Quarterly News
The Hopi Foundation Newsletter

A Message from the Executive Director

"Celebrating 35 Years of Care, Collaboration, Support and Service"

In 2015, The Hopi Foundation renewed its vision for the next 50 years with the intention towards blossoming into what we’re meant to be, as an organization, while embracing and honoring our own strengths. We are committed to working toward helping our community mature toward a healthy, unified Hopi people and revitalizing independence on our own terms.

This month at our 35th Annual Meeting we heard our origin story once again from Founding Member Doran Dalton (Corn Clan from the village of Hotevilla) and our programs reported on how we work toward these intentions by reporting to the community on the financial health and sustainability of its programs, and most importantly, what impact the programs are making toward our founding vision of Loma’suminangwtukuwiswmani, growing the aspiration of unity blossoming into full maturity over time. Our closing statement by Board leadership Paul Kabotie (Badger Clan from Santa Clara) reflecting on the mission of this work was inspiring and a great reminder to those of us committed to this work that we are investing in long term change. We will make this video report available online through social media in case you missed this important event!

I hope you enjoy our 2nd quarterly newsletter with highlights and updates to the activities of the Foundation’s diverse programming and find ways to engage in this work on behalf of the community.

Askwali um itamuy unangwtauy! Nu oovi haalayti itam naama it mongvasyaq, itam soosoyam nukwangwtkwiswmanyikwalyangw ƍqalmani!

Monica Nuvamsa, Executive Director
Mid-Year Updates

Currently the Natwani Coalition is focused on planning for several upcoming events. In collaboration with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, NC will be hosting a workshop on how to create a Self-Wicking Garden Container on June 28th. NC is also a proud partner of the Hopi Farmers Market. The next Market will be held on July 10th at the Tewa Community Building.

The re-launch of Hopi Farm Talk has been an electrifying experience of the Natwani Coalition program. Several new episodes can already be found on various podcast platforms.

In addition, Natwani has recently hired Roberta Sequi as the new Program Coordinator. Roberta, Lapasmana, is a member of the Bear clan from the village of Walpi. She has a plethora of experience and knowledge in marketing, business, gardening and vermicomposting (Ask her about her worms!).

Roberta Sequi, new NC Program Coordinator
Our Highlights:

The previous quarter kept the Natwani team busy by hosting multiple gardening workshops in partnership with UofA Cooperative Extension. NC was able to host two Lasagna Garden Bed Workshops and a one transplanting workshop.

On May 18th the Natwani Coalition staff traveled to Tucson, AZ and met with the Indigenous Food Knowledge Network to plan for an exciting event to be hosted on Hopi later in 2022. Stay tuned!

All upcoming event details can be found at natwanicoalition.org
Mid Year Updates

KUYI Hopi Radio appreciates everyone who took part in the listener survey to provide their thoughtful feedback and interest in how we provide news and information to the public. We appreciate your engagement and your support.

KUYI Radio will provide this report to the Hopi Tribal Council and members of the Rules Order Committee who are designated to recommend whether KUYI Radio should rebroadcast Council meetings on public radio.

The decision to rebroadcast is not determined by the station or its Licensee. KUYI Radio will stand ready to serve our listening public once we are able to secure a broadcasting agreement with the Hopi Tribe. To learn more about when the broadcast airing of Tribal Council KUYI Listener Survey agreement will be decided, please contact the Rules Order Committee through the Hopi Tribal Secretary’s Office directly.

KUYI Staff and the KUYI Koyala travelled across the Hopi reservation to give each village member an opportunity to take part in their Community Survey and the HTC/KUYI survey.

KUYI Staff during Arizona’s largest online giving campaign, Arizona Gives Day, held on April 5-6, 2022.
Our Highlights:

- Visit our updated website at www.kuyi.net.
- Purchase KUYI merch today! Inventory will be updated soon, please use our website for our marketplace link.
- Stay tuned for our upcoming LIVE remote events in our community!
- KUYI is seeking volunteers year round! Please contact Mariah Quanimptewa, Receptionist for an application and for more information at 928-738-5505 or mariah.quanimptewa@hopifoundation.org.

Pictured above and below: Visiting students from the Hopitutuqaiki Language Immersion Preschool took part in group activity to draw their own rendition of the KUYI koyala (clown).
June will be the final gathering of the latest HLP cohort before their graduation from the program set for July 26, 2022. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this has been the longest running group with the Hopi Leadership Program and we are excited to see them graduate!

During the months of April and May, HLP staff and cohort met for a number of sessions. On April 12, 2022 the group was taken on a tour through the village of Walpi, guided by the Walpi Administration staff.
HLP staff will be focusing on our Hopi Youth Leadership Program. Hosting a strategic planning session with HF administration staff, professional development training.

The following day, the group learned about the environment on Hopi from Max Taylor. In May, a four day trip to Mesa Verde was held. HLP Staff and the cohort were guided through historical sites with their honorary guest, former Hopi Vice Chairman, Clark Tenakhongva.

Another major area of focus for HLP staff at this time is fundraising for the program as well as creating and sending out more details with HLP's own upcoming newsletter.

3rd Quarter goals for 2022:
- HLP staff will be focusing on our Hopi Youth Leadership Program.
- Hosting a strategic planning session with HF administration staff,
- Professional development training
Mid-Year Updates

During the Month of May (Hatikon Muyaw) 2022, the recovery garden “Planting Seeds of Recovery Project” has been active. Participants were given the option of planting three different gardening styles. The traditional dry farming, the Lasagna bed gardening, and the drip line system gardening. Some foods that were planted include beans, squash, zucchini, and sweet corn.

HSAPC volunteers planting at the Recovery Garden

On May 17th, 2022 HSAPC was invited to participate in the First Mesa Elementary Carnival by hosting an interactive booth and providing Substance Abuse Prevention related information to the students K-6th.

Students identified issues related to Substance Abuse in their own community and wrote them on a balloon filled with air. The Students then read what they wrote out loud and raced to pop the balloons by sitting on them. The sound of the other invited organizations cheering the students to bust them could be heard through the air.
Upcoming ACCI Lifeskills Group Classes

HSAPC is offering up to 8 weeks of Community Group classes via ZOOM, utilizing the ACCI Lifeskills curriculum.

The ACCI Lifeskills curriculum is a cognitive restructuring curriculum that helps individuals to identify and re-program unhealthy behaviors through self-reflection and group support.

- Domestic Violence Group Class
  Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm starting Tuesday, June 28, 2022
- Substance Abuse Group Class
  Mondays & Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am starting Monday, June 27, 2022
- DUI Group Class
  Mondays & Thursdays 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm starting Monday, June 27, 2022

If interested, please call 928-734 0300 for more details.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill

HSAPC staff, CAB, & community members toured Tawa Park, led by Micah Loma'omvaya, as a part of their approach to healing from historical trauma.

Students were asked to identify issues related to substance abuse and write them on balloons. The balloons were then popped, in a fun group activity.
New Hires within The Hopi Foundation

Mariah Quanimptewa joined the KUYI staff on February 28, 2022 as the KUYI Studio Receptionist.

Mariah (Siweyesnum) is Eagle clan from the village of Mishongovi. She went to school for Culinary Arts at Estrella Mountain Community College. Some of Mariah's hobbies include running and hiking.

Jayson Paymella joined the Natwani Coalition in March 2022 as the Program Associate.

Jayson (TseTaAh), is a member of the Tewa Cloud Clan from Tewa Owingeh. He obtained his A.A. degree in 2000 from Phoenix College while on Cross Country and Track & Field Scholarships with a focus in Psychology.

Roberta Sequi joined the Natwani Coalition staff as the Program Coordinator in June 2022.

Roberta (Lapasmana), is a member of the Bear clan from the village of Walpi. A graduate of Hopi High School, she continued her education and obtained a license in Massage Therapy from Cortiva Institute of Massage Therapy.