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Supporting long-term solutions.*

Who We Are

Partnership With Native Americans is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote and impoverished reservations. One of the largest Native-led nonprofits in the U.S., PWNA aids and collaborates with up to 500 Tribal partners year-round. A BBB-accredited charity, PWNA invests in the most geographically isolated and underserved areas, reaching Navajo, Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and other Tribal communities that most people never see and most organizations cannot reach.

Our mission: Serving immediate needs. Supporting long-term solutions.

Our vision: Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities.

This dual approach to meeting our mission improves the quality of life for today and tomorrow.

Our History

Founded in 1990, PWNA has evolved from a small startup to a high-impact nonprofit with a clear mission, a dedicated team, and committed donors who support our work.

Our Purpose

PWNA believes the people who live and work in the Tribal communities we serve have the solutions to the problems that challenge their quality of life. Our role is to be a trusted partner and resource to support community-driven efforts toward lasting change.

Our Locations

PWNA's program offices are centrally located in Phoenix, Ariz., and Rapid City, S.D., to reach reservations in 9 priority states. Our donor offices are in Va. and Tex., and our administrative headquarters are in Addison, Tex.

PWNA Funding

Over 30+ years, PWNA has provided nearly \$500 million in aid to the reservations. PWNA relies on monetary and in-kind donations to assist the most underserved Tribal communities, impacting the lives of up to 200,000 Native Americans annually. Integrating high-quality, in-kind donations assures a cost-effective response to our Tribal partners' needs. Focusing on immediate needs and long-term solutions improves the quality of life for today and tomorrow.

Partnerships & Programming

PWNA's reservation partners include grassroots community leaders, volunteers, and community-based organizations working to assist Tribal citizens. PWNA assists these communities with material aid, capacity building such as leadership development and healthy nutrition training, and support for community-based projects like gardens that bring sustainable gains to Tribal communities. PWNA also connects outside resources directly to reservations through our distribution network and partnerships.

What Sets PWNA Apart

PWNA has been serving Indian Country for more than 30 years. Our network of Tribal partners, distribution system, and cultural competency make PWNA a trusted resource and intermediary for philanthropic solutions in Indigenous communities. For instance:

- PWNA has knowledge of Native history, customs, and policies that impact life in Tribal communities today.
- We partner with Native professionals who can drive social change in nutrition, education, health, and emergency response.
- We deliver critical goods and services to hundreds of Tribal programs year-round, reaching remote reservations many organizations cannot reach.
- We prioritize Tribal communities most in need across the Southwest and Northern Plains, adapting to address the unique needs of each.
- We respect the self-determined goals of the tribes and connect them with outside resources.

PWNA takes a dual approach, addressing immediate needs while supporting long-term solutions. Here are some examples:

- Food distributions along with food sovereignty initiatives and healthy nutrition training
- School supplies and scholarships, as well as leadership training
- Disaster relief and emergency preparedness planning
- Animal welfare supplies, as well as vaccinations and spay/neuter services

Long before nonprofit impact reporting was expected, PWNA used a Program Logic Model and feedback loop to measure impact and identify programs that are timely and culturally relevant for Native communities. This shows us that 90-95% of our partners are more effective due to working with PWNA.

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