

Reservation Realities

Native Americans experience disparities or differences in social equity as compared to other population groups in the U.S. PWNA is committed to helping Native Americans address these persistent challenges, which span every aspect of life.

Quick Facts

- Native Americans endure a legacy of healthcare disparities, leading to disproportionate disease rates for diabetes, cancer, tuberculosis and infant mortality. In addition, the average lifespan of Native American men on some reservations is 20 years less than that of other men in the U.S.
- About 90,000 Native Americans are homeless, and 40% of reservation housing is considered sub-standard.
- 23% of Native families experience low food security, meaning reduced quality, variety, or desirability of food intake for a healthy life.
- Up to 70% of Native students drop out of high school and only 13% earn college degrees.
- Up to 35% of Native children live in poverty, and 29% of employed Native Americans live below poverty level.
- Suicide rates for Native Americans between the ages of 15 and 24 are 3 times the national average – and the second leading cause of death for their age group.

PWNA at Work

PWNA provides aid for 250,000 Native Americans each year and yet there is more to do.

In 2015, alone, Partnership With Native Americans funded more than \$30 million in goods and services to support education; Northern Plains and Southwest reservation aid for nutrition, health and emergency relief; and reservation animal rescue for our tribal partners. Collaborating with our Native American partners, we provided critical services benefiting many people in reservation communities:



299,846
Health screens, education



168,417
Food, Gardens



64,415
Winter Fuel, emergency relief



88,215
Education scholarships,
college and K-12 services



79,425
Animal Welfare
rescue, spay/neuter



68,329
Holiday gifts and
practical seasonal incentives