

ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER

MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF NATIVE AMERICANS

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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.

WINTER 2015

One Nation's Greatest Needs

- **Financial Support**
- **Furniture**
- **Appliances**
- **Hygiene Items**
- **Food**
- **School Supplies**
- **Housewares**
- **Clothing**

Pickup service available.
Please call 719-329-0251
Tues.-Fri. 9am-3pm

O GREAT SPIRIT,
help me
always to
speak the
TRUTH quietly,
to LISTEN
with an
OPEN MIND,
and to
remember
the PEACE
that may be
found in
SILENCE.
Cherokee Prayer

A NOTE FROM ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS

As I scrolled thru my Facebook today, a day in early December 2014, I found a post from one of our Oglala Lakota friends on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota who shared this note: "It is seventeen degrees today and in my home we could see some ice on the floor and we could see our own breath."

This family of four young ones and three adults only source of heat in the home is a propane cooking stove which runs out quickly this time of year. Space heaters, blankets, pillows, bed sheets, coats, gloves and plastic to cover their windows mean so much this time of year to this family as well as the many people we serve who live in homes with limited to no heat.

Prior to Christmas, two of our volunteers visited this family and delivered much needed and wished for items. A few other gifts that

Santa thought appropriate were sprinkled among the family. We were greeted with respect and humility and giant smiles, especially by the children. Once the van was unloaded, our volunteers were invited into the small home where the family shared their gratitude and love for helping them survive the winter months.

This was just one of five places Carol and her spouse stopped over a four day weekend on two reservations in South Dakota. At least a hundred adults, little ones and elders and a couple of pet dogs were given a respite from their lives of poverty.

We wish you were with us to receive their embraces, smiles and expressions of thanks as you provided us these gifts of hope and the resources to make this trip extremely meaningful to so many.

NEW LOCATION AND NEW LOOK!

One Nation Walking Together began 2014 by packing and moving its office and warehouse to a new facility. As the crow flies, the move is about 100 yards away from our previous Commerce Street location to Nevada Avenue. It took a good three months of hard work to accomplish this move but it was well worth the time and effort.

This new location provides more office space, more warehouse space and highly efficient storage equipment- all at no increase in

rent! One Nation's new complex is also very energy efficient thus saving money on the utility bill. This gift was given to ONWT by a very special anonymous donor.

New look: Did you notice our logo has a new look as does our brochure?! In addition, we are in the process of re-designing our web site-www.onenationwt.org! We hope to have our new site up and running within the next month!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, June 6th, 2015**
"A Gathering of the People"
11:00AM-5:00PM
12311 Pine Bluffs Way, Parker, CO 80134
- **Date and time TBD**
One Nation Walking Together Film Festival
- **Saturday, July 18th, 2015**
Annual Colorado Springs Native American Intertribal Festival and Traditional Powwow
10:00AM-6:00PM
Freedom Financial Expo Center
3650 N Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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.

STITCHING FOR ONWT ON RAVELRY.COM

Last year a group was formed on Ravelry.com to make knitted and crocheted items for people on the reservations. Ravelry is a free knit, crochet, spinning and weaving site where there are a lot of different groups that you can join. The site also has many different patterns – some free and some paid. There are many generous people who delight in making items for others.

From Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2014, people sent 1,604 handcrafted items and 295 purchased items for a total of 1,899 items. These gifts come to us from all across our country, from as far away as Hawaii.

We invite any crafters who would like to help us in this effort to make lovely, warm and useful items for people on the reservations to join us on Ravelry. You will need to register but there is no charge, they just want to know that you are a real person instead of a robot. I've never received any spam from belonging to this site. One you've joined Ravelry then search under groups for *Stitching for One Nation Walking Together* and please join that group. We have a lot of fun and keep track of our total items received on that group site.

Our goal for 2015 is 2,500 items so please help us reach that goal.

EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPANDING

This aspect of ONWT's mission consists of several facets: it entails distribution of school supplies, educating the public about the plight of Native Americans as well as showcasing the positive aspects of their culture. One Nation's public education component is accomplished via lectures, film festivals, storytelling sessions, concerts, gatherings and a Powwow. One Nation's board of directors recently approved

the fiscal sponsor for two organizations whose mission fits appropriately with ONWT. Specifically, a local Native Dance/Drum group (comprised of Native and non-Native youth and adults called the Matoska Dancers) and a Ute tribe cultural preservation program (entitled the TAVA Gathering) will formally partner with ONWT. Such relationships are mutually beneficial.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WARRIOR CHICKENS?



ONWT delivered a dozen egg laying hens to a Native family in rural eastern Colorado this past summer, along with a newly constructed coop, supplies and feed. Based on the positive results of this test case, One Nation then sent requests for long term funding to two foundations interested in supporting our food sustainability programs.

Great news!! Just as this newsletter is going to print, we received notice that both of our funding requests have been approved!! One of the grants is a challenge grant which means we will have to raise funds to match the grant before we can receive the grant monies-we accept the challenge!!

DID YOU KNOW...?

- One Nation recycles metal and accepts useable cardboard boxes.
- We now accept worn and torn clothing which will be recycled into fiber and may eventually become insulation, upholstery, stuffing or carpet padding. This accounts for 20% of all our textile donations. Our recycling program provides us with much needed financial support while making a positive impact on the environment!
- There is no cost to get involved in the Albertson's Community Partners Program. By using one of their key tags you can help One Nation earn 1% of your shopping each time you scan the card. Stop by our office to pick one up or give us a call, 719-329-0251 or office@onenationwt.org, and let us know you would like us to mail one to you. Get a few and give them to your family and friends.

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, toy or school supplies drive
- Help with our events
- Make a monthly pledge
- Donate online thru 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.

ONWT'S ONGOING EBAY FUNDRAISER

One Nation has established an eBay Giving Works account so that anyone who wishes to sell on eBay and donate 10 – 100% of the sold price can do so without extra cost to themselves. eBay will deduct the percent of the final value fee of the item sold that you donate to ONWT. They will also sweep the percentage that you are donating into the One Nation PayPal account. You must also have a PayPal account for this to work.

You can also support One Nation Walking Together by shopping the items that are listed under their charity page. Shoppers are as important as sellers so share this information with all your friends.

If you aren't familiar with how to find the Giving Works section of eBay we've written instructions for you.

First, go to the bottom of the main page of ebay.com and click on the "legal, privacy & more" box. That will take you to the site map where on the right side about 6 lines from the bottom will be a link to eBay Giving Works page.

When you get to this page, click on sellers in the left hand column. On this seller page you can search for charities. Just search for One Nation Walking Together and you will come to the One Nation page where you can make a donation or you can begin to list items to sell. Please click on the link near the top of the page for favorite charity. If you wish to view what is currently being sold to benefit One Nation just look below the listing information as all the items will be listed there. Once you've listed an item, then the easiest way to get back to the selling page is to go to your current listing and click on the One Nation Logo. That will return you to this page.

If you are confused by any of this and wish to have a contact you can call the One Nation office at 719-329-0251 and ask to have Kae Elliott return your call. She is willing to walk you through this by telephone if you need the help.

This fundraiser will be ongoing. Kae has been testing it out since September and it has been quite successful. As usual, the funds are used to sort and deliver items to "The People".

FUSION SIGN AND DESIGN

Talk about luck, a few months back One Nation was in need of a large arrow to place on an outdoor sign to help direct donors to ONWT's new off-street location. In talking with the manager, Jean White, at Fusion Sign and Design regarding an estimate, she said: "No charge and we are going to take care of all your signage needs, printing of business cards, etc. for the next two years."!! This might not qualify as a miracle but it sure is a blessing to come across a local business who believes in giving back to the community. Bless you Jean and your great staff for your artistic technical support and generosity.



Shelley Morningsong and Fabian Fontenelle were our featured performers at our concert this past November, honoring Native American Heritage Month.

INDY GIVE! CAMPAIGN

A huge thank you to those of you who were able to provide financial resources and/or your prayers this past November and December, as One Nation participated in the INDY Give! Campaign. This campaign is sponsored by our local weekly newspaper, the Colorado Springs Independent, and the Pikes Peak Community

Foundation. Thank you, thank you and thank you some more! We were most fortunate as we met both our matching grant goal and our overall goal. The success of this fundraising endeavor is a blessing to the Native families served by your generosity as 95 cents of every dollar we receive goes to direct mission support.

KUDOS TO OUR DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

We know it is trite to say, but hey, the truth is the truth: there would not be a One Nation Walking Together without the donations of time, merchandise, \$\$\$, smiles, tears, sweat and prayers of you wonderful and caring people.

Whether you have supported One Nation for the past ten years or the past ten weeks, we do not take you for granted. We couldn't function without you.

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2014 YEAR END REPORT

Our generous
donors provided:
9147

Volunteer hours
(173 Volunteers)

Dollar value of volunteer
hours **\$206,265**

Dollar value of
merchandise given to
those in need:
\$1.2 million




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OR CURRENT RESIDENT





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
3150 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

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T-shirts & Hoodies!

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