



THE HOPI FOUNDATION  
*Lomasumi'nangtukwsiwmani*

# Quarterly News

## The Hopi Foundation Newsletter



### *From the Executive Director*

**MONICA NUVAMSA**

Warm Greetings, this message comes to you at the start of another New Year among the Hopi mesas. The Solstice New Year is a meaningful time for many cultures around the World, including for the Hopi people. When the Taawa our father sun reaches his winter home, it marks the season for reflection as the earth embraces new winter moisture. During this time, I very much look forward to hearing the heavy drums and the hunting songs that represent the strength of big game animals to remind us of the gifts of the earth that represent our resilience through life. The drums remind me that we each carry the same strength through our respect and gratitude for nature's gifts and for each other.

My hope for the year ahead is for partnership and to see more collaborative work created for the benefit of our community. We are all



connected, by friendship, clan, community, and our humanity. These are our greatest blessings in life and also our assets that help us in the face adversity and change. I also look forward to the growth of our nonprofit community on Hopi. Every organization is a valued partner and demonstrate through their work, our shared community values and knowing that together we create solutions and opportunities for our people by supporting one another. Please find some time to visit all of our websites and social media to stay informed about the valuable work of our sector here on Hopi.

Many blessings to you and yours in the new year ahead. Haalaykyangw umuuqatsiy öqalyani!

# *HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center*

HSAPC's focus this quarter has been to re-establish and strengthen our collaboration efforts with other local programs and agencies to provide the best services to our community members without duplicating services and streamlining the referral process.

A collaborative effort, brought together by the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition To End Abuse, was implemented in October to create a mapping diagram that would streamline efforts in emergent situations, particularly pertaining to domestic violence and elderly abuse. Ongoing sessions are scheduled to continue the collaborative efforts.

On October 28, the team from HSAPC actively participated in a joint initiative with the Hopi Health Care Center. The collaborative event, comprising a fun run/walk and trunk or treat, was organized to commemorate Red Ribbon Week. The aim was to promote healthy coping mechanisms, family bonding, and community awareness regarding the significance of Red Ribbon Week. Additionally, HSAPC staff conducted a Red Ribbon Week presentation for students at First Mesa Elementary School.

During October, the staff initiated the instruction of the 2BMPwrđ curriculum at Keams Canyon Elementary School. 2BMPowrd is a comprehensive prevention/intervention program crafted to raise awareness about the factors contributing to substance use and abuse. The curriculum aims to guide students in their personal development by bolstering individual morale, promoting the adherence to traditional values, and fostering a sense of giving back. These efforts support the reintroduction of individuals to their families, communities, and cultural roots.

In late November, HSAPC had the privilege of participating in a Narcan/Naloxone train-the-trainer session organized by Sonoran Prevention Works. Given the similarity in services between HSAPC and SPW, we were selected to spearhead these training sessions within our local communities. Subsequently, we were equipped with the necessary materials and supplies to effectively implement this initiative in our communities.



# KUYI Hopi Radio 88.1FM *Season's greetings*

## JOIN US ON THE RIDE OUT OF 2023

In 2023, KUYI said YES to you, YES to the best in our community, YES to the engines of creative expression and collective imagination of Hopi.

**Please say YES to a strong future for KUYI by making a gift during the season of giving.**



*November 1, 2023 we moved into our new studio!*

## In 2023 we...

We started conversations through our Koffee Talk which featured local folks in thoughtful dialogue that informed our listeners to acquire more resources and knowledge. Information sharing also is found on our still-growing social media platform now has an impressive following.



**SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS:**

**Facebook = 20,000**  
**Instagram = 1,293**

***Continue to follow us for all the latest!***



As we reflect on the past year, we marvel at the remarkable progress our cherished station has undergone. Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic, we successfully navigated a transformative journey marked by land development, the installation of essential utilities for our new studio, and the acquisition of cutting-edge equipment.

## Some other highlights...

- KUYI brought back 4 DJs full-time this year with more coming, allowing us to keep our shows rolling and start new programs.
- We hosted 16 *Koffee Talk Shows*, featuring guests such as the Pikunivi Wood Haulers Project to Hopi Runners, Hoosava Kretzman & Kellen Lomayestewa
- Delivered 6 vital public safety announcements, reinforcing our commitment to serving the community with our partnership with emergency personnel



Throughout this years' evolution, our dedicated staff and volunteers demonstrated an unwavering commitment, contributing an unprecedented number of hours to fuel our growth.

# Hopi Leadership Program

During the month of October, the Hopi Leadership Program also participated in the annual Red Ribbon Run sponsored by the Hopi Health Care Center.

In November, HLP staff began recruiting 9th-12th grade students from Hopi Jr/Sr High School for the Hopi Youth Leadership Program (HYLP). Students were allowed to test their cultural knowledge as well as knowledge of The Hopi Foundation and its programs by spinning a numbered wheel at our recruitment booth. HJSHS has been a tremendous support for the ongoing delivery of programming for HYLP. HJSHS collaborative efforts to recruit interested students have resulted in largest group of HYLP participation since 2019.



Above: HLP Staff @ Hopi Health Care Center Red Ribbon Week; Above Right: HLP Staff w/HYLP participants @ HJSHS

The HYLP had a successful winter session. HYLP was able to engage 11 students, Adam Tootsie, Brandon Charlie, Celora Coochyamteawa, Chasity Coochise, Duwron Tawvaya, Isaac Perez, Kaidance Garza, Kristopher Namoki, Lydger Silas, Rylee Koopee, and Ryuechan Park as participants. On the first day students provided self-introductions and were introduced to the program and staff. Everyone had the opportunity to introduce themselves, share who they are, and what village they come from. Snacks were enjoyed by the students at each session. During the course of the program students would focus on the pathways to success, Cultural Well-being, Mentoring, Service learning. All participants had successfully completed the program.

# HLP (cont'd)

HLP is proud to announce that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the Arizona Community Foundation. Upon receiving this grant HLP received great news that The Burton Family Foundation matched that grant with an additional \$10,000, totaling \$20,000 for programming! We are extremely grateful to have received these grants allowing HLP to continue to provide services to the Hopi community. In addition, HLP was also granted a total of \$92,000 from the Wayfarer Foundation! Started by Steve Sarowitz, Philanthropist, Founder and Chairman of Paylocity (Nasdaq: PCTY), Director of Payescape, and partner in Wayfarer Studios, Wayfarer Foundation launched in 2021 as a Baha'i-inspired organization with the mission to "advance humankind spiritually towards a future peaceful world civilization." We fund and support spiritually rooted and justice-oriented nonprofits and we center our work on the power of universal participation to create a more hopeful, joyful, and just world. HLP is extremely grateful of the grants awarded to the Hopi Leadership Program and we look forward to the upcoming Year 2024. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



## **CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFORTS OF THE HOPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Donations can be made at:  
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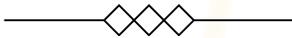
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**KWAKWAH! / THANK YOU!**

# The Natwani Coalition

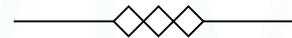
We're excited to share what the Natwani Coalition has been up to this final quarter of 2023. The season's last Hopi Farmer's Market was held at the Peace Academic Center on October 8th. We distributed approximately 100 lbs of peaches donated to the program by Hozho Voices of Healing Center, located in NM. The Hopi Farmer's Market is an effective method to connect local farmers directly to consumers.



The Micro-Grant Program has also been a focal point for the past quarter. We awarded 10 individuals from the Hopi & Tewa Communities

\$1,000 each to support their food and farming projects. To date, the Micro-Grant Program has helped to launch over 100 poultry, orchard, small husbandry, and various food and farming initiatives throughout the Hopi Reservation.

In addition to the farmer's market and grant program, we had a great time supporting the Second Mesa Day School with our sister programs by hosting a Halloween booth at their Trunk or Treat festival. Staff was able to engage with a broad audience of members of our community by playing spooky cornhole games and giving out treats to the youth.



Above: Farmers Market; Middle: NC Historical Photo Exhibit; Right: Program Mgr, Kyle Nutumya, speaking with a visitor on Giving Tuesday

As we reflect on the past year's work, we begin to adjust our focus on the upcoming year. We are excited to announce that the Micro-Grant program will be returning next year, and we will accept proposals in the early spring of 2024. Official dates will be announced soon! But there is other big news we have to share. After five years of dormancy, the Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium will return in 2024. The symposium is an astounding vehicle to improve our community's health and wellness by teaching Hopi traditional values and culture.

We look to promote Hopi agriculture practices and values of food self-sustainability through informative dialogue, hands-on demos & local site visits. Subscribe to our email listing to receive up-to-date information on the Micro-Grant Program and the Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium. For more information about the Natwani Coalition, please visit [natwanicoalition.org](http://natwanicoalition.org)

# 2023 Hopi Emergency Relief Fund Grant

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of our 2023 Hopi Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) Grant for home heating and COVID-19 recovery-related projects. For this grant cycle, we had \$160,000 available, with up to \$10,000 to be awarded to each grantee. We were able to regrant to 16 local nonprofits and village administrations. These incredible organizations have demonstrated their dedication to making a positive impact on the Hopi and Tewa communities, and we are honored to support their important work.

## Grant Recipients:

- **Ancestral Lands - Hopi** - Empowering households to maintain a comfortable living environment during the coldest months.
- **Hopi Education Endowment Fund** - "Care Packages" for Hopi college students to foster their mental health and well-being.
- **Hopi Relief** - Piloting the Growth Program, which involves the distribution of food boxes that highlight local and traditional foods that we grow and eat on the Hopi reservation.
- **Hopi Three Mesas Inc.** - Aims to work with Hopi & Tewa elders to provide workshops, demonstrations, & discussions to learn and share in a safe place to empower them to be prepared in dealing with emergencies.
- **Hopivewat Inc.** - Provide a venue for community discussion around themes of grief, loss, resilience, and adaptation. Data to be shared and archived as a resource for the Hopi community.

## Grantees (continued):

- **Koho4Hopi** - Helping families stay warm through the winter by providing heating assistance.
- **Pikunivi Wood Haulers** - Ensuring that no one goes cold this season with their heating support initiatives.
- **Tutskwat Oqawtoynani** - Home heating initiatives and home improvement for vulnerable members of the community.

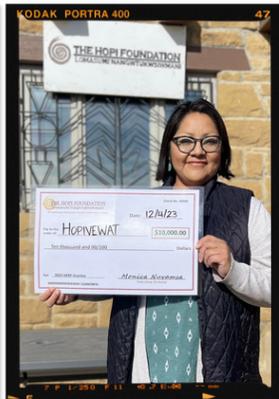
The following village administrations were also awarded grants to help in aiding vulnerable village members in areas including: food security, home heating, and the winterizing of residential homes for the upcoming winter to protect and preserve the health and safety of community members.

- Village of Sichomovi
- Village of Walpi
- Village of Sipaulovi
- Village of Shungopavi
- Village of Kykotsmovi
- Village of Moencopi (Lower)
- Village of Moencopi (Upper)
- Yuwehloo Pahki Community



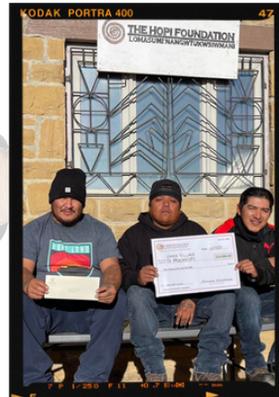
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# HERF Grantees



Not pictured:

- Ancestral Lands - Hopi



# Giving Tuesday Campaign

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the remarkable generosity demonstrated by our followers and supporters on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to the dedication of our donors, we achieved tremendous success in our fundraising campaign, making a significant impact on our community and bringing about positive change in people's lives. Together, we surpassed our fundraising goal, raising an impressive **\$30,198.73!**

Our Campaign Trail, which spanned from November 14 leading up to Giving Tuesday, was a two-week journey where we visited each region of the Hopi reservation. The goal was to raise awareness about our fundraising objectives and educate the community about The Hopi Foundation and its projects.

On Giving Tuesday, November 28, we kicked off the day with the KUYI Koffee Drive at the new KUYI Studio, offering coffee, pastries, and KUYI incentives. HF admin and program staff were interviewed throughout the morning, providing background knowledge on Giving Tuesday and what they were fundraising for. Midday, we hosted an Open House event at the HF office, featuring free popcorn, ice cream floats, a historical photo exhibit by The Natwani Coalition, a slideshow presentation of HF and its history, and engaging games with the chance to win program swag.

The day unfolded with excitement as donations poured in, and we were thrilled with the results of our meticulous planning. Askwali! Kwa'kwah! A big thank you to everyone who contributed their time, resources, or shared our message. We look forward to a new year of planning, fundraising, and offering services for our Hopi & Tewa people.

