



LAKOTA FRIENDS CIRCLE

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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- Scholarships
- Baby Programs
- Gather Our Children Home (Foster home)
- What's next?

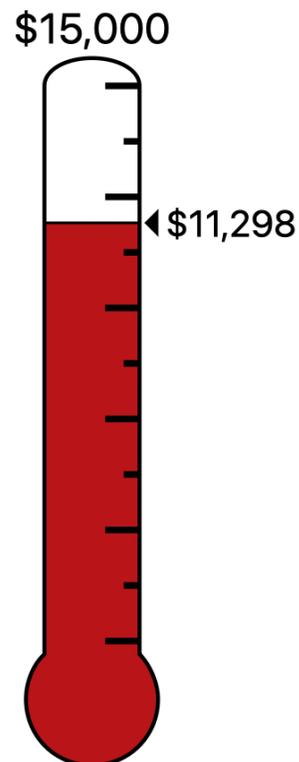
Food Fundraiser - No child hungry:

On May 13, we launched a food fundraiser with a \$15,000 goal. Requests for basic food have affected all the non-profits, including Lakota Friends Circle (LFC).

Food needs rise during the summer when children are home and not receiving their breakfast and lunch meals provided by the school.

We have been spending an average of \$1,500 per month for food at the foster home alone and now with school out we expect that amount to rise to \$2,000 or more.

To date, we have raised \$11,298 for which we are extremely thankful. Additional donations are gratefully accepted at [Food – Lakota Friends Circle](#) or by mailing us a check.



Scholarships:

We have already received applications from four new deserving students and expect to have nine applicants. Previous awardees will likely apply again as we approach the Fall term. [Meet our scholarship recipients you have helped – Lakota Friends Circle](#)

Baby Programs:

\$2,737 was used to purchase diapers, wipes, and other baby needs. Both visiting nurses have asked for Summer clothes including a few premature sizes. We have an Amazon Wish list for [Bright Start – Lakota Friends Circle](#) and for [Rosebud Sioux Tribe Maternal and Child Health – Lakota Friends Circle](#)

Gather Our Children Home:

The foster home is at full capacity with 13 children in residence, most under the age of 12 years old. In addition to the food previously mentioned, LFC pays the monthly phone and internet bill and purchases household items such as cleaning supplies for the home.

We are also purchasing new playground equipment (\$5,000) and installing fencing around the propane tank so the children have a safe place to play. The work will be done by an LFC partner group, Reservation Outreach, in July.

What's next?

School will begin again in a few weeks and students will need help getting school supplies. Keep an eye open for sales which will begin next month. Another great need for kids is shoes, they are expensive and many families can't afford them. Some kids are kept home from school because they have no shoes to wear.



HOUSEWARMING SHOWER! 🏠

Leaving the White Buffalo Calf Women's Society shelter is a huge step forward, but it often means starting from scratch. These domestic abuse victims are moving into empty spaces, just walls and a floor. These men, women, and families are rebuilding their lives from scratch. They need everything to transform an empty space into a real home.

To support them in this transition, we've created Amazon **wishlists** filled with the basic items they need to start fresh — from pots and pans to pillows and shower curtains.

You can help in two ways:

🛒 **Shop from a wishlist** – Buy new items that will go directly to a woman setting up her new home. See links on this page: [White Buffalo Calf](#)

[Women's Society – Lakota Friends Circle](#)

🛒 **Declutter for a cause** – Clean out your home and donate almost new household items you no longer need.

With gratitude,

Carol, Agnes, Janet, Trish, Barb

Lakota Friends Circle

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