

Reservation Realities

Native Americans experience significant 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

1. 23% of Native families experience low food security, meaning inconsistent access to enough food for a healthy, active life.
2. Native Americans endure a legacy of healthcare disparities, fueling high rates of diabetes, cancer, tuberculosis and infant mortality.
3. Only 13% of Native students hold a college degree, about half the rate of Caucasian Americans.
4. Up to 61% of Native children live in poverty or low-income households, and 29% of employed Native Americans live below poverty level.
5. 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.
6. About 90,000 Native Americans are homeless and 40% live in unsafe or substandard housing.

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

In 2018, alone, Partnership With Native Americans funded more than \$25 million in goods and services to support our tribal partners. Together with our reservation partners, we impacted:

- 213,700 people through health screenings/education support and capacity building
- 68,500 people through food distributions and community garden support
- 27,500 people through scholarships, college services and K-12 school supplies
- 32,000 people through disaster relief and seasonal services such as winter fuel
- 39,500 people through practical gifts during the holidays
- 20,400 animals through rescue/rehabilitation support and spay/neuter services

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