



TAKÚKU OTĚÓKAHEYA WÓEČHUN

oĥ'ánkĥoya wanŇyánka

OUR VISION

Lak'hóta Oyáte waŋ iyápi na wičhóh'ą na
wóchekiye uŋ iglúha čha uŋkihaŋblapi.

We envision a liberated Lakota nation through our language, culture, and spirituality.

OUR MISSION



Lak'hóta thiyóšpaye na théča kiŋ Lak'hól
wič'hóthi éгна wič'hózani na wič'hóh'ąŋ na
wič'hóuŋ yuwáštepi kta čha wóasniye na
wóslol'ič'iye uŋ wiyokihi-wič'húnyanpi.

*Empowering Lakota youth and families to improve the health, culture, and environment
of our communities through the healing and strengthening of cultural identity.*



LAKOTA LANGUAGE INITIATIVE

Revitalizing the Lakota Language and Culture.

We believe that every person in the community from our young ones to our elders play a critical role in the revitalization of our language and culture. Our programming is founded on this belief that we as an initiative have to connect with every age group in our community to ensure we are preserving, teaching, learning and empowering through our Lakota Language and Culture.

2019
DATA

76 Lakota Families are currently receiving Lakota Immersion services through our Lakota Language Initiative

Nearly 1000 Lakota Children Books Created

Over 180 unique Children Videos created



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Through the determination of young adults and the dedication of our local leaders, we are building a thriving workforce centered on improving financial, emotional, physical, and professional health while creating sustainable communities in Lakota Country.

Our hope is that our program curriculum has created a foundation in the future of sustainable workers, whose skills were inherited from the Workforce Development Program. And in the future, there will no longer be a need in our communities for a Workforce program.

3 members reported they are on the red road to sobriety

We have had **3 members** register for **College classes** at OLC

There were **3** of them that received their **GED** within the time frame



2019
DATA

REGENERATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Integrating the values expressed by our communities through healthy, innovative, and culturally appropriate built environments to promote systemic change..

Our vision is for the Thunder Valley Regenerative Community development to be a leading example of a flourishing community connected to its culture.

3 community design meetings to make sure our Lakota way of life continues to be expressed in the RCD-- in our playground and plantings

56.98kW solar array installation completed on our 12-unit apartment building

First seven single-family homes independently rated **79% more energy efficient** than typical code construction (HERS)

2019
DATA



HOUSING & HOMEOWNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Providing our people with the tools and opportunity to build community wealth through asset building.

Our Housing and Homeownership initiative is more than just housing. Because of the value system of our Lakota people, we must change the way asset building and homeownership are viewed in our community. We plan to do this through financial education and asset building classes on a community level throughout the reservation.

We are short of **4000 homes** on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Thunder Valley CDC built **21 single-family homes** and a **12-unit apartment complex** this last year. Although this is a tiny push towards what is needed, it shows our community what is possible.

Thunder Valley CDC has **sold 4 of the first 7 homes**. We currently have a Veteran Loan in process. Thunder Valley CDC **raised \$363,335.52 in subsidy** to bring the cost of the first 4 homes down to a more affordable mortgage amount for our buyers.



FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVE

Empowering the people to build regenerative food systems that improves health, protect the planet and creates prosperity.

The Food Sovereignty Initiative focuses on economic sustainability by promoting access to local healthy foods to the community members. Growing and producing healthy foods on the Pine Ridge reservation will create pathways for the community members to become self-sufficient. Also, we are continuing our work with the local schools to educate our youth by providing the Food Sovereignty Curriculum and Food Sovereignty Activity Books, so our youth will gain a better understanding of nutrition, health, and culture.

2019
DATA

Donated **9,552 eggs** to the community

Planted over **1,000** plants in the garden and **250** in the greenhouse

Food Sovereignty curriculum has been **implemented into 13 schools** across the reservation.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Cultivating opportunities for Lakota youth that enhances leadership skills, promote personal and community well-being and sustain culture and spirituality in order to guide generations of youth toward the awakening of self-determination self-sufficiency and ultimate liberation.

Our work in the Youth Leadership Development Initiative offers a multigenerational approach to building a community of health and wellness. Our four main focus areas include: (1) promoting and providing access to culture; (2) increasing wellbeing; (3) access to opportunities; and (4) building leadership skills.

2019
DATA

We have engaged youth and community **915 times** through Youth Leadership Programs and events.



REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE

Creating and implementing a regional vision that helps build capacity, addresses systemic poverty and eliminates disparities for the Pine Ridge reservation.

Build capacity among our Promise Zone partners to leverage investments, create system change and promote regional sustainability through Lakota values and teachings.

2019
DATA

Through the efforts of VISTAs and Summer Associates, they **supported 836 youth** on the Pine Ridge Reservation.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Creating community wealth through business development grounded in Lakota Knowledge and values by increasing access to education and entrepreneurial opportunities on Pine Ridge.

Demonstrate the integration and application in all the Lakota communities on the Pine Ridge Reservation. We are creating innovative and inspiring solutions to build the capacity of program staff as well as the community, which in turn will build both individual and community wealth.

2019
DATA

Social Enterprise had **389 attendees** to their events and meetings

Thikaga has **8 full-time employees** who are **certified and insured**, who also **constructed 14 houses** on Thunder Valley's Regenerative Community



EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Fostering an Oglala Lakota learning environment for community youth that develops strong leaders who are rooted in Lakota Culture language and art. They are academically prepared and have tools, mechanisms, and accessibility to live a healthy and holistic life.

Working towards a sustainable future for our people and nations.

2019
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Over 75 individuals and families attended our Education Community Discussion in 2019.



Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

is a 501(c)3 Oglala Lakota led non-profit organization focused on empowering Lakota youth and families to improve the health, culture and environment of our communities, through the healing and strengthening of cultural identity.

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FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY IN CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM OF OPPORTUNITY



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