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Helping Native American Indians empower themselves and improve their own lives

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- **July:** Received PA Articles of Incorporation (cofounders, Ruthanne Tickel-Logan, Yardley, PA and Joseph Brings Plenty, Cherry Creek, SD)
- **August:** Hosted an Arrows booth at Yardley Harvest Day, Yardley, PA (Barbara Brunelle and Ruthanne Tickel-Logan)
- **November:**
 - Successful initial introductory event held at Yardley United Methodist Church, Yardley, PA (~200 attendees). Joseph Brings Plenty's presentation on Arrows' first project, the Safe Haven Project (to benefit high risk Lakota children and preserve the Lakota culture), was well received. The buffalo stew was delicious, children's crafts incredible, silent auction successful and the singing and drumming by Joseph, his brother Moses, and son Cole Brings Plenty was awesome.
 - Facilitated meeting with tribal members and movie producer and director furthering plans for a documentary
 - Board met face to face for initial organizational meeting
 - Arranged for interview with WNTI (91.9 FM, Hackettstown, NJ) radio and Joseph and Moses Brings Plenty (event guest speaker) covering the event, organization and the Safe Haven project
- **Ongoing:** Successful mailing of 150 new coats (November) and other new and gently used clothing to school children on the reservations out west (16 schools)

Arrows Booth Yardley Harvest Day



Arrows Board, volunteers and event guest speakers et al.



Children's Crafts – Event 2014



Future site of the Safe Haven, South Dakota



IMPORTANT GOALS FOR 2015

Our Mission: To help Native American Indians empower themselves and improve their own lives by supporting efforts toward cultural preservation and transmission, especially to Native American Indian youth; improving overall health and well-being; increasing self-sufficiency, by such means as the provision of educational support and life skills training; and direct support of basic needs.

We are especially interested in supporting projects originating in Native American Indian communities that will be managed by those in the communities, as well as those projects that will promote self-sufficiency.

- **Raise funds for "Safe Haven" Build Project:** Construction of the Oti (English translation, "home", and nicknamed, "Safe Haven") on the Cheyenne River Reservation, SD. The home will house high risk Lakota children, keeping them in their communities, in a supportive and loving environment and in touch with their culture and traditions. The high rates of adoption and placement of American Indian youth in foster care in SD (note: these youth make up ~45 of all adoptions and ~60 of all children in foster care in SD), high risk behavior and illness in American Indians on reservations in SD pose a serious threat to the future of the Lakota culture and people. We believe this project will help break the destructive chain from which this threat has evolved and result in healthy, connected, well-adjusted, empowered, and well-educated children who will grow up to be successful adults.
- **Host booth at Yardley Harvest Day (2015)** and other events and hold 1-2 special events this year to continue to get the word out and raise funds
- **Reservation mailings:** Continue mailings of new and gently used clothing, school supplies etc. for children in need to schools on the reservations
- **Recruit volunteers** to help with events, mailings, outreach, fund raising and administrative tasks (if interested, please contact us)

Best wishes to all of our friends and supporters. We hope you have a fabulous 2015. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions or requests. We would love to hear from you.

Ruthanne Tickel-Logan, President & Cofounder of Arrows

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- Detach donation form below at perforation and submit with any donation -

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_____ Arrows General Fund

_____ Arrows Oti/Safe Haven Project

Special Thanks to

Our generous donors: Linda McGowan, David C. Tickel, Sandra Einser, Colleen Paraboshi, Keith Pacheo, each member of our Board, Don & Lee Noland, Mari Crouse, Shari Leichter, Beverly Weaver, Cathy Leary, Edie Lowenstein, Linda Manzo, Charlene Stanley, Robert Gallagher, Bill Bloom, and Harriet Sawyer.

United Christian Church: Youth group and friends Philip Sherrif, Briana Logan, Haily Logan, Angie Logan, Elizabeth Miller, Rebecca Rathgab, Derek Meyers, Joy Keller for organizing and overseeing the children's crafts at the 2014 event. **Congregation**, esp., Linda McGowan (donation of time and \$), Linda Manzo (donation of buffalo print for event silent auction and help with silent auction and in kitchen) and Jackie Liney (of Innovations for Good) for help with setup and in kitchen, Friday Thomas (greeter, parking director, and cleanup), David L. Tickel for help setting up and clean up, and Ruth Witt for paper goods. The many church members who helped with large November 2015 reservation mailing, packing boxes and raising money to cover the ~\$1,000 in mailing costs.

Arrows Volunteers: Barbara Lawless, advice and event (eg, help in kitchen, basket for silent auction), and Heather Skye, Outreach etc...

Event guests and guest speakers including Arrows' Vice President, **Joseph Brings Plenty**, and his son **Cole Brings Plenty**, newly elected to the Arrows Board, and Joe's brother, **Moses Brings Plenty**, who travelled all of the way from South Dakota and Kansas, respectively, and **Clifton Skye**, Arrows Board, who travelled all the way from Wisconsin to attend/participate in the event.

Those who jumped in and helped with the event: Nancy Kehoe, Brooke Rodriguez and others (whose names I don't know) who helped in the kitchen and Charles Whalen who helped with set up, shared a Native American blessing, and served as ad hoc guest speaker.

Yardley United Methodist Church for use of the building. Special thanks to congregation members David Green and Ruth Logan.

Event silent auction item donations: Shady Brook Farms; McCaffrey Markets, Yardley, PA; Yardley Florist; Salon Trilog of Bensalem, PA (Lisa McFadden-Kite, owner); Salon Pure of Yardley; Brass Bone pet shop, Anita Dragani, owner), Yardley, PA; Linda McGowan, Linda Manzo, Ruthanne Tickel-Logan, Joe Brings Plenty, Heather Skye, Martin Varendoe.

Churchville Nature Center/Marge Custer for showing up and sharing authentic American Indian museum display items; **Barbara (Bluejay) Michalski, Lenape Nation** for opening the event with a Lenape blessing; **Cramer's Bakery of Yardley** for the donation of a huge tray of beautiful cookies shared at the event; **Beverly Chang** for such great photographs of the event; **Joe DeBlasio** for his superb artistic and technical skills that he donated to the preparation of the event flyer; **Other Groups:** Local Friends Meeting members, Boy Scouts, Senior Centers, Schools (Montessori, Neshaminy, Pennsbury), The Peace Center (Langhorne, PA), Natalie Kaye (On Demand Programs and Events) and others for showing up and/or helping to get the word out and/or bidding on auction items