

TIYOSPAYE / WINYAN MAKA AND HANDS OF COMPASSION

A service to eradicate poverty from the Pine Ridge Reservation, one family at a time.

Right here in the resourcefully abundant continent of North America lives the Lakota Native Americans, an indigenous group of people who are currently living in conditions of THIRD WORLD POVERTY. The Pine Ridge Reservation is documented as being the poorest place in this country. People freeze to death each year from hypothermia, starve to death and Pine Ridge is documented as having the shortest life expectancy rate for any community anywhere in the western hemisphere next to Haiti.

When this crisis was first brought to our attention, we could not believe that we lived in a nation that claimed greatness and would allow the Indigenous people of this land to live in conditions such as this. We spent very little time contemplating this, our hearts were compelled to act! We realized that the greatness of this country would have to manifest through our own hearts and hands.



We began asking questions, sending e-mails, doing research and making phone calls. This led us to the merging of **Tiyospay / Winyan Maka (Extended Family / Women and the Earth)** a Lakota non-profit group that has served the Lakota people for the last ten years, and Hands of Compassion, a service to empower the less

fortunate. Our hearts connected immediately and we joined forces!

In the month of September 2008, we organized a trip for seven Lakota people to drive across the country to Hesperia California from South Dakota and we all took a training course at **Calearth** Institute. We learned how to build eco-domes (earth homes), using sand bags, barbed wire, the earth under our feet, our hearts and of course our hands. While there, Calearth gave us a full commitment to come share their building expertise with us on the reservation this coming spring, when we will launch our first sustainable living project on the land of the American Horse Family. Without knowing it, but simply being guided by the heart of Spirit, the trip to Calearth helped to nurture the EMPOWERMENT phase of



Angie American Horse and Christinia Eala with three other women from Pine Ridge at the Calearth workshop

our service to the Lakota. Sixty percent of the homes on the reservation need to be destroyed because of being infested with black mold which is killing people. Learning how to build homes made of the earth, was a way to not only build our own homes and combat this condition, it was a way to re-align with the earth, as well as a benevolent excuse for us to work as a community for the goal of one common cause. The universe is brilliant!

We also have committed community members that are willing to teach the American Horse family how to cultivate the soil so that it can be suitable for growing food. We are also working towards the goal of buying solar panels and a wind turbine. We will also have fruit trees planted on the land. This hands on training and education will empower at least one family to live independent of the system that has helped to create the very poverty that for the past 200 hundred years they have been fighting to overcome. This will include a community project to raise the buffalo which once roamed freely in the area.



With just a little compassion and hard work, we can help at least this one Lakota family ERADICATE POVERTY from their lives! This will in turn inspire others on the reservation. We are excited and on FIRE about this vision! The American Horse family is, Martha who is 24 yrs. old, her sister Angie who is 18 yrs old and just took the Calearth training, Mia who is their little sister and 4 yrs old, and Martha has a beautiful four year old daughter. Their mom just passed on.

Though we are seeing beautiful results, we welcome all the help we can get. We are always seeking more hearts and hands to help manifest this benevolent vision. It has been said by the ancients that it takes an entire Village to raise a child. The child in this case is the American Horse Family and this project.

We are seeking people with expertise in fund raising. We are seeking one time and on-going donors. We are seeking anyone who has a heart to contribute to this mission in any way. Volunteers that are skilled in anything mentioned on the brochure, or volunteers that just want to help a great cause.

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