



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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As seen on RFD-TV's Hidden Heritage Show, sponsored by "brulerecords.com"

One Nation's Greatest Needs

- **Financial Support**
- **Hygiene Items**
- **Food Items**
- **Baby Formula**
- **Canned Meat**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Rice & Beans**
- **Canned Soup**
- **Space Heaters**
- **Furniture**
- **Appliances**

WE ARE MOVING

You read it here first, we are pleased to announce our office and warehouse operations are now in the process of moving to another building. We will be moving about 100 yards from our current location as the proverbial crow flies. Actually, because of fences and other buildings, the physical move might seem to be about a half mile away.

New digs address: 3150 North Nevada Avenue. Whether you are coming north or south on Nevada you can access our facility. You enter on a driveway on the west side of the street, just north of the Colorado Springs State

Bank and drive about 300 yards and you will see our building on your right.

This new facility will provide a more professional looking office, a much larger warehouse with much needed industrial shelving.



INDYGIVE! CAMPAIGN

Our recently concluded Indy Give Campaign was a great success. We met our financial goal, we partnered with other non-profits on a couple of fund raising events, we received great media coverage on TV and the newspaper, we received enough donations to receive our matching grants, we gained new donors, we learned more about how to better manage a non-profit organization, we made new professional contacts who are now providing their services on

a pro bono basis and we continued to realize the importance of faith and hope and the joy in giving. A tip of our hats to our matching business grantors, namely, Colorado Springs State Bank, an anonymous donor, North by Southwest, our Board of Directors and the Future of Wellness. And to those of you who donated your hard earned resources to our mission, many blessings and a huge THANK YOU!

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Please know we love you and thank you all for your precious time and service in helping us do our mission. It's our hope that you realize we could not function without your efforts. Thank you also to your spouses, children and other family members who often join you in your service. We can always use more volunteers.

Whether sorting donations, working in our office, planning an event, assisting at an event, organizing and making presentations to churches/schools/businesses, etc., we always need more help. Call Laura at our office to find out how we might find your niche: 719-329-0251 Wopila Tanka!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 1, 2014**
We meet a group of students from Holy Cross College in Massachusetts to work with Native construction workers at the Southwest Indian Foundation in Gallup, New Mexico. This is our fourth year working with these wonderful students who give up their Spring Break to work with us building and repairing homes on the Navajo reservation under direct supervision of our special friends at the SWIF. Thank you Joe E.
- **June 14, 2014**
Annual Gathering of the People at the Takoda Tavern in Parker, Colorado.
- **July 19, 2014**
Annual Pow Wow at the Freedom Financial Expo Center in Colorado Springs.

If you have any questions or need additional information on these events, give us a call at (719)329-0251.

Web of Life

"Teach your children what we have taught our children - that the Earth is our Mother. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons and daughters of the Earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. This we know. The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood that unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons and daughters of the Earth. We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the Web, we do to ourselves"
Chief Seattle



A NEW PROGRAM FOR US

When our non-profit was first organized, the emphasis was to focus on providing Native People living on reservations with clothing and food. As success followed our founders, the focus increased to provide other needs such as furniture, appliances, housewares, school supplies and equipment, etc. to tribal entities in seven western/mid-western states. Home repairs were also included in the expansion of services. In the last two years, with your generosity, we have distributed more than \$3.1 million in basic necessities to Natives living on the reservations and those living in urban communities along the Front Range of Colorado.

In past correspondence, we informed you about our desire to implement a Micro-Agriculture Program. The focus of this program is to teach Native Americans, both on and off the reservations, how to develop year round protein and vegetable food sources and

establish a small family business as well. Besides the health benefits associated with eating fresh protein (eggs) and vegetables, we see other benefits such as pride, a sense of responsibility, the therapeutic value of working with the earth and the opportunity to be mini-entrepreneurs for those wanting to share or sell the fruits of their labors. The long term goal includes increasing Native household sufficiency.

We already have chicks ready to go to a family in spring 2014 with the intent to provide a total of 60-80 chickens in 2014. Families will be chosen to participate based on their willingness to attend training and document inputs and outcomes. Training includes three components: chicken raising essentials, improving child/family nutrition and business basics for developing micro enterprises using excess egg production and craft items (feathers, decorated eggs). Our intent is to make this an on-going program.

A Few Things We Don't Need...

While most items are needed, remember these are given as gifts and must be clean, in good working condition and usable. We reserve the right to turn down items that are not needed such as:

- High heel shoes
- Waterbeds/frames
- Roller blades
- Snow boards
- Some knickknacks
- Skis
- Purses & dry-clean only clothing

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE



Whether your old clunker runs or not, we would gladly accept your vehicle as a

donation. Call our office to make arrangements to transfer titles and get a donation receipt for your tax purposes. (719-329-0251)

WWW.WHOISLEONARDPELTIER.INFO

Leonard Peltier has been imprisoned for nearly half his life for a crime the federal government couldn't prove. If you want to learn

more about this man; activist, artist, humanitarian and writer, then I recommend a visit to the above noted web site.

GIFTS OF HOPE TV SPECIAL

If you were not able to air the second episode of the Hands of Hope TV special, shown on the RFD-TV network last year and would like a copy, then just drop us a note or

call us or email us and we will put a DVD in the mail to you with our blessings for your support. The show is about you and how you change lives. (719-329-0251/office@onenationwt.org)

RMICC

A few months ago, our organization joined the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce. This has helped us do a better job of networking with local and regional businesses

owned and managed by Native American women and men. We feel very positive that our membership in this professional group will assist us in meeting the goals of our mission.



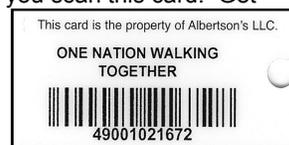
ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Please scan our *Community Partners* key tag every time you shop at any Albertsons. This helps us earn much needed funding. Many thanks and blessings to those of you who have participated on behalf of One Nation.

Currently, we get a check every three months that pays for one month's worth of trash service for our facility. That may not sound significant, however, with such a small budget as ours that really is most helpful. Keep

shopping!

Stop by our office or call to get a key tag. Have it scanned at the check out each time you shop at Albertsons. We earn 1% of your eligible shopping each time you scan this card. Get extra tags for friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who may be willing to help.



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?

Call us at 719-329-0251 to secure a date for a speaker to come to your club, church, business, school or organization. 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.

FEINSTEIN FOOD DRIVE

The Feinstein Foundation supports many non-profits each year providing financial support based on the results of a Food Drive conducted every March-April. So, once again, we ask your support of our collaboration with this wonderful foundation. For every item of food (dried or canned) or any \$\$ designated for this event, One Nation will receive a percentage of the total

dollar amount. The check/grant usually arrives in July. With the level of poverty and the resultant hunger experienced on the reservations, your food donations save the People from starving to death, especially the children and the elders. It's a crime, in our country of plenty, that we have people wanting for food on a daily basis.

YOUNG ADVENTURERS

I recently met Terry Bomar who heads up a non-profit organization entitled Young Adventurers (www.YoungAdventurers.org). Each year Terry and his partners put on a nation wide talent show where youth who are talented singers, dancers, play musical instruments, etc., compete in a venue akin to the TV show "America's Got Talent". The intent is to help kids feel good about themselves, give them confidence and goals and show case their talents. When Terry heard about our mission and the conditions Native Youth endure on the reservations and in our cities, he wanted to provide something positive to these kids as well as the kids from mainstream America. So, we

are working with Native organizations in our region (Denver/Colorado Springs) to allow our American Indian Youth to be a part of the Talent Contest. Current plan is to have a talent show sometime before mid-April, select a winner and possibly a runner up, fly them to Florida, all expenses paid by Terry's group, so they can compete on a national level as part of the finals of this event. One of Terry's partners is a man named Dan Haggerty, who you might remember as "Grizzly Adams" and another is Don Shanks, a Native man who played Nakoma on the same show. Right now we are trying to see if we can make it happen. If we do we will update you via our Facebook and email blasts.

BIG JON



In the past two months we welcomed a new member to our Board of Directors. In fact, we feel blessed as Jon Duncan has taken over the helm of our Board as our Chairperson. Jon grew up in Juneau, Alaska. He is a Tlingit member of the Eagle Killerwhale clan; his Tlingit name is Gooch Tlein. He holds a Master's

degree in Business Administration and he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Managed Business Solutions, a Native American owned information technology company.

Jon is a dedicated and loving family man who is devoted not only to his family, but to all mankind. We look forward to Jon's leadership on our Board.

MY TRIP TO PINE RIDGE

BY CAROL "RED HAWK SINGING" CHATELAINE (CHOCTAW)

The trip to the rez was a first for me. I don't know what I was expecting, maybe something out of Hollywood. I wasn't sure. It started out an interesting adventure, especially in the company of those I had gone with. I had fun, when my spirit allowed and my inner thoughts would quiet down for a short time. But the realities of rez life hit hard from day one, and continued until I returned to Colorado and into this day. The sights, the sounds, the heavy weight that hung over the people and the land were intense. Being welcomed into the lives of a choice few Lakota families, my heart ached and it took everything I had to control the tears that threatened to overflow at any given time. I was astounded by the lack of help the People are receiving from those offering it; the one home in particular, run by Donna Jumping Eagle, and seemed to overwhelm our whole group the most. In her honest and quiet Lakota

humility, she welcomed us to her kitchen table and proceeded to tell us, without being prompted, what she did for the young adults in her home and the school where she teaches, and most importantly, to share who she was and what her life is and has been about; an honor in itself. When she spoke, we all listened. And when she stopped, we all cried. Even as I write this down I feel the rush of emotions that spill from every part of me. It has been a difficult reality to carry on my shoulders these past weeks, but at the same time I am eager to return, if only to share the tears, or the smiles, or the warm embraces. It is an honor to be a part of One Nation Walking Together and when I am no longer a board member, I will continue to do what I can through One Nation, knowing that I have done the best that I could to make (if only a small) difference in someone's life who is far less fortunate than I am.

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Our generous donors provided:

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(I know many of you didn't log in your hours but I still love you)

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Yes! I accept your invitation to help One Nation

- _____ \$600 will match the community's part of the freight cost of a semi truck of household goods to service approximately 300 families. **(approximate value \$150,000)**
- _____ \$100 will send windows and doors to 2 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.
- _____ \$35 will wrap an elder in love AND a warm fleece blanket.

\$_____ 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
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I wish to volunteer Please call me Add me to your e-mail list

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