4D is completely directed by the cohort. The expert led trainings and workshops offered at each session are based on topics that the cohort identifies at the start of the program as important to personal and professional growth. Best of all, the Four Directions Development Program is offered entirely free to you!



Our second cohort of 4D is set to finish on October 02. Less than a week after that, the third cohort of 4D will be starting its journey on October 08.



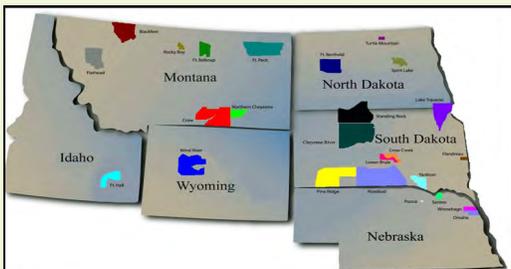
When not working on 4D, Marie and Andrew are hard at work supporting and recruiting Community Investment Projects (CIPs). CIPs are six-month projects focused on health and nutrition, youth, and/or emergency preparedness that are led by community members engaged in making their community a better place to live. Unlike other project grants, CIPs not only receive funding from PWNA, but direct support from the Long Term Solutions staff.

If you are interested in learning more about the Four Directions Development Program or Community Investment Projects, please call Marie or Andrew at 1.866.556.2472.



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Submit Report within 30 days after receiving goods

Submit Request for next distribution

Refer any programs that you feel may benefit from our services to Eric Lowe @ 866-556-2472 ext 406.

### Our Mission

***"Serving immediate needs.  
Supporting long-term solutions."***