

# LAKOTA FRIENDS CIRCLE

## FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

### Summer Impact

- A new playground was built 👍
- Funds for healthy foods were secured 🍊
- Household goods were provided 🏠
- New partners were established 👥
- Scholarships were awarded 🎓

**Thanks to our volunteers, partners, and many supporters, a lot was accomplished. Read on for the details.**

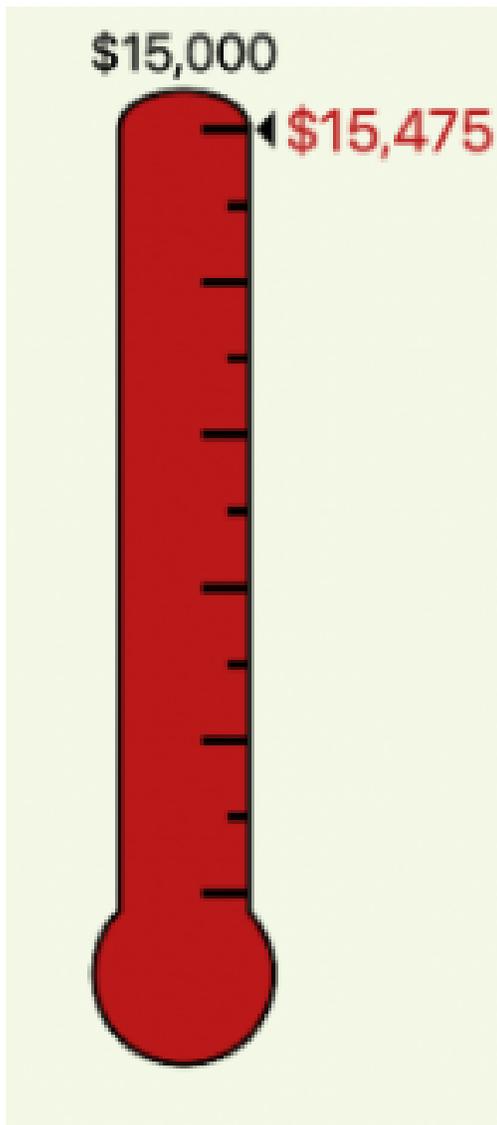
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### Playing is crucial to a child's development

LFC and Reservation Outreach partnered to build a **new playground** at Gather Our Children Home, providing a safe and inviting outdoor space for the children.

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## Food fundraiser

Shout out to everyone who donated! We couldn't have done it without you! From January to August, almost **\$11,000** was spent of food alone, not counting baby formula.

There's no place like Home



**What an amazing response from all our partner groups!**

**Sew For Kids, The Elders, and For The Children of Pine Ridge and Rosebud groups united to provide so many home supplies.**

- 67 bedroom items
- 912 kitchen items (WOW!)
- 317 bathroom items
- 180 tools and miscellaneous items

See all the wonderful gifts that were sent. This will be an on-going project. [Housewarming tally](#)



## 11 students on their way to success!

Meet the young men and women you have helped this term. We wish them the best! See larger pictures and their field of studies at [Scholarships 2025](#)

All of the students have excellent grades, are motivated, and many are studying difficult programs.

We even have a student attending M.I.T. and two graduate-level students.

Our scholarship program has grown exponentially: **17 scholarships** were awarded in 2025. We will be counting on everyone to help us for next year via South Dakota Gives campaign.



## New partners to help the reservations

We are delighted to gain the support of those other non-profits:

Lavender Life via their **Xander** program brought stuffed bunnies, food, clothing, and more to the foster home.

**Journey of Hope** brought many toiletries, bags, and warm accessories to the Kateri Center.

**Dolls of Hope** is bringing dolls and bears to the foster home, White Buffalo Calf, RST, and Wanblee.

Last but not least, **Bombas** is once again sending us 6,000 socks!

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# South Dakota Gives 2025

## \$20,000 goal

# WE SUPPORT THE FIRST PEOPLE

*Let us end homelessness, hunger, unemployment, and fear.*

**SOUTH DAKOTA GIVES 2025!**



**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 2**



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## **Starting October 20! Stay tuned for details!**

We will be asking for your help to fulfill the dreams of young people willing to study hard and be self-sufficient. Education is expensive, and while many scholarships cover tuition, and some assist with room and board, a critical gap often remains for the funding of **books and tools**. Our program is uniquely successful because it directly addresses this need, ensuring students have all the necessary materials to succeed in their chosen field. See the details at [South Dakota Gives 2025](#). Help us by sharing the frequent updates we will be posting on Facebook.

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## **Dolls for Food**

The Sew For Kids dolls program is in full swing. Funds raised are used to purchase bi-weekly healthy snacks for the students as the school doesn't receive enough. For

some of the children, this will be the last meal until the next school day as there will be no supper at home.

Read more about the school needs at [Marty School Update](#).

[Marty School Supplies Needed](#)

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There is still plenty of work to be done:

- We are looking into an alternative to the Give Back Box program as it is unreliable.
  - We are also still working on obtaining food from Feeding South Dakota.
  - Christmas will be here before we know it, and we will support the parties for the children.
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### **Lakota Friends Circle**

LAKOTA FRIENDS CIRCLE MISSION

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