

HF Quarterly Newsletter



July 2024



Celebrating Generational Transition and Cultural Resilience

Nukwangwtalawwa!

We are at another stage of reflection in the year, having completed our Solstice ceremonies, a new dawn of generational transition has taken place in our society. Young Hopi women recently participated in their corn grinding ceremony to learn their cultural roles and connect to their deep roots in community while practicing their strength through spiritual and physical endurance. Another year has shown us that our Hopi way of life is sustained through another generation of teaching and learning from grandmothers to granddaughters.

Earlier this quarter I attended the Native Americans in Philanthropy Annual Gathering, my first since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was honored to be invited to sit on a panel discussion on the topic of "Building Bridges Across

Generations." I sat across leadership of all ages and experience like my "Shero" **Lucille EchoHawk**, co-founder of Native Americans in Philanthropy, peers like **Eileen Briggs** of the Bush Foundation that began around the same time I had in this field, and new and rising leaders like **Nikki Piertos** from the Tiwahe Foundation. We sat in circle with Native Youth Grantmakers **Letkwu Moore Stranger** and **McKaylin Peters** to share our experiences as grantmakers in our communities and support the growth and transition of one generation of philanthropic leadership to the next. The conversation was enlightening and reinforced my belief that at every stage, we must teach and include others in our learning process to strengthen our lines of succession and the sustainability of our roles in society.

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Since the beginning of my tenure with the Hopi Foundation, it has been a journey of learning and experiencing a new profession of wealth-building, grantmaking, and redistribution. While most of our followers see the impact of our nonprofit programs, The Hopi Foundation wields an even greater tool through its philanthropy and grantmaking to invest in local farmers, seed-savers, and local nonprofits to support their initiatives. There is one common theme among this and it is to give back to the community through reciprocity and redistribution. When we receive, we gain the capacity to give to others. When we learn, we gain the ability to teach as an organization. We all can serve in part to this process as a provider of seed, labor, wisdom, and learning.

As a Hopi woman, generosity is innate to me culturally as I contribute to seed my own cornfields and gardens, to receive the fruits of our labor, and manage our harvest to feed and support my family and clan each year. As I grow



to find my own wisdom in this constant cycle of reciprocity and redistribution, I witness more and more how these practices support a healthy economy, functioning kinships and relationships in the community, and most relevantly support generational leadership over these cultural systems.

I hope that you will enjoy this season along with us and choose the type of impact you wish to make through The Hopi Foundation's mission of *Lomasumi'nangwtukwsiwmani*. I ask your help to donate to our vision toward a positive future of community development through the many projects we support.

Askwali, may this season bring forward the blessings of the monsoons to your garden.

Monica Nuvamsa, Executive Director



HF Membership Gathering

Over a two-day period in May, The Hopi Foundation hosted two significant events in our history: the Member's Reflection Dinner and the Member's Meeting. These gatherings allowed us to discuss the impact and vision of each of our founding members in creating the organization. We captured historical insights and the deeper meaning of the Foundation's purpose and values, collecting content for video clips that will be shared with donors, our staff, and new board members for generations to come. HF Members, along with administration and Board of Trustees members, gathered to discuss membership roles, and the next steps for the group.

HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center



HSAPC Program Highlights in the Arizona Republic

We are thrilled to share that the HSAPC Program, along with our CAB member Lee Yaiva, was featured in the Arizona Republic. The article spotlighted our efforts to address the Sober Living Fraud Scams, shedding light on the challenges service providers and families face in the wake of one of Arizona's most significant scandals.



HSAPC Mentors and Prayer Stick Runner, Ellaine Descheeny

Elaine Descheeny of Hopi Behavioral Health Services represented the HSAPC and HBHS programs, symbolizing the strengthening collaboration between the two organizations.

Grant Award for Program Strengthening

We are excited to announce that the HSAPC Program received a \$45,000 grant. This funding will significantly enhance our financial stability and improve program services, allowing us to better serve our community.

Opportunities and New Merchandise

We are expanding our team and are currently hiring for an Mentor. To learn more, please visit The Hopi Foundation website. Additionally, we have launched new merchandise, available now. Our "HOPE" t-shirt has been revamped with vibrant rainbow colors, making it the perfect way to show your pride and support for the LGBTQ+ community. At the HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center, we are proud to be inclusive of all communities and offer a safe space for anyone in search of recovery and healing.



Mentor Kristie Kewenvoyouma says stigma can keep people from getting help at HSAPC in Kykotsmovi.

Community Engagement and Fundraising Success

This quarter, we successfully raised funds for our general operations by participating in KUYI's Community Carnival. With the support of both program and administrative staff, we sold delicious food, fostering community spirit and raising awareness for our cause.

Sacred Mountain Prayer Run Collaboration

We proudly partnered with Native Americans for Community Action for the Sacred Mountain Prayer Run at Thorpe Park in Flagstaff, Arizona. This meaningful event featured a Prayer Stick Runner, who ran in reverence, praying for the wellness of participants and others in need of good health. This collaboration highlighted the importance of cultural traditions in promoting community wellness.



Left: HSAPC Mentors and volunteers during KUYI's Community Carnival
Above: New HSAPC Pride Tee, available now



Attendees of the 2024 KUYI Strategic Planning Session @ MLI

Raservation. Iration. Vibration.

On April 26th, 2024, the Raservation, Iration, Vibration Show welcomed former members and volunteers of Culture Connection, **Tim Randolph**, **Darlene Nuvamsa**, and KUYI's own **"MKI" Merwin Kooyahoema**. They discussed reggae's growing influence on the Hopi reservation, recalling efforts to bring entertainment and visits by mainstream reggae artists. The interview emphasized shared beliefs between Hopi culture and Rastafarianism, underscoring reggae's profound resonance with the Hopi community. Guests also celebrated reggae's unifying power across the reservation and beyond, promoting a universal "One Love" message. The show's positive reception sparked hopes for a revival of live reggae at Hopi and deeper community ties.

In a subsequent episode, the show spotlighted both Hopi and Pueblo Native reggae artists, **Casper**, **Ed Kabotie**, and **Shkeme Garcia**. They showcased their journeys and the positive impact of reggae on the lands they've toured. They shared how reggae fosters unity and serves as a source of personal relaxation. The artists expressed optimism about younger Native bands continuing the tradition of uplifting music with positive messages, seeing it as a natural progression from their own contributions. In conjunction with the "Raservation. Iration. Vibration.," listening series, a logo was designed by artist **Ahwinma** of Sipaulovi village, and with the new logo a T-shirt and holographic sticker was designed to promote the show.



KUYI Community Carnival & Adopt-A-Watt Drive



KUYI Hopi Radio is thrilled to announce the tremendous success of its recent Community Carnival, held May 29th at the KUYI studio in Lower Sipaulovi. This festive event brought together KUYI listeners, local small businesses, and nonprofits for an afternoon of fun, food, and community spirit, and it exceeded all expectations. The total amount raised was \$870.00. We would like to thank everyone who was in attendance and a big thank you to our newest Adopt-A-Watt members for their unwavering support!

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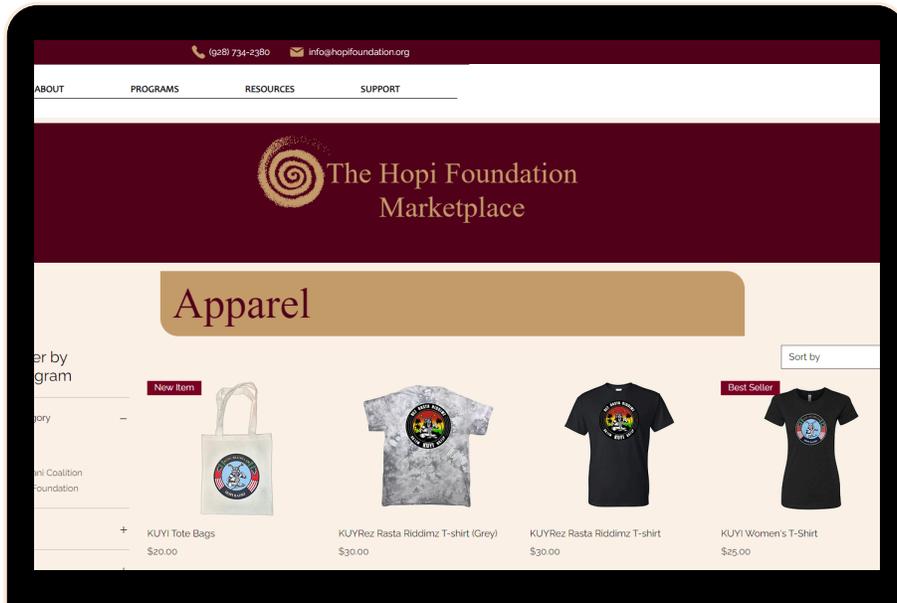


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Shout-outs are accepted Monday through Friday until 3 PM and will be aired at 5:30 PM on the same day.

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Hopi Leadership Program



2024 HYLIP participants

Hopi Youth Leadership Program Graduation

On April 23, 2024, the Hopi Youth Leadership Program (HYLP) proudly graduated five students from Hopi Jr./Sr. High School. The after-school sessions, held for two weeks and two days, focused on Cultural Wellbeing, Mentorship, and Service Learning. Graduates expressed appreciation for the valuable lessons learned, and we commend them for their dedication and achievement.



New Curriculum Facilitator's Guide

The Hopi Leadership Program is excited to announce the completion of the HLP Curriculum Facilitator's Guide. This comprehensive resource will be instrumental in upcoming sessions and marks an important step in preparing for the 7th Cohort of the Hopi Leadership Program.

7th Adult Cohort Application Process

Staff from the Hopi Leadership Program and the Hopi Foundation have been actively promoting the 7th Cohort, visiting villages, participating in interviews, and setting up public information booths. We are currently accepting applications from Hopi and Tewa community members, with the deadline set for Monday, July 8th, by 5 p.m.



Husayn Allmart, Program Officer from The Wayfarer Foundation

Visit from The Wayfarer Foundation

On June 7, 2024, The Hopi Foundation welcomed Husayn Allmart, Program Officer from The Wayfarer Foundation, a valued grant partner. During his visit, Mr. Allmart toured the Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center and KUYI studios. He expressed gratitude for the experience, stating he "learned so much about the work you do and the cultural context in which you do it."



2024 HYLIP participants

Current Focus and Quarter Goals

- Process and follow up on incoming applications.
- Convene the Selection Committee and notify selected participants for the 7th cohort.
- Commence the first Hopi Leadership Program session in September.
- Will begin outreach and recruitment for the Hopi Youth Leadership Program to be hosted in Fall Semester at Hopi Jr. Sr. High School.
- 3rd Quarter Hopi Alumni Committee Meeting.

As we embrace the warmth of summer, we are excited to share the latest updates, accomplishments, and upcoming events from the Natwani Coalition Program. Our collective efforts continue to cultivate Hopi growers grounded in traditional farming values and practices for the stewardship and protection of Hopi life.



Micro Grants

This spring, we received exceptional proposal submissions for our micro-grant program from individual community members. The program is designed to provide financial support to community projects that promote our local Hopi food system, sustainable farming practices, and enhance food security. This year, we awarded a total of \$15,800 to nine individuals with projects ranging from *tuupepqoysi* (corn roasting pit) construction to creating garden beds. Information on the 2024 grantee projects will soon be available on the Natwani Coalition website.

To view previously awarded projects, visit natwanicoalition.org/cgp.



Hopi Farmer's Market

In partnership with local groups and organizations, we help sponsor the seasonal Hopi Farmers Market, a free event for the community to learn ways to strengthen our local food system and support locally grown food by connecting farmers to consumers. The first market of the season took place on May 19th at the Peace Academic Center (PAC) and featured a diverse range of seasonal plant starters, handcrafted farming tools, and handmade goods, all sourced from local Hopi farmers and artisans. The next market will be on July 14th at the PAC.

For more information about the market, you call **928-255-2572**.



Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium

Join us for our Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium event that brings together farmers, seeds keepers, community leaders, and food enthusiasts. The symposium serves as a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration aimed at preserving and enhancing the agricultural heritage and food systems of the Hopi people. Mark your calendars for October 2024! The final dates will be announced soon.
