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Partnership With Native Americans Addresses Food Insecurity and Nutrition Education in Indian Country

ADDISON, TEXAS (June 5, 2018) – [Partnership With Native Americans](#) (PWNA), a nonprofit committed to serving immediate needs and supporting long-term solutions for Native Americans living in reservation communities, was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant from [Newman's Own Foundation](#) to address Native American nutrition and food insecurity.

"More than 23 percent of Native American families are impacted by [food insecurity](#), and many reservation communities face high rates of impoverishment, putting them at greater risk for diabetes, obesity and other nutrition-related illnesses. With support from Newman's Own Foundation, PWNA aids Native Americans in developing sustainable nutrition initiatives within their tribal communities, such as access to fresh food and training to prepare healthier meals," said Robbi Rice Dietrich, CEO of PWNA.

"Newman's Own Foundation has been supporting food and nutrition programs for 35 years. Too little attention has been paid to the Native American population, and we're pleased to see Partnership With Native Americans and its partners addressing the needs of fresh food access and nutrition education," said Bob Forrester, President and CEO, Newman's Own Foundation.

Additionally, PWNA has joined Newman's Own Foundation as one of nine nonprofit organizations selected for their Native American Nutrition Cohort. The cohort will convene several times over the next three years for peer learning and collaboration toward greater impact on Native nutrition systems.

Last year, PWNA also received a \$258,000 grant awarded by [Walmart Foundation](#) to help strengthen food access and nutrition training in local communities. With the support from the Walmart Foundation, PWNA supported Native nutrition and food security through:

- **Project Grow**, the implementation of seven community gardens and delivery of more than 102,000 pounds of fresh produce, and 14 related cooking and canning classes on 12 reservations, impacting more than 5,000 adults and youth in Native communities across four states
- **Mobile Nutrition Education**, a total of 26 canning, cooking and nutrition training sessions to more than 1,800 tribal residents in 24 remote communities, incorporating traditional ancestral methods of food preparation and preservation
- **Train the Trainer (T3)**, equipping nearly 110 participants in 19 communities to champion healthy nutrition and prepare healthy, traditional "Native Cuisine" that can be re-taught and replicated by others, benefiting more than 20,000 youth and adults.

About Partnership With Native Americans

PWNA is a nonprofit committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote, geographically isolated and often impoverished reservations. Established in 1990, PWNA collaborates with reservation programs to serve immediate needs and support long-term solutions for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities, improving the lives of 250,000 Native Americans annually. Follow PWNA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or visit www.nativepartnership.org.

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