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One Nation Walking Together is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of Native Americans. Together we rehabilitate communities by improving shelter and providing medical aid, educational programs, and food supplies through programs that cross cultural barriers while respecting individual differences.

One Nation Walking Together promotes public awareness of the plight and aspirations of Native Americans.

SEPTEMBER 2011

# One Nation's Greatest Needs

- FinancialSupport
- SchoolSupplies
- Hygiene Products
- · Underwear & Socks (youth)
- · Food



# **CROW INDIAN RESERVATION**

This past spring saw many major waterways flood different parts of our country. These natural disasters affect the lives of many people. When the people touched are among the poor, the consequences are even more devastating. Case in point is the Crow Indian Reservation in Crow Agency, Montana where the Missouri River destroyed 50 homes making 60 families homeless. We made contact with the Crow Agency and they provided us with a master list of their needs. Thanks to our local media, specifically, our NBC affiliate here, KOAA-TV, we received some much appreciated news coverage about this situation and the response from our local region was fast and wonderful.

Within a couple of weeks we were able to load up a 53 foot tractor trailer and send it off to our Crow brothers and sisters with our love and best wishes. It takes a lot of manpower to sort, package and load our trucks. It also takes about \$9,000 in operating costs to do the same. Luckily, volunteers from a local computer development company (LSI), along with support from our local Community Corrections volunteers, made the loading of this shipment a much easier task than normal. To those who made donations of merchandise and to those who provided the financial support to make this shipment a reality, we are most grateful.

## **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

This annual affair was a huge success this past June due to the herculean efforts of one of our Board members, Yolanda White (Mescalero Apache) and the kindness and generosity of the owner of the Takoda Tavern, Bob Nobles and

his wife, Nancy in Parker, CO. This event included fine food, Native musicians, non-Native musicians, a silent auction, door prizes, smiles and laughter, questionable singing and wonderful Native American flute playing and drumming. This gathering had many purposes: to share the positive aspects of the Native culture with the general public; to provide awareness of the plight of the Native People we serve; and to raise much needed capital for our charity's wallet. This event wouldn't have been as successful as it was had it not been for our volunteers and those entertainers

who volunteered their time and talent. Many thanks to all who made this such a wonderful day and many thanks to the Creator for providing great weather and caring friends.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9-11, 2011 91st Southern Ute Fair Contest Powwow Sky Ute Fairgrounds Ignacio, CO Saturday, Sept. 24th 9 am-5 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden of the Gods/ Rockledge Ranch Powwow Colorado Springs, CO

Saturday, November 5th

Dinner Show

Navajo Hogan

Colorado Springs, CO

If you have any questions or need additional information on any of these events, give us a call.

# ALIE GATOR:WARRIOR OF LOVE

It seems I have been reporting about the loss of some of our supporters in the last few issues of our newsletter. I know some of you do not know anything about those who have gone on their "final journey" but I feel compelled to honor the memory of these special people.

So it goes with the loss of my brother Alie Three Eagles Herrera (Yaqui heritage) this past July. Alie was our point of contact at Colorado State University in Pueblo. At the end of each school year Alie would make arrangements through his Facility Program and the student dormitories to collect items of merchandise the students no longer needed (e.g. microwave ovens, lamps, school supplies, clothing, etc.).

Being the superb musician he was, Alie

would also donate the services of his band or his own musical talents for a number of our fund raising events. Of special note, you can check out one of his songs via Youtube at the following address: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?">http://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?">v=ECONdP4qr0s&feature=share</a>. Alie also recorded his music and voice on a CD he made with his uncle, our Board of Directors member, Eddie Three Eagles. Alie's last performance for us was at our Gathering of the People this past June at the Takoda Tavern in Parker, CO where he proudly wore one of his One Nation Walking Together T shirts.

Alie always would say "How can I help out One Nation more?". I consider Alie Three Eagles a warrior of love.



# LONG DISTANCE SUPPORT

Our charity is blessed in so many

ways, one of which is the support we receive from those of you who live out of our state and local area. When we spent this past March on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota working with students from Holy Cross College in Worchester, Massachusetts, we acquired some new donors. While on this trip, the students found out what POOR really means. One example was the fact that a good number of the Native high school girls can't go to school because they can't afford to purchase

feminine hygiene products when needed. To help with this situation, one of our Holy Cross Crusaders, Katie, enlisted the help of others and sent us a generous donation so we could buy the aforementioned supplies to send on our truck, thus avoiding mailing/shipping costs and taxes.

How this gift will affect our Native youth is unknown but surely it will make some high school females feel comfortable enough that they won't have to miss classes. Did you know that approximately 50% of our Native youth don't graduate from school?

# YOUR DONATIONS

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



# OLDIES BUT GOODIES

This past spring we were able to have Marian the Librarian return as a volunteer to help out in the warehouse office. In April she obtained a donation of exercise equipment from one of the Curves store in our local area after they went out of business. The equipment given to us was a big donation! Marian had a contact

on the Pine Ridge rez that was able to find a home for the work-out equipment in a community church so everyone could have access and help themselves with their fight against diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. Along with her husband, the two funded the transport of the equipment. Thank you Marian!

# FRED WHO? BY KATHY ARNOLD, OPERATIONS MGR



I would like to tell you about a new volunteer. His name is Fred Dunson. You may have met him at our June Gathering of the People at Takota Tavern.

He was also one of the key people who managed the construction and carpentry aspects of our March Rez trip with the group from Holy Cross College. Fred has been on many Rez trips these past few months and will be going on many more. Why? Because I prayed to the Creator to bless me with a wonderful life partner who had a love for One Nation Walking Together's mission as much as I do and He did indeed bless me. This coming

September 10 I will no longer be Kathy Arnold. I am proud to say I will be Kathy Dunson. Our wedding ceremony is to be conducted by our Brother and Board Member, Eddie Three Eagles.



# 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 Urban Turzi, Director at
One Nation Walking Together
and 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.

### BIKES FOR THE REZ

Approximately half the folks on the reservations we serve do not have reliable transportation. Your donations of useable bicycles is often a godsend as our brothers and sisters would have to walk many miles in all kinds of adverse weather, day and night to get from one part of their reservation to another. Those of you who donate bikes that don't have flat tires and are in good mechanical shape, bless you. For those of you who donate unusable bikes, please know we truly appreciate that effort as well, as we use those for our metal recycling program which helps with our finances each month.

One of our long distance donors of two wheeled transportation is an 86 year young man

who lives in Commerce City. Our octogenarian friend is Art Scriven and he has reconditioned so many bikes over the years and sent them down to us via the Bicycle Village's truck (thanks to Bruce Lein) that we have lost count. Knowing how important

bikes are and how happy and appreciative they make the youngsters and adults, we are happily taking our collective hats off to Art for his many good deeds...deeds = his time + his money + his good heart.



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### BLACKWOLF

Our friend and brother at the Colorado Springs Indian Center, Jim Blackwolf, was named postmaster of the year for the state of Colorado for 2010. You should hear Jimmy sing Opera in Italian! Andrea Bocelli has nothing on our Southern Ute friend. Our charity is most blessed to have a professional and personal partnership and relationship with this fine man who heads up our local Indian Center.

### DAVID FITZGERALD

Our friend, volunteer emeritus, donor, disabled Viet Nam veteran, Patriot supreme, golfer, bowler, hunter, jokester, woodworker, and rodeo cowboy passed away in May 2011. More than anything David was my "confidante" when I first took over this mission. I find it

difficult knowing I won't be able to ask him for further advice or tease him about his military service or remind him that he needed training wheels for his motorcycle. David and his wife Judith's contributions to our charity will not go unnoticed by the Creator. "A ho my friend".

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Can you spare 3 or 4 or 6 hours of your week or month to help us out? We need 3-4 volunteers to assist one day a week in the warehouse to accept donations, copy receipts for donors, keep aisles clear and safe, help

manage volunteer groups and other duties as assigned (fear not: we leave the cleaning of our rest rooms for our Executive Director) and as might fit in with your talents and interests. If you can help please call 329-0251.

### **GET READY FOR SANTA CLAUS**

Our first request for Christmas gifts came in early May this year. Many more requests have come in since. Santa does not rest during the year here at One Nation. Please keep this in mind as you are getting an early start on your Christmas shopping. We are in need of gifts for

the young ones as well as items for our teens and elders. Board games, basketballs, dolls, socks and hygiene items are just a few of our greatest needs.

Thank you for remembering the forgotten ones at Christmas!

### STILL RECYCLING!!

Many of you bring in your aluminum cans and scrap metal and we thank you very much. However, did you know that we recycle used ink cartridges from your computers as well as your unwanted cell phones? And just to let you

know, the Box Tops you provide are being sent to Our Lady of Lourdes School on the Pine Ridge Rez. They let us know that they are being used to obtain laptops for the classrooms.

Thank you all for helping make that happen.

Top Food Needs



- Baby Formula
- Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Beans
- Unsweetened
   Cereals
- Hamburger Helper
- Sauces
- Soups





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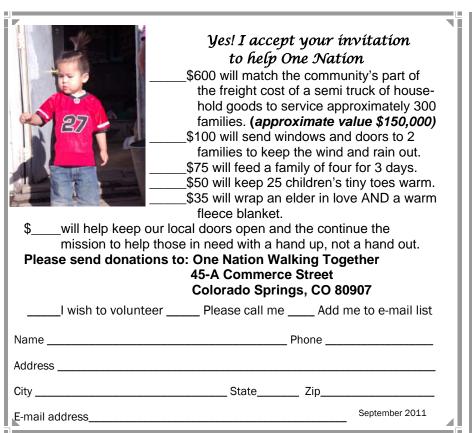
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T-shirts (S-4X) \$15-\$17 Long Sleeve Tees (S-4X) \$20-\$22 Hoodies (S-3X) \$25-\$29