

ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER



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One Nation Walking Together is committed to making a difference in the lives of Native American Indians living on reservations as well as providing programs for urban Indians. Our charity is about People giving to People, NOT TO A CAUSE.

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NEW BOSS IN TOWN

One Nation is pleased to announce that we have a "new boss in town"! Our Board of Directors recently designated our very own Kathy Turzi as the new Executive Director of the organization.

Kathy initially served our organization as a volunteer, but later joined our staff working in the warehouse. She soon inherited the title of warehouse supervisor, program manager and subsequently, associate director.

In light of her extraordinary dedication to our mission, Kathy has developed a considerable rapport with the communities we serve, fostering meaningful relationships and soliciting new contacts to expand our services.

Under her leadership, look for our mission to grow exponentially and make a larger impact in the lives of those we serve.

URBAN'S RETIREMENT DINNER RECAP

Many thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the retirement of One Nation's Executive Director of nearly 10 years, Urban Turzi.

The night was filled with donors, volunteers, board members and friends, some of whom came from as far away as Louisiana to join us. Everyone shared laughter, hugs, tears and good food as guests gathered at Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, who we greatly thank for their outstanding hospitality.

We were blessed to have fabulous entertainment from Richard Sealock, Eddie Three Eagles, John Skrivan along with Shelley Morningsong and Fabian Fontenelle. The night also featured a slideshow that showcased Urban's One Nation journey created by ONWT'S graphic design intern, Kevin Pendergraft.

We also greatly appreciate our entertaining speakers, Joe Wallroth, Bob Bodor and Jon

Duncan, who all spoke of Urban's many accomplishments during his time at One Nation. A speech from the man of the hour himself, Urban, left many in the room misty-eyed.

For those who couldn't make this wonderful event, our sincerest gratitude to those of you who sent good wishes and monetary donations in honor of Urban's selfless years of service to ONWT.

Thanks to all of you, we were able to fulfill Urban's retirement wish of gifting the costs associated with sending one semi-truck full of items to the reservation.

We hope you join us in wishing Urban a "happy trails!" as he begins his new retirement adventure.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ONFF Film Screening Series
Every last Wednesday of the month, held at:



SunWater

SunWater Spa
514 El Paso Blvd.
Manitou Springs, CO 80929
7:00 p.m.



Bristol Brewing Company
1604 S Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80905
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Karma Hour
Tuesday,
October 3, 2017 at:

One Nation Film Festival
Sunday, February 11, 2018
Stargazers Theatre
10 South Parkside Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80910



ONE NATION FILM FESTIVAL

"You must give to the river the kindness you would give to any brother."

Chief Seattle

Please check our website www.onenationwt.org for updates on events and happenings. If you would like to receive monthly updates via email please email the following information: Name, address and email address to office@onenationwt.org. Or call us at (719)329-0251.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To me, the term "Board of Directors" (BOD) conjures visions of a bunch of old, fat, white-haired Caucasian men sitting around a big oval-shaped table in a richly furnished conference room, smoking cigars and accomplishing nothing. Now picture this: a group of forty-fiftyish (OK, one guy is over ninety) men and women, Native American and non-Native alike, sharing hugs, smiles, and enthusiasm, who fervently govern the mission of our organization. Everyone on our Board is physically attractive – except for "Chickasaw Don", who is down-right gorgeous. Why am I telling you about this group? Well, I want you to know some outstanding people who currently comprise our BOD. They serve One Nation on a voluntary basis -- with passion, professionalism, and love.

Our Board chairperson is a Tlingit Alaskan who manages an international high-tech company, who always has a smile, loves his family and his heritage, and is a proven successful businessman.

A ninety-year-old Chickasaw man is the next BOD member I'd like you to meet. He was a former male model, stuntman, in the movies, a master gardener, and pilot who also loves his heritage. Don has the enthusiasm of someone half his age. Also, he was one of the original "Marlboro Men" who still dresses like a "dandy".

Next, please meet our beautiful Apache woman who has a contagious laugh. She eagerly and effectively maintains our three websites. She is also a photographer extraordinaire who quietly and without hesitation offers suggestions to improve our websites, then does the technical work to make those changes happen on a timely basis.

Our annual Powwow wouldn't be half as successful without the Herculean effort of our Comanche Board member. Get this: she is from New Jersey! She seamlessly organizes and promotes this traditional family-oriented event on a year-round basis. I should mention that her non-BOD husband barely helps her a tiny bit with Powwow planning. This couple also serves as our liaison with the Native American cadets at the US Air Force Academy.

You can't have an effective BOD without someone to get the word out to our media giants. Our next Board member is a lady who is dedicated to aiding homeless war veterans, can get a PSA created in seconds to the many and varied press outlets in our little town in The Rockies. She also serves as Board Secretary with the assistance of her dog Truman.

Our final member is our recently appointed Executive Director. She brings continuity, commitment, an understanding of the Native culture and the operation of our organization. She has many Native friends, tribal contacts, and family members in Indian Country. Although she is not a Native American, Kathy's primary focus is the welfare of the thousands of Native American we serve.

We also have a group of eight Native American former Board members who served with distinction. We honor them and recognize them as our One Nation Ambassadors. We are very fortunate to have a cohesive Board of Directors team, working with each other in harmony, sharing the same expectations, and sacrificing a part of their lives for the good of others.

ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL POWWOW

Our sincerest thanks to Al and Rhett Walter, plus dozens of volunteers, for their tireless effort to make the Ninth Annual Colorado Springs Powwow very successful!

On June 10th, five drum groups kept the heartbeat of Mother Earth echoing throughout the building. The Powwow brought members of the Native community together in the "old way" to dance, socialize, and celebrate history and traditions. For non-Natives, the Powwow was an opportunity to interact with the indigenous community. Also, the Powwow provided One Nation Walking Together a means to spread its message about the needs of the "poorest of the poor" living on Reservations, which include basics of daily survival: food, clothing, medical supplies, and furniture. In addition to non-perishable food items collected at the Powwow, the monetary proceeds from that day support One Nation's outreach efforts.

For a second year, the Mayor of Colorado Springs was an honored guest at the Powwow who recognized the good works of One Nation. He reminded everyone that the Native Nations were the original guardians of the natural wonders that attract visitors to the Pikes Peak region.

The sights and sounds of the Powwow included Native drums and singers, dancers from many Nations; over 20 nonprofit organizations that provide information to, or assist, the needy, elderly, or disabled; more than 50 vendors who offered genuine Native art, pottery, and jewelry; and three Native food vendors who cooked fry bread and Indian tacos. The Aztec Dancers demonstrated their high energy dances, Hawk Quest showcased their predatory birds, and the Native teaching lodge provided a glimpse of Native life from the 1800s.

How You Can Help...

- Recycle your metal
- Bring us your cardboard boxes
- Donate your vehicle
- Volunteer your time and skills with One Nation
- Host a food, Christmas toy, or school supplies drive
- Help with our events
- Make a monthly pledge
- Shop the Amazon Smile program at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0215122>
- Donate online through PayPal at www.onenationwt.org

NEED A SPEAKER?

Want to learn more about One Nation and those living on reservations? Want to know what the needs are in our poorest communities and how you can help?

Contact us at
719-329-0251 or
office@onenationwt.org

You will be surprised at what is new, what is needed and what you can do to make a difference in the lives of others.

CHICKEN PROGRAM UPDATE

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KATHY TURZI

Chickens and eggs abound! We're so happy and grateful for the success of this year's chicken coop build and delivery. We once again pre-built two coops with the greatest assistance from First Christian Church members here in Colorado Springs. The delivery and assembly was done with 14 volunteers from the church as well. The church members sewed curtains to cover all the windows in those two homes.

Because we took a large truck to deliver the supplies and equipment, we had room for some donations of needed items from you all as well. Items included: appliances, food, blankets and other greatly needed household items. During our visit there, we identified other huge needs -- such as shingles for the homes that had been leaking for some time. We made sure to bring all the shingles and other needed repair items when we delivered the chickens two weeks after the coops were assembled on-site. Although one family needed the shingles badly, they had us take them to another family member down the road where they knew the need was larger at that home.

I wish I had the proper words to explain the experience we all had on the trips. We go hoping to give and provide for the People we serve, but all too often what we are given in return is much larger. We were fed by the families each day and I know it was with almost all of the food that was left at one of the homes. To be honored in such a manner of being given their last meal in gratitude is something that I have no words for. Our whole team felt the love from both families while we were there. We not only provided a sustainable way to provide food for the future of the families, but also experienced the cultural exchange of stories, food and love. There is not a value I could ever



put on that. I am confident that all of our lives were changed those days. Reports of one elder singing to the chickens let us know they are indeed therapeutic. The younger children are loving and learning about the care for the chickens. This feedback reassures us of the future generations of sustainable food.

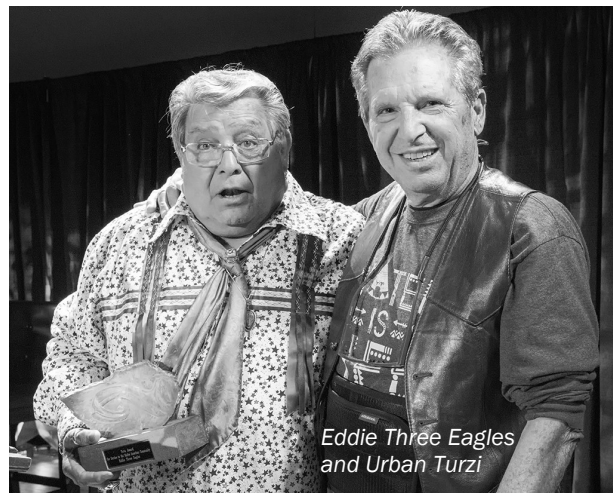
If you have ever spoken with me, I probably have told you that we have the best donors and volunteers and that we serve the best people in the world. I believe this with my whole heart. I thank you all for your continued investment in the lives of the People we serve. Together we are making a huge difference!

Our builds are in the works for another delivery this fall! We are making some changes to include building on-site and involving local Native folks who would like to have the opportunity to turn coop-building into a small business for their communities. I look forward to updating you more on this as we progress.

TAVA AWARD-EDDIE THREE EAGLES

Our organization has instituted a new form of special recognition, to highlight individuals who have significantly contributed to our mission for an extended period of time.

We are happy to announce that this year's recipient of the Tava Award is our beloved Chief Ambassador, Eddie Three Eagles. Over the past decade, Eddie has devoted his time and talent to the organization, both as a professional entertainer and as a humanitarian, well over four hundred times. His significant contributions include public outreach and education regarding the plight of Native communities and Native cultures.



Eddie Three Eagles and Urban Turzi

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In Kind donations
\$1,233.17

Colorado
donations:
\$160,905.00

Out of state
donations:
\$317,187.00

Emergency
Services
\$3,482.80

Number of
Volunteer Hours
2,974.50

Dollar Value of
Volunteer Time
\$68,621.72

HELLO AND GOODBYE

It is with a tearful note that we say goodbye to our AmeriCorps VISTA employee, Kelsey Comfort, who left One Nation after serving with the organization for two years. During her tenure, Kelsey's contributions to One Nation's programs and services were manifold. Her diligence, intelligence, enthusiasm, and humor collectively made her an invaluable asset to our office, and she is greatly missed.

Joining One Nation as our new AmeriCorps VISTA person is Jessica Wohlrob. Jessica is very honored and excited to be joining the One Nation Family! A recent graduate of Binghamton University with a Bachelor's of Science in Human Development and a minor in history, public service has always been an essential part of who she is and what she wants to do with her life. Jessica joined AmeriCorps with the intention of making a positive impact in the health and well-being of Native American communities. An ardent supporter of social justice platforms and human rights, Jessica firmly believes in the mission and goals of ONWT, an organization

doing innovative and important work. During her time with the organization, she hopes to meaningfully apply her diverse skills and nonprofit background to help expand the organization's capacity to both carry out its existing services as well as develop new, sustainable programs.



Welcome Jessica Wohlrob, AmeriCorps VISTA

DO YOU GET OUR MONTHLY UPDATES?

To receive our monthly email updates, which are short, sweet and informative, please visit: www.onenationwt.org to sign up!



VOLUNTEER STORIES

Our volunteers are truly the heart of our organization. We couldn't serve our Native brothers and sisters without them! At our busiest time, ONWT is fortunate enough to receive around \$20,000 worth of in-kind donations monthly. Without volunteers in our warehouse sorting, boxing and loading our semi-truck, we wouldn't be able to get these generously donated items to the People.

One Nation has some of the most dedicated, hard-working volunteers who help keep our organization running, many of whom have been with us since our Walking Shield beginnings. Lorraine Ramsey has been our devoted bookkeeper for many years. Regina Deich generously donates her accounting services to us. Sally Pearce has been our long-time committed record keeper. Judy Gearhart (another long-standing volunteer) helps out in our housewares department. Carolyn Marsala is an administrative volunteer who is our right arm in the office, while her husband, David, volunteers in our sorting room weekly. They both also work many ONWT events. Nancy Craig is our "Gal Friday" in the office and she too helps with events.

These are just a few of

the countless volunteers we are fortunate to have. We're always happy to welcome new volunteers to our ONWT family. If you're interested in volunteering for One Nation Walking Together, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities. Specifically, we need people to help load heavier furniture items onto our semi-truck. But, you may sort and organize donated items in our warehouse, travel along on donation pick-ups, join one of our event or fundraising committees, help at events, assist with administrative work, and more!

Call (719) 329-0251 or email office@onenationwt.org to learn how to get involved today.



Carolyn and David Marsala



PLEASE DONATE:

- Money
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Space Heaters
- Sleeping Bags
- Hygiene Items
- Nonperishable Food
- Diapers & Formula
- Laundry Detergent
- Towels
- Winter Coats, Hats & Gloves
- Socks
- Vehicles

DINE' LORE BY SUMMER HOGUE (NAVAJO)

About three months ago, my family was blessed with a baby boy. My sister-in-law had informed us she would be having a baby, and the whole family was excited. The first thought that came to mind was "no wonder the kids are behaving the way they are".

I was reminded of my aunts telling my cousins and me when we were children that we were being whiny and crybabies, which usually meant that someone close to us was having a baby. My kids were looking through their legs, crossing their fingers, and were, in fact a little more clingy and whiny than usual.

I was reminded of the holiness and sacredness of having a baby, as Dine' people believe babies to be present in the physical world as well as the spiritual world. As part of the cultural practice, when we had news of the baby being born, kiddos are splashed or given a quick bath in cool to cold water, to signify the infants' immersion into the physical world and the older children have a renewal of spirit. It is also believed to wash away the whininess and



naughtiness siblings display, and to prevent them from being jealous of the new baby. Cold water is believed to give strength and build resilience in a person, because water is, in fact, the essence of life.

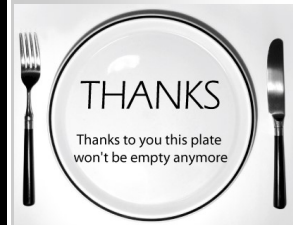
These practices go back to creation stories of the Dine', which are usually passed from generation to generation in story form. So, the next time you hear of children acting "that way" because someone is pregnant or the kids were given a cold water bath because so and so had a baby, you have an idea why.



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You have
two hands.
One to help
yourself,
the second
to help others.



WALK WITH US!

Walk with us! Our mission is to improve the quality of life and outcomes of Native Americans living in impoverished third world conditions. The semi trucks we send, with your help, are filled with the basic necessities of life. Together we can make a greater difference! Please consider making a recurring monthly donation to keep these monthly shipments going to Indian country! Together we can make an impact in the lives of those living in incredible need in our country! When you make a monthly donation you help to ensure these vital goods get to People who are living in hopelessness. For as little as \$19.00/month your donation on an annual basis will cover 1/7th of a shipment valued at \$13,662.00 and you will help 54 people per year!! That is an incredible impact!

YOU can make a difference today and every day!

To make your impact go to www.onenationwt.org
or mail a check to

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Yes! I accept your invitation to help One Nation

Please consider making a \$19 per month (annual) sustaining donation. This amount helps us ship a truck full of the basic necessities of life, once a month.

- _____ \$600 will support 1/4 of the freight cost for a semi-truck carrying goods to help 350 people.
- _____ \$100 will send windows and doors to two families to keep the wind and rain out.
- _____ \$75 will feed a family of four for 3 days.
- _____ \$50 will keep 25 children's tiny toes warm.
- \$_____ will help keep our local doors open and continue our mission to help those in need with a hand up, not a hand out.

**Please send donations to: One Nation Walking Together
3150 N. Nevada Avenue
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ July 2017



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