



OGLALA COMMEMORATION

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This annual school supply drive is one of our community projects created to honor Leonard Peltier's vision of empowering the Oglala People to have an active role in defining the future of their tribe. Both Leonard and the committee believe that all have the potential to rise above their given circumstances and to effectively contribute to the preservation of traditional language and spirituality through education in spite of the historical circumstances which sought to deprive the Oglala of their destiny. Given the right tools, support and resource, many Oglala children are able to transcend the dire economic and social situation of the challenged reservation community. The failure to adequately provide for these children raises the need for individuals to become involved and to help the balance in these children's favor. "It's time to listen to our Youth, to hear how we can help them -- physically, mentally and emotionally"

There is much need, with dropout rates over 70% and Lakota teen suicide rates at 150 % above the norm for the US. The BIA reports that Pine Ridge Schools are in the bottom 10% of school funding by the US Dept. of Education. High Unemployment, illiteracy, alcoholism and drug addiction, farther fuels the vast sense of hopelessness that many of these children experience daily.

It is our vision of empowerment and our belief in the destiny of our youth. Promoting good and healthy life style choices.

Contributions may be mailed, dropped off, or brought to the Oglala Commemoration Event.

Also monetary donation are also accepted.

Mail to:

Oglala Commemoration

1939 Wentzville Pkwy - Ste. 191

Wentzville, MO 63385

Or drop offs may be dropped off at our authorized sites and event's.