

Kiksuya

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from Re-Member

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“Groups Helping People Stand”

Wawokiye takes off

Wawokiye is a Lakota word that you will be hearing a lot when you come out to see us this year. (You all are coming, aren't you?)

This is a word that, loosely translated, means “Groups Helping People Stand” and is pronounced “wah-whoa'-key-yea.”

We have been exploring ways to expand our outreach, and find new ways to make a difference in the lives of the people who call Pine Ridge Reservation home.

Essentially, we are locating homes of elders, and disabled people who are unable to do a lot of the things that are necessary to keep their home fixed up. This is different from some of the more extensive home renovation that we continue to do. This project is labor intensive, and involves cleaning, picking up in the yard, yard work, painting, and doing a lot of the things that you have to do to take care of your home.

We took our new project out for a “test run” earlier in March, and it was a

great success. Of course, we started off a bit disorganized, what with having to keep track of all the stuff we take along to make sure we can do a variety of jobs. But we're working out those kinks.

More important, I have discovered that the impact on both the elders in whose homes we are working, and our volunteers, has been far greater than I ever imagined. The first day we were in the home of an elderly lady named Rebecca. We helped organize stuff, built shelves in a closet, built a shelving unit, cleaned and painted her wheel chair ramp. At lunch, she shared stories with us. When we left, you could tell by the twinkle in her eye she was pleased.

Later that night, as I was sharing the day with our volunteers, college kids here on their Spring Break Alternative program, I saw how moved and honored everyone was. It is humbling to go into someone's home and help them. But it's not just helping. That's not what this is about.

It's about finding new ways to build stronger relationships between the Lakota people here on Pine

Ridge and our volunteers. That's what we are trying to do.

As we do this with each group coming to visit us this spring, we are getting better with our “organization.” And, we're finding out how deep a need there is to fill. But most of all, we are finding out, again and again, that by reaching out to people, being with them, talking and sharing, and connecting, we make a huge difference; in their lives, and in our own.

When ya coming?

Tom McCann
Executive Director

We have a new trailer!

Thanks so much to West Side United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, we now have a new flatbed trailer. The folks at West Side have helped so much in the past year, and we don't know where to begin to thank them. Through their generosity and commitment to Re-Member, we have received tools, sheets, blankets, pillows,

a brush hog, mowers, and now our new flatbed.

Moving things around the Rez is always an issue. To expand our outreach across Pine Ridge, we must become more mobile. Now, we can do that. Thanks so much for all you do, folks at West Side.

Last Call for Reservations! Last year, we had 833 volunteers. As of the publication of this newsletter, we have reservations for 1069! That means that if you are planning to come, we may be full some weeks. So, call us ASAP if you still want to come.

These are the dates:
Weeks for 2007

- 1- March 3-9
- 2.- March 10-16
- 3- March 17-23
- 4- March 24-30
- 5- March 31-April 6
- 6- April 7-13
- 7- April 14-20
- 8- April 21-27
- 9- April 28-May 4
- 10- May 5-11
- 11- May 12-18
- 12- May 19-25
- 13- May 26-June 1
- 14- June 2-8
- 15- June 9-15 **Full**
- 16- June 16-22 **Full**
- 17- June 23-29
(Spirit I & II offered)
- 18- June 30-July 6 **Full**
- 19- July 7-13 **Full**
- 20- July 14-20
- 21- July 21-27
- 22- July 28-August 3

FAMILY WEEK Full

- 23- August 4-10 **Full**
(Spirit I & II offered) **Full**
- 24- August 11-17
- 25- August 18-24
- 26- August 25-31
- 27- September 1-7
- 28- September 8-14
- 29- September 15-21
- 30- September 22-28
- 31- September 29-Oct. 5
- 32- October 6-12
- 33- October 13-19
- 34- October 20-26

Honorariums.

Memorials and tribute gifts are a thoughtful way to remember friends, family and even special occasions. Making a gift in honor or memory of someone dear to you or for a special occasion is easy. Just clip and sent the form at right, or copy and email it to us.

When you do, we will list your Honorees here in our newsletter.

Colleges and Universities are coming out in greater numbers this year as a part of their spring and fall break "alternative" programs. It is so awesome for us to meet these incredible young people who give up a greatly needed vacation and spend a week at Re-Member. If you know of a college group that would like to participate, give us a call. We'd love to have them with us.

See the list of those who came on P. 5.

This \$ _____ gift is made:

In memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

On occasion of: _____

Please send notification of this gift (*\$ amounts will not be included*) to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Donor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Wisdom of the Elders

A generous person who shares what they can, becomes a vital member of the unbroken circle, the extended family

Robert Young
Red Feather

Building The Pathway

Those of you who have been out here this past year have seen the beginning of the pathway of friendship between our culture and the Lakota people. Give a brick in honor of your parents, grandparents, children, a friend or a Native American leader you admire. Or, give a brick with your own name to commemorate your visit to Pine Ridge.

Each line on the brick is limited to 16 characters.

Name: _____

City & State _____

Year _____

Person purchasing brick: _____

Your Phone # _____

email _____

Please enclose a check for \$50.00 for each brick made out to RE-MEMBER and mail to:
RE-MEMBER
17291 Rolling Dunes
West Olive, MI 49460
Thank you for helping

Wish List

Our list keeps changing, but we continue to update, and keep current.

Huge Items

Fifteen Pass. Van
¾ ton 4WD Pickup
Big Collating Copier

Large Items

Construction Lumber
4x8 ¾" Plywood,
Water Based Stain
(These items in significant quantities, only.)

[Urgent needs in BOLD]

10" miter saw
10" table saw
Planner/edger
Portable Mig Welder
5 picnic & 1 serving table
Riding Lawn Mower
Refrigerator
Air compressor
Upright Freezer
Small, Heavy Duty Ice Machine
Table Top 6" Belt Sander
T a b l e T o p
Planner/Jointer
Mechanics Tool Set
Cement Mixer
Welder
Commercial Washer/Dryer
Floor Jack
C o m m e r c i a l D u s t Collector

Porta Band Saw

Smaller Items Shop & Garage

Extension Ladder (250-300 lb. capacity)
6', 8', 10' Fiberglass Step Ladders (250-300 lb. capacity)
Quality Wheel Barrows
Garden Carts
19.2 v. Craftsman Cordless Drills
5" Porter Cable orbital sanders
Circular Saws
Routers
Short extension cords
Screw-on handles for brooms
Brushes & roller covers
Bevel Gauge
Weed Wackers (Gas)
Ear Plugs
Safety Glasses
Work Gloves
Rubber Cleaning Gloves
Wood Glue
3 x 18" Belt Sanders
5" round adhesive sanding discs
Screw Drivers (#2 Phillips/Square Drive)
Multiple Plug Cords
10" ripping & Planer blades (Carbide)
6-¾" Variable Speed Drills
#2, 2" square drive bits
Driver Bit Holders
5/32" Drill Bits
½" Carbide Round Over
Router Bits
8 & 16 Penny Nails
1 5/8" & 2 1/2" Square Drive Drywall Screws
Triple Coated deck screws
All Sizes

2x4 joist hangers
2x6 joist hangers

Kitchen & Janitorial

(Following should all be Heavy Duty, metal and of Commercial Grade)

Large Utensil Rack
Big Stock Pots
Metal Slotted Spoons (4)
1 Cup Ladles (2)
Large Mixing Bowls
Large Strainer

2 Large Chef Knives
Heat resistant pot holders
Kitchen botanical bug spray
Vacuum Sweepers
Attic Vent Fans (2)
Heavy gauge 65 gallon garbage bags
Paper dinner plates & cups
Heavy duty plastic dinner forks, spoons, knives

Office

Padded Envelopes (all sizes)
Laser & Ink Jet Copy Paper #15 Black & #78 Color HP inkjet Cartridges

BEDDING-ALWAYS (Must Be New)

Pillows
Sheet Sets (Twin, Regular)
Blankets, comforters, quilts
Twin Mattresses
Mattress covers (that encase)

FYI

When you come out and want to help, you can always bring a twin sheet set. We are always in need. Also, a pair of rubber cleaning gloves is also a good thing to bring.

Year 'Round Donation

Here's a simple way to get rid of that hassle of writing a check to Re-Member each year. Sign up and, magically, an authorized amount will be withdrawn from your account each month and be placed in ours. Just print and clip the form on the right, fill it out and send it to us. It's that simple.

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Agreement for Pre-Authorized Debit

I (we) hereby authorize SECURITY FIRST BANK to initiate debit entries to my (our) account number at the following institution:

Bank Name _____

Routing No. _____

(Found on the bottom left of your check or send us a voided check)

Name(s) on your account: _____

Is this checking savings?
Amount to be debited monthly:

\$ _____ To be debited on the ___ 1st or on the ___ 15th of each month. Contact information:

Phone _____

email _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until Security First Bank or Re-Member has received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination.

Date _____

Name _____

Signature _____

To be signed by a signatory of the account.

Kiksuya is Lakota for “remember.” To “re-member” means to put back together that which is broken apart. So RE-MEMBER reminds us to recall the unfortunate history of our government’s treatment of the Lakota people . . . and to reconstruct the broken pieces of that relationship.

Remembering Re-Member (?)

Special thanks to those groups who have come out to see us so far this year. They include:

- ★ St. Anselm College,
Manchester, NH
- ★ Univ. of Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA
- ★ American University,
Washington, D.C.
- ★ Cindy & Kevin
Anderson and Katie
Mason, Roosevelt
University, Chicago, IL
- ★ Denver Academy,
Denver, CO
- ★ Univ. of Maryland,
College Park, MD
- ★ Virginia Mets Baseball
Team,
Centreville/Fairfax VA
- ★ Scarsdale Cong.
Church, Scarsdale, NY

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