



ARROWS CORP.

A PA Non-profit

Helping Native American Indians empower themselves and improve their own lives
Cofounders Ruth Ann Tickle-Logan and Joseph Brings Plenty

Our Mission: To help Native American Indians empower themselves and improve their own lives by supporting efforts toward cultural preservation and transmission, especially to 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; providing direct support of basic needs, and by providing scientific support.

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



“Safe Haven” Build Project: Construction of the Oti (English translation, “home”, and nicknamed, “Safe Haven”) on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The home will house high risk displaced 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 displacement of American Indians in foster care in South Dakota (note: they make up ~13% of youth in South Dakota but ~45 of all adoptions and ~60 of all youth in

foster care in South Dakota), high risk behavior and illness in American Indians (youth and adults) on reservations in South Dakota pose a serious threat to the future of the Lakota culture and people. According to Moses Bring Plenty, the most significant issues facing Lakota people today are

- Our existence
- Our children
- Our future generations

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.

Board Members to Visit Future Site in SD

Arrows’ Board members Ruth Ann Tickle-Logan and Jim Houck will be visiting the future site of Safe Haven June 20-28. This visit will include seeing first-hand the socio-economic conditions on the Cheyenne River Reservation, assisting in the preparations for the Sun Dance, and participating in various ceremonies.

Arrows Helps Local Mechanic



Local mechanic, Kolten Belt, received this set of new automotive tools for his business. This is one example of Arrows helping empower native people to better their lives.

President Obama Visits Reservation



In June 2014 the President visited Standing Rock Reservation, which is located just above Cheyenne River Reservation. As a result of this visit, the White House concluded that Native American youth and education are in a state of emergency and launched Generation Indigenous, an initiative that seeks to provide American Indians with better education, leadership development, and assistance in job placement. This is wonderful news!

Update from the Wolves' Den (Written by Joseph Brings Plenty)



On a Thursday, April 31st, 2015, the Wolves' Den Boxing Club departed the community of Eagle Butte, located on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation, South Dakota. The Club's destination was Casper Wyoming, where the 2015 Junior Olympic Regional Tournament was being held. State Champions from Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota gathered here to find out who would earn the right to move on to the Jr. Olympic National event to be held in Charleston, West Virginia, in June 2015. Brett Brings Plenty, a 14 year old, weighing in at 114 pounds, entered the 15-16 year old age division. Brett matched with the Wyoming Champ, Isiah Doppins, on the first night. Winner of the fight was to match with the Montana Champ, Michael Jackson.

Tournament fighting began Friday night. Brett fought three rounds, with the Wyoming Champ winning a majority of the rounds and the decision. Brett made it to the Championship bout for the following day.



8 year old Jerynce Brings Plenty

The Championship bout was particularly difficult for Brett, after learning that his older brother and boxing mentor, Joey Brings Plenty, had been involved in a head on collision outside of Dupree, South Dakota, earlier that morning. Brett kept asking about his brother and the other people in the wreck, wanting to know who was hurt and how badly. Brett's focus was elsewhere. We made the decision to get ready to go home, to be with Joey. We gathered our equipment and were getting ready to go home when we received the phone call: everyone who was in the car wreck had survived with mostly minor injuries. Joey sent word, telling Brett that he was ok and to do his best. Brett was still very worried, but said he'd try. I was worried about his focus; he just wasn't focused enough to be allowed to step into the ring. I wanted to hear, "I'm good", "I can do this", but he wouldn't give a convincing response and, instead, kept saying, "I'll do my best". Just before stepping into the ring, Brett said "This is for my Oyate". He then slipped through the ropes. I said to myself, "Finally". The bout began. The first round was like a chess match, back and forth, with both fighters trying to feel each other out. During the second round, Brett picked up the pace, closing the gap between him and the taller fighter, catching him in a few flurries. During the third round, Brett picked up the pace even more. His opponent struggled to match his intensity. Brett was able to get in and land the most punches during this round. The winner of the bout came down to a split decision: the judges ruled in favor of Brett. I

could hear nothing, just silence. This unknown fighter from South Dakota came in and swept his division. Brett put in a lot of hard work in preparation for this tournament. The long work outs after school and on the weekends, his dedication to the sport of boxing, his belief in the Lakota ways, and his determination to keep himself clean and sober and free from all that could weaken him had paid off. On the trip back to South Dakota, Brett was sitting next to me looking at his trophies and said, "Dad, I'm going to have to work even harder now for Nationals. I can just say: hard work truly pays off." Brett was a shining example of this motto this past weekend!



Lakota people are beautiful and strong. You can do anything you want to, as long as you never give up on your dreams, stay sober and remain focused. Wopila for all the support we received from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Tribal Chairman Harold Frazier, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Tribal Council and to all the Lakota Boxing Clubs and fans out there keeping it Lakota and strong. I Hope to tell another story, about the Nationals Event in June. Wopila to the relatives for watching over our loved ones, during the terrible accident and prayers to Tuwin Loveleah In The Woods for a quick recovery.

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Joseph J. Brings Plenty Sr.

Upcoming Events for Arrows

- **Annual event November 14, 2015, (Yardley United Methodist Church, Yardley, PA) and Walk/Run with the Lakota (November 15, 2015, Bucks County, PA; details TBA) to raise funds for "Safe Haven" Build Project and Wolves' Den Boxing Club**
- **Host booths at Yardley Harvest Day (2015) and other events**
- **Reservation mailings:** Continue with our mailings of gently used clothing and other items for children in need to reservations
- **Recruit volunteers** to help with events, mailings, outreach, fund raising etc.(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.

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- General Fund (includes reservation mailings)
- Wolves' Den Boxing Club
- Safe Haven Build Project

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