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Helping Native American Indians empower themselves and improve their own lives
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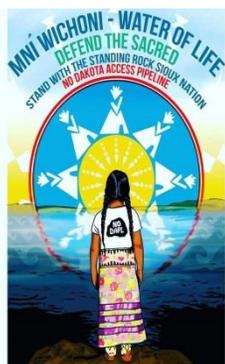
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Arrows' mission is to help Native American Indians in the United States empower themselves and improve their own lives by supporting efforts toward cultural preservation and transmission, especially to Native American Indian youth; improving overall health and well-being; increasing self-sufficiency, by such means as the provision of educational support and life skills training; directly supporting basic needs; and by the provision of scientific support, as needed. Our mission also includes educating the public on the topics of Native American Indian culture, history, and present day challenges.

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. Other priorities include American Indian cultural preservation and transmission, children and youth, and the education of the general public regarding Native American Indian culture, history, and present day challenges.



Mark Your Calendars!

**Gathering in Solidarity
with Standing Rock Water
Protectors against the
Dakota Access Pipeline
Sunday, October 23, 2016
United Christian Church
8525 New Falls Rd,
Levittown, PA 19054
2:30 to 5:30 PM**

- **Lenape** blessing performed by a granddaughter of a Lenape Chief
- Friendship circle, drumming, prayers, tobacco offering, feast (pot luck – please bring something to share).
- Guest speakers, a **Lakota** who regularly visits the site, is knowledgeable on the topic, delivers supplies and has land on the Standing Rock reservation
- **Bring Signs and Posters showing your solidarity with the Water Protectors for display on the lawn**



Suggested donation: \$8.00 to \$30.00, sliding scale (100% to support Standing Rock Water Protectors)

Sponsored by Arrows 501(3), United Christian Church, Levittown, PA, The Peace Center, The Peaceweavers, Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks (ICLB), Coalition for Peace Action, Khalsa Healing Arts, Rainbows of Healing, Kehilat Hanahar, Pebble Hill Community Church, and Troy Wellness

Contact us to sign up to volunteer or to donate:
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There is a Facebook event page for the solidarity gathering:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/907122559432841/>

The flyer for the event is available at our website:

www.arrows4americanindians.org

**PLEASE SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
EVENT FAR & WIDE**

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Other Arrows Events Planned for 2016-2017

**Handbag Bingo Fund Raiser,
Newtown Athletic Club, Newtown, PA
March 25, 2016**

**2nd Annual Bike Run to Carlisle Indian
School, Carlisle, PA, & Pow Wow
June 17-18, 2016
Details TBA**

Various Educational Events/Speakers TBD

OTHER HELP NEEDED

Secretary Arrows is in need of dedicated secretary

Volunteers to serve on our committees, help with our events, lead various projects

Spring-Summer 2016 Events

Bike Run to Carlisle Indian School

Approximately 50 people participated in a motorcycle run and caravan to Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, PA. This was an outstanding event in terms of educational benefit, and an overwhelming spiritual experience. We were given the red carpet treatment by the **Carlisle Barracks**. Wopila Commander Anka and others! We met at **Cosmos Indian Motorcycle Dealership, Trevoise, PA**, at 8:00 am in the morning on June 25, 2016. Cosmos was also very good to us, letting us meet at their location and donating a number of baskets for our auction. Wopila Jeff and others! When we arrived at Carlisle we had lunch. **Jimmy Johns, Bensalem, PA** provided discounted sandwiches, which were delicious. Wopila! The 10 minute excerpt from Steven Spielberg's into the west on Carlisle Indian School, shown after lunch, was very moving and set the stage for our visit to the Cemetery where ~200 American Indian youth who attended the school are buried. A prayer drum was set up in the cemetery and the songs that were sung as it was played were incredible. Tobacco and prayers were offered by participants. Chief Joseph Brings Plenty, Arrows Cofounder, offered up a many 100 year old Lakota prayer. It was powerful. Few could forget the expressions on the participants' faces --- they got it. This was a hugely successful event. Thank you Lizzard, lead Carlisle Bike Run Volunteer, for your vision, which we did our best to put into play. Special thanks also to Lou & Eugene, bike run volunteers.



***Interfaith Day of Prayer for Native American
Indian Youth***

On June 25th, the Interfaith Day of Prayer for Native American Indian Youth was observed. The primary impetus for the event was the high rate of suicide in Native American Indian youth. In June 2014 the White House declared a State of emergency for Native American youth and their education. Adolescent suicide rates in American Indian youth have been reported to be 2.5 times the national average (White House report 2014), and 9 to 19 times higher than the national average in pockets throughout the U.S. (ABC News Report 2012). A gathering and continuation of the observance followed on June 26th at **Nakashima Foundation for Peace Conference Center, New Hope, PA**. George Nakashima, who built the buildings on the property, was an architect, and he designed the buildings such that they fit in with natural landscape, lending to an atmosphere of peace and serenity. The property is home to **Nakashima Woodworker** where outstanding wooden furniture and other creations are hand crafted. We are grateful to the Nakashima family and the Foundation for Peace for allowing us to host the gathering at the conference center, and for their generosity and kindness. The event was well attended. There were speakers of many faiths. Prayer cards were made and shared. Awareness, funds and energy were raised. Participants shared that this was a powerful, very spiritual event.

We presently have \$20,000 in the special fund for the Safe Haven youth program. Wolves Den Boxing Club is now self-sufficient and its own nonprofit.

Thanks so much to all of you for your support of Arrows over these critical first two years. Together we will do great things. Hoka! **The Arrows Board**
Ruthanne Tickel-Logan, Chief Joseph Brings Plenty, James Houck, Cole Brings Plenty

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Reply Form (complete and return in enclosed self-addressed envelope)

Call for Members:

I would like to become a member of Arrows. I am paying my annual membership fee of \$25.00 with:

- Check one* ✓
1. An enclosed check _____
 2. Credit card * _____
 3. Pay Pal * _____

* Secure credit card and Pay Pal payments
may be made at our website:
www.arrows4americanindians.org
Select "General Fund" Donation Button

Your annual membership includes: an invitation to an annual meeting of the board and members, invitations to serve on our event and other committees, your inclusion on our mailing list (regular communication from us informing you of our events and important news), your name listed in our membership roster (not public), and a quarterly newsletter. This is a nonvoting membership.

DONATE to help Arrows fulfill its mission (in red on page 1 of this newsletter):

General Fund Amount: \$ _____

Reservation Mailings: Arrows mails/distributes new and gently used clothing, school supplies and other items to Native American Indians in need throughout the U.S. We request that items be distributed to the most in need, regardless of religious or other affiliation. We have received a donation of 300+ new coats that will be delivered in October-November time frame to Pine Ridge Reservation, SD, and other locations. The cost to mail items is approximately \$40.00-\$50.00/box.

Educational Events

Education on the topic of American Indian history and present day challenges is vital. There is a problem of invisibility. "Indigenous peoples as people of the present have all but disappeared from the American consciousness ..." (Winona LaDuke, *Recovering the Sacred*).

One of our priorities is the preservation and transmission of the Native American Indian culture. To this end we host educational venues throughout the year, providing speakers, showing movies, and/or sharing presentations. Our goal is to educate and raise awareness.

Administrative costs: Presently less than 5% of donations. No Arrows member takes a salary or receives other compensation for their service.

Heart of the Nation Fund: Amount: \$ _____

Supporting a woman on Pine Ridge Reservation, SD, who grows organic produce and delivers it to elders and cares for many children. She is teaching the children how to garden, the art of canning, how to live off and in harmony with the land, and other traditional practices (eg, beading). Needs: gardening supplies including seed for the Spring, children's clothing, esp. shoes, camping gear (sleeping bags etc.), donations to purchase art/craft supplies for beading, 32 oz canning jars, and a chic incubator.

Automotive Shop Fund: Amount: \$ _____

Financial, material, and other (eg, expert advice) support for a young adult resident of Cheyenne River Reservation, SD, who is a certified mechanic and wants to start his own business on the reservation. We purchased a set of automotive tools, otherwise prohibitively expensive (~\$400.00), for him in 2015 so he could obtain gainful employment.

Standing Rock Water Protectors: Amount \$ _____

DONATION form of payment:

I've enclosed a **check payable to Arrows** in the amount of \$ _____

(Be sure to note desired fund on memo line; if not indicated, will be used as needed.
Mail to: Arrows 1206 Birch Ave. Yardley, PA, 19067. Up to 15% of all donations may go to the General Fund.)

I will pay by credit card \$ _____ *

I will pay by Pay Pal \$ _____ *

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