

#### About us

SH'NAH AH KAH Sacred Return Ministry is the Tribal Trust of Coosa Nation (State) of North America. Through the work of our Councils, we facilitate *Safe Passage and Right of Return* for Aboriginal American Indians in dispersed communities throughout North America.

Our charitable outreach consists of Indigenous rights advocacy, Indigenous education, and health and healing services.

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#### Ministry Mission



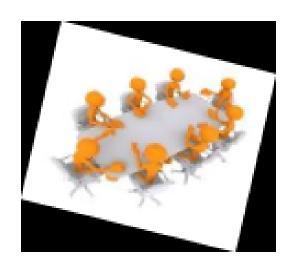
- Procure land space for healing and learning in a cocreation eco-friendly environment
- Teach innovative, rehabilitative & clean energy land dwelling to minimize our carbon footprint reducing excess cutting of trees, destruction of wildlife, soil erosion, and water pollution
- Promote family farming, garden shares, & food cooperatives to increase community wellness
- Build partnerships with inter-government agencies and public benefits organizations to expand health and healing services, Indigenous education, and vocational training for struggling individuals and families effected by social disparities

### Healing Village Initiative overview

- Our initiative is an effective model for community-based care that addresses the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of marginalized peoples
- Creating holistic living spaces increases family preservation and aptitude for communities to experience healing and living in harmony with Earth



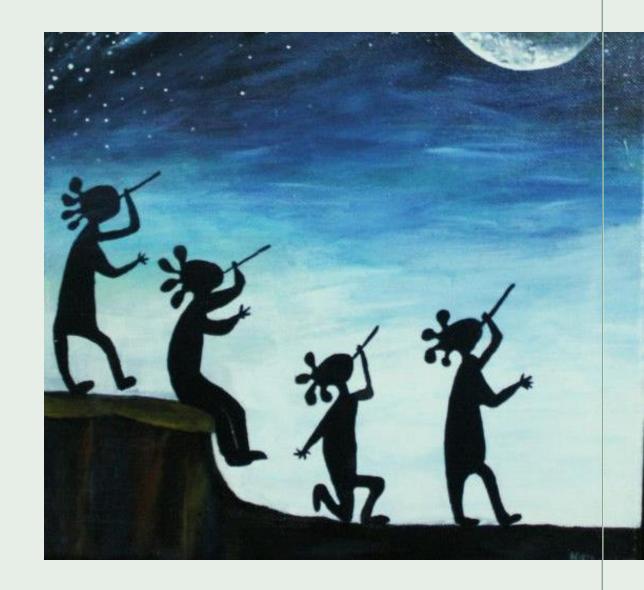
## Problems & Questions



- Lack of Community Training & Education: How invested are local governments in environmental issues that affect vulnerable communities?
- Environmental Racism & Health Disparities: Why do statistically vulnerable populations remain at-risk and underserved?
- Food Deserts: How do we equalize local control over local economies and access?
- Housing Insecurity: Why are Indigenous peoples systemically gentrified out of their communities?
- Lack of Respect for Nature: Why is it ok to destroy ecosystems for consumerisms?

# What is the answer? Healthe People. Healthe Land

At the Heart of what we do at Sh'Nah Ah Kah
Sacred Return Ministry is for our 7 Generations
and it begins with our Budding Starseed Academy
of Healing & Learning



#### Our Academy of Healing & Learning

Consideration
Cooperation Honesty
Patience Responsibility
are Rites of Passage

- Children and their families are hands-on, emersed in the natural world to improve their health and interaction with nature
- Children and their families grow food together
- Children and their families develop skills as caretakers of our planet
- Children and their families engage in creative learning projects!

#### What we need



- 30-75 acres
- General Plans Site Features include healing and learning center with adjacent structures for indoor-outdoor classrooms, eco-friendly, energy efficient village campus dwellings, sustainable food bank; marketplace
- Financial Assistance

#### Growth strategy



- Grants Awarded: Society of Ethnobiology Rapid Assistance Fund For Indigenous Communities & Individuals In Need- January 2024; Quaker Fund For Indigenous Communities-March 2024
- Networking: building alliances-Inter-Tribal Council
- Building Capacity: technical assistance, training opportunities, and weekly meetings with stakeholders such as EPA, HHS, USDA, NOAA, Foundations, and other philanthropic groups
- Government Contracts: USDA Cooperator Agreements
- Indigenous Innovations: marketplace of variety of organically grown products from food to health & beauty products, etcetera

#### Grant funding overview

- Training, research, planning
- Partnership building, stakeholder coordination, community outreach, land purchases
- Blueprints for construction, project-related permits, implementation of project plans
- Agricultural planning, development and implementation

			Grant Funds & Cooperative Income	Type
	2024	Increase access to technical training	\$75,000	EPA EJ non- competitive
	2024	Project Development	\$150,000- 350,000	Tier 1-3
	2024-25	Procurement, staffing, construction	\$3-5 Million	Inter- agency funding
	2025-27	Full Project implementation, Project Review	TBD	Indigenous Marketplace; Grants

#### Impact

Our Healing Village Initiative is an organic, grassroots, Indigenous, first of its kind project and the next step in expanding our Humanitarian outreach and impact to

- 1. Decrease environmental racism & health disparities
- 2. Increase family preservation
- 3. Build community capacity in Earth caretaking



## Ahneetah! (Thank You)

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