

Community Alliance Group, Inc.  
A 501(c)3 Not-for-Profit Corporation  
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In the spring of 2021, the community began collaborating on areas of concern and areas of opportunity for the McLaughlin/Bear Soldier community. With many people committed to the desire to make positive changes for the good of all and trying to make it a better place, the Community Alliance Group was created and organized as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization rooted in faith, spirit, and culture.

The organization is led by a board of directors which consists of nine local community members willing to offer their time, leadership and experience and to support the group's mission and vision to make an impact for all people on Standing Rock.

**Mission Statement:** *The Community Alliance Group is committed to uplifting and empowering the community through hope, healing and forgiveness for the good of all.*

**Vision Statement:** *The Community Alliance Group strives to engage all people to help each other be their best and find strength through positivity and love while living, working, learning and playing together as a community.*

Thanks to donations received and the efforts by the numerous volunteers required to make this all possible, the Community Alliance Group has been able to accomplish a rather large amount in a relatively short amount of time:

- Create community activities – Pep rally meal during spring football, fun game nights of kickball, softball, laser tag, or cornhole, Ice Cream Social, monthly Sober Socials, Prom Shop and hair/makeup assistance for prom, movie nights, community concerts, parades, Arts in the Park, Fall Festival, and Gratitude Gift Shop.
- Offer community classes on CPR, Parenting, Quilt-Making, Money Management/Budgets
- Offer Students Scholarships - five \$1,000 scholarships to HS seniors for post-secondary education
- Host numerous community meals and open a little food pantry
- Create a wellness center offering elements to support physical, mental , & spiritual wellness
- Host a Wopila Walk & 1,000 Mile Challenge
- Provide space for local Support Groups and Peer Groups to gather
- Offer community worship services, Christmas concert, and Easter celebration with community egg hunt and meal with bingo, cake walk and fellowship

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- Open thrift store to offer local access to general supplies, household essentials, and apparel
- Create an incentive program “Wopila Bucks” for students to receive from teachers for reaching goals and students can go shop with the Wopila Bucks at the thrift store
- Create workforce service opportunities and job skill sites for vocational rehabilitation students along with social work programs
- Create a resource center to provide public access to computers, Internet, phone, printer, and fax while offering a space for any Resource Materials (job applications, counseling info, veterans info, tribal program, church, education, schools, transportation, etc.)
- Host a local Resource Fair in the city park to create opportunity for community members to learn about various programs, services, and jobs that are available to them
- Host food sale fundraisers to raise funds that go to support a different local group or organization each time
- Participated in events such as:
  - McLaughlin school events like Mustangs Community Celebration meal, Trunk-or-Treat, homecoming parade, & pep rallies
  - National Night Out - helped support the law enforcement departments as well as service departments by serving a community meal and offering various demonstrations and games
  - Parents for Positive Change event participant with fishing game for youth and made a donation to help with event costs
- Sponsored the following:
  - Bear Soldier District Wacipi celebration
  - Running Antelope District Wacipi celebration
  - Smudging Our Community Walk for healing against violence, drugs, and alcohol
  - Autism Awareness Walk
    - sponsored portion of the meal and inflatable games
    - participated in the Walk along with all the students at the school
  - Wreaths Across America at the local Veterans Cemetery
  - Meals for the community shelter that was opened during zero degree temps & blizzards