

# **NATIVE AMERICAN YESWECAN FOUNDATION**

*a 501 (c) Nonprofit Organization*

**Mission: Promote Digital Literacy and Empower Native Americans To Achieve Their Dreams**

*We Provide A Helping Hand and Enable Self-Sufficiency Through Knowledge and Capability*

## **2023 Fundraising Drive**

May 2023

As we embark on our fundraising initiative for 2023, I look back at our accomplishments with much pride in the people who have worked tirelessly on our digital literacy initiatives with devotion to our mission. In 2016, the Native American YesWeCan Foundation was established to assist residents of Tribal lands with access to essential information and services, including digital literacy services. The Foundation built the first-of-its-kind Internet Library and Technology Center on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where residents obtain free access to the Internet, free use of computers, and digital literacy training. We have 12 computer workstations with Internet connectivity and software programs to perform most tasks. We also established a video conferencing system for Tribal, business, education, and social gatherings. Our plan for 2023 and beyond is to:

1. Pine Ridge Internet Library – update and/or replace the 10 desktop computers and the 2 Apple MacBook computers used by Tribal residents for Internet access, computer, educational, business, and social media.
2. Digital Literacy Training Facility -- establish digital literacy programs and educational initiatives for Tribal residents to: (i) further education, including obtaining a GED; (ii) obtain knowledge and certificates of proficiency in areas such as use of computers and computer programs, like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and accessing the Internet and searching for information and services; and

3. Tele-Medicine, Distant Learning, and Other Remote Access Initiatives, Along Some Social Services – work with Tribal and other organizations providing services to residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and other Tribal communities.

We would like you to “partner” with us to accomplish our mission and provide valuable services to Tribal residents. You can get involved in several different ways:

1. **Make a Donation** – you can make a donation to the Foundation through our web site [www.nativeeyeswecan.com](http://www.nativeeyeswecan.com). As a 501(c) nonprofit foundation, your donation may be tax deductible. You will receive a receipt for any donation and for those making a donation of at least \$250.00, we will provide you with a Native American YesWeCan T-Shirt or coffee mug as a token of our appreciation.
2. **Spread the Word** – you can help our Foundation by increasing our visibility and presence on the web and social media by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:
  - a. FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativeYesWeCan/>
  - b. Twitter: @NativeYesWeCan
  - c. Instagram: NativeYesWeCan
  - d. Web Site: [www.nativeeyeswecan.com](http://www.nativeeyeswecan.com)
3. **Get Involved** – you can let us know if you have ideas on how we can further our mission or if you would like to get involved in other ways with the Foundation. Let us know your thoughts in social media postings, comments on our web site, email at [director@nativeeyeswecan.com](mailto:director@nativeeyeswecan.com), or call us at 855-224-5158.

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