



**THE HOPI FOUNDATION**  
*Lomasumi'nangtukwsiwmani*

# Quarterly News

The Hopi Foundation Newsletter



## *From the Executive Director*

**MONICA NUVAMSA**

Summer Solstice marks the longest day of the year to grant all animal and plant life nurturing warmth and energy to bring forth food and sustenance for all life to continue. This month of June, many of the large corn fields are planted and early ripening of smaller garden vegetables are beginning to flourish. It's a time of preparation and busyness to ensure we are protecting, strengthening and applying our full faith in the things we do for one another as a community.

As Taawa, our Sunfather, leads our Hopi people on a more spiritual path of nature and balance this season, let us all be blessed to have moments that we can touch hand to earth, enjoy the smell of rain, and listen to the birds sing their pollinating songs.

We look forward to experiencing all the harvest of the many seeds, ideas, and projects that our community and programs have invested in this year.



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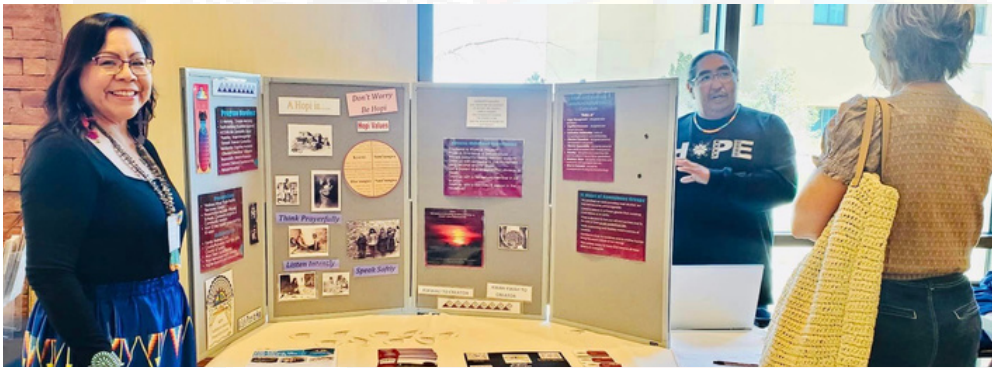
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# Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center

HSPAC staff had a jam-packed schedule during the second quarter of 2023. After participating in the exciting fundraising campaign Arizona Gives Day, we joined in the strategic planning process for our parent organization, The Hopi Foundation. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we then had another successful turnout for our annual highway cleanup on Highway 264.

We were also invited to participate in a variety of community events, as well as host some of our own, including Prescription Takeback Day hosted by Hopi Law Enforcement Services and Hopi Behavioral Health, the Second Mesa Day School College & Career Day, Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse event Denim Day, and lastly, the 2SLGBTQ conference at Twin Arrows Casino put on by Blue Cross/Blue Shield AZ and HealthChoice. We appreciate every opportunity to engage with our community and our network of collaborators allows us to share about the important work we continue to conduct at the prevention center.





# HSAPC (cont'd)

On June 2nd, HSAPC hosted "DO NOT" Day to celebrate National Donut Day. Local nonprofit organizations, programs, and tribal agencies were invited to host informational booths and hear from the community what they do not want to see in our villages and homes. Some of our ongoing programming included mentoring, AA meetings, the recovery garden and historical trips to sites around our reservation to help our mentees learn to heal from trauma and restore cultural values and responsibilities.



Left: images from historical site visits. Above: participants of our lasagna bed workshop for our recovery garden.

Some goals we plan to focus on during the upcoming quarter include creating a standardized treatment plan for our clientele, establishing satellite services in all villages, event planning for Recovery Month in September, and celebrating our 20th anniversary!

Keep a look out for our Facebook page, where we try to post daily about upcoming news and events. Askwali! Kwa'kwah! Thank you for the continued support. We look forward to the upcoming second half of the year and getting the opportunity to further engage with our community and help those living through addiction.

Struggling with addiction?  
Contact HSAPC:  
928-734-0300

# *KUYI Hopi Radio 88.1FM*

We have received a lot of interest in our revamped KUYI Koffee Talk Show. With guests such as village CSAs, school board members, local nonprofits, and tribal agencies the show helps organizations and community members get their stories out there. We try to highlight programs and people making an impact on Hopi.

Another new part of our marketing has been the KUYI Pick of the Week where we highlight our staff and volunteers' music taste to give our listeners an opportunity to discover something new. Keep an eye on our social media pages for the next Pick of the Week.

On June 10, the KUYI main tower experienced an outage when crucial equipment broke, leaving us without the ability to broadcast locally for over 2 weeks. Thankfully we were able to purchase the parts needed to get us back on air. These repairs were costly, but our listeners can help offset the costs and keep us on the air by participating in our Adopt-a-Watt program. The KUYI tower transmits 69,000 watts throughout the Hopi Reservation to get KUYI from the studio to our listeners.

Visit our website at [kuyi.net/membership](http://kuyi.net/membership) to become a member today!

## NEW STAFF & VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Join us in welcoming **Theresa Lucero** to the KUYI Team as the Station Manager! Theresa is Tepwungwa (Rabbit Clan) from the village of Hotevilla. With her grant skills, she will assist KUYI radio in finding new funding sources to ensure we stay online.

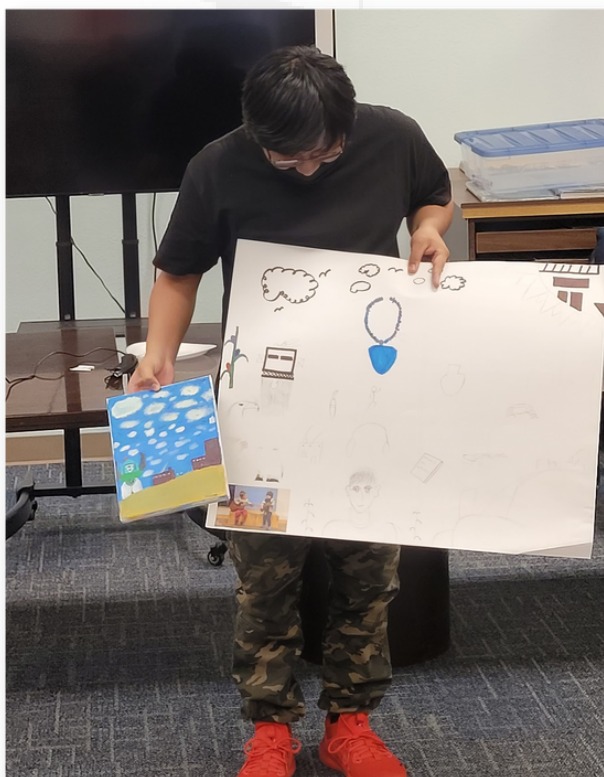
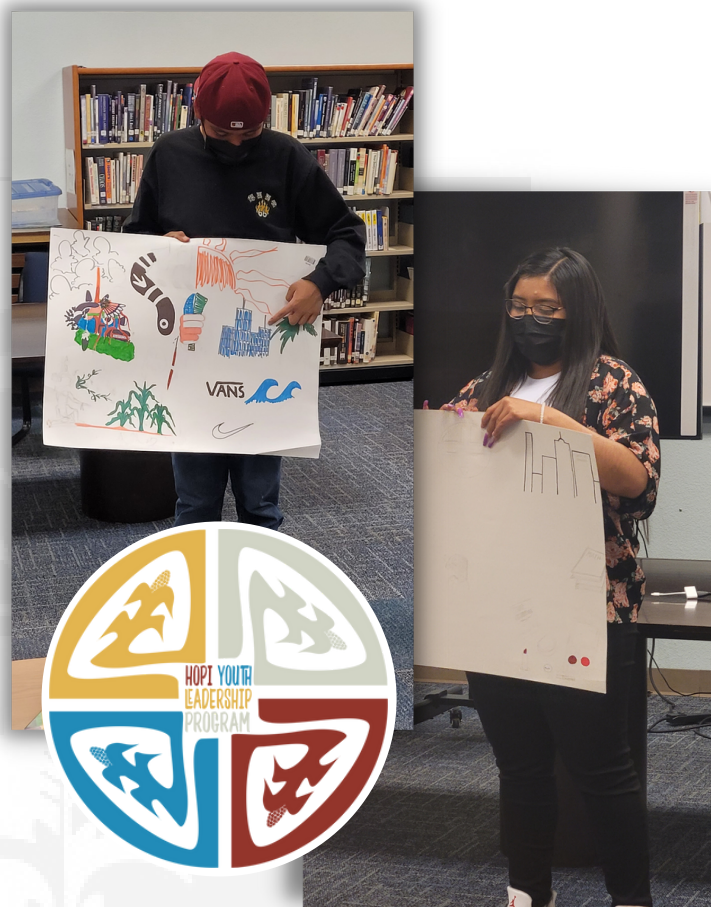


**Bruce Talawyma** (Tawatiyo) has been volunteering for KUYI for 10+ years as a DJ for Honky Tonk Round-Up and the occasional Tatawi show. He is a great volunteer and we appreciate all he does for the station. Askwali, Kwa'kwah Bruce!



# Hopi Leadership Program

In the second quarter of 2023, a two-week session of the Hopi Youth Leadership Program for students at Hopi Jr/Sr High School was completed. Students were provided lessons in cultural well-being and identity and learned about colonization/decolonization. After their two-week session, students provided comments on their learning experiences. One student wrote: "I had fun and [it] makes me want to learn more about my culture". While another shared: "I learned more about my culture... It was good and [I] would want to come back more." We are proud of all of the students who participated in this year's spring Hopi Youth Leadership Program and hope to provide additional leadership programming to our local Hopi and Tewa youth.



Above & right: HJSHS student participants of our Hopi Youth Leadership Program presenting their projects

On Friday, June 9, 2023, a highway cleanup was conducted as part of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Adopt a Highway program. In 2011, HLP adopted a one-mile stretch of the highway adjacent to the village of Old Oraibi and just above Kykotsmovi. Pandemic restrictions had not allowed there to be a cleanup for the past 3 years so we were delighted to be able to continue this annual event. With the help of HLP Alumni and volunteers, we were able to fill over 15 bags of trash! Several cars passed with community members honking in support of the cleanup and expressing their thanks in Hopi. The Hopi Fire Rescue team also joined the cleanup and helped to alert passing traffic and ensure the safety of volunteers. Leadership staff is proud and thankful for the work Alumni and volunteers contributed to getting the roadside cleaned up.

# HLP (cont'd)

The Hopi Leadership Program is currently focusing on the preparation of the upcoming 2024 HLP cohort. The HLP staff is working on incorporating objectives that resulted from the completion of our strategic plan in the first quarter of the year. This includes revising our program's curriculum which will focus on topics that are relevant to the Hopi community in areas of cultural and professional development. HLP staff is also currently working toward hosting an outdoor cultural field trip for the Hopi Youth Leadership Program.

The HLP is currently seeking grants to sustain the leadership program for 2024. A fundraising event for the Hopi Leadership Program is also in the works. The Hopi Leadership Program will also be stocking additional program merchandise for purchase on The Hopi Foundation marketplace website. HLP would also like to focus on reconnection with HLP Alumni and will be working to provide an HYP outing activity for the youth before school resumes in August.

Support HLP by visiting our website at: [hopileadershipprogram.org/donate](https://hopileadershipprogram.org/donate)



HLP Staff and volunteers from the 2023 Highway Cleanup  
Thank you! Kwa'kwah to everyone that came out to help!



# The Natwani Coalition

Natwani Coalition continues to collaborate with UofA Cooperative Extension to provide technical gardening assistance through Zoom and in-person workshops. This partnership was able to host a range of workshops relative to the current gardening season from establishing a home garden, and starting transplants, to moving your transplants into the garden. Our goal is to provide free workshop events for the community to learn ways to strengthen our local Hopi food system by promoting methods that support food self-sufficiency.

The second quarter of 2023 was also the launch for solicitation of the Natwani Coalition Micro-Grant Program. Since 2019 the Natwani Coalition has been able to provide microgrants to over 100 projects from local farmers and producers with projects focused on sustainable methods of agriculture, supporting healthy food distribution & consumption, and preserving traditional food & farming knowledge. Previous grantees and their projects can be found at [natwanicoalition.org](http://natwanicoalition.org). Individuals may subscribe to our email listing for any possible upcoming grants.



# HOPI FARMERS



# MARKET

THE HOPI FARMERS MARKET AND EXCHANGE IS AN EVENT FOR THE HOPI COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM AND WELLNESS. THIS EVENT IS TO SUPPORT LOCALLY GROWN FOOD BY CONNECTING FARMERS TO CONSUMERS AND PROVIDE A SPACE FOR HOMEMADE GOODS AND LOCAL PRODUCE TO BE SOLD OR TRADED.

## *NC (cont'd)*

The quarter also kicked off the Hopi Farmer's Market. The first market of the season was held at the Peace Academy Center on May 13th. The Hopi Farmer's Market is made possible through a collaboration of community partners that emphasize local produce & foods by connecting farmers to consumers and providing a space for homemade goods and produce to be sold or bartered, and promoting community wellness. The next market of the season will be on July 9th at the Tewa Community Building. For more information, people may call/text (505) 595-4883.



## *In Loving Memory*

The Hopi Foundation has been the recipient of various gifts made in memory of Pickle the Pug, a beloved family member of one of our generous supporters. Pickle touched the lives of many with their playful spirit and unwavering loyalty. They will be remembered for the joy they brought and the happiness they shared. Their legacy of unconditional love will continue to inspire us in the work that we do, thanks to donations made in their memory. Please join us in honoring and remembering Pickle as we celebrate the impact they made in the lives that they touched. May their memory remind us of the profound bond we share with our animal companions.







# Strategic Planning Session

The Hopi Foundation operates on a 50-year strategic vision that is created on the value of *pasi'ngwa*, taking time to plan things carefully and thoroughly to measure sustaining change over time. We revisit every 5 years to reflect and establish new goals that will move us:

- Towards maturity as healthy unified Hopi people
- Towards blossoming into what we're meant to be, embracing & honoring our strength
- Towards revitalized independence on our terms

Over two days on April 18th & 19th, HF staff collaborated with our community members, community advisory board members, board members, and facilitators from Indigenous Collaboration, Inc. to tackle the next 5 years of our strategic plan.

Shout out to our local businesses who helped to cater some delicious meals, snacks, and desserts for our guests:

- Happy Pono's Catering- Renee Mahkewa
- Janine Bahnimptewa - Caterer
- HF's 35th Anniversary Cake- Terra Honani
- Fresh Fruit & Veggie Platters - Hopi Cultural Center Restaurant

We look forward to implementing our new focused goals that will overall benefit the Hopi Community.



Above: Day 1 of HF Strategic Planning Session (top); Group picture of planning attendees(middle); HF celebrated it's 35 anniversary during the strategic planning session with cake



# *Nia Tero Visits The Hopi Tribe*

The Hopi Foundation was invited to join in on a site visit by the Hopi Tribe's Offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who, in partnership with the Office of ASU's Assistant Vice President of Tribal Relations, were hosting visiting board members of Nia Tero - an international nonprofit organization of Indigenous Peoples who believe in the guardianship of Earth and all beings.

Nia Tero's goal was to have its first post-Covid retreat in New Zealand, however, when plans did not work, Nia Tero Board Member and ASU President Dr. Michael Crow suggested the Southwestern region and hosting by the Hopi people. In this region, the representation of various indigenous communities among the board's leadership would have an immersive experience into one of the most preserved cultures of North America and guided tours of ancestral sites like Wupatki National Monument, the Grand Canyon, and Hopi villages atop the Colorado Plateau region that the Hopi people call home.

Nia Tero Board members were treated to an evening of cultural exchange with a traditional meal, prepared by the staff of the Offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, a performance of the Pahlikmana dance, a small artist market that included Hopi jewelry, pottery, basketry, and wood carving, and gift exchange.

On the last day of their visit, they learned about Hopi culture, values, and beliefs through the guide of Bertram Tsavadawa, Corn Clan of Oraivi Village.

To learn more about Nia Tero and their mission, visit [www.niatero.org](http://www.niatero.org)





# “Keeping the Homefires Burning” Gathering in CA



The 46th Anniversary event of the Seventh Generation Fund hosted a great celebration and reconnection amongst indigenous relatives from around the world. This gathering called "Keeping the Homefires Burning" was hosted at the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey, CA.

The Hopi Foundation was represented by its various programs including the Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center, Natwani Coalition, and the KUYI Hopi Radio Station staff. Hopi Foundation Trustee, Beatrice Norton, and Hopi Foundation Member Barbara Poley were also in attendance.

Conference speakers were inspirational in showcasing their traditional knowledge and encouraging everyone to practice their ancestral knowledge, teach, and protect all life and living things. Among the topics of focus were indigenous rights and advocacy among the Native Hawaiians and their protection of Mauna Kia, their sacred mountain. Also, among the Maori of New Zealand, the protection of their ocean waters and the impact of oil exploration on sea life.

The Hopi community was well represented among leaders of environmental protection, cultural development, leadership, language protection, healing, and trauma prevention. The network hosted over 300 indigenous leaders and practitioners from countries such as Greenland, New Zealand, Africa, Panama, Alaska, Canada, and Asia.

To learn more about Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous People, visit [www.7genfund.org](http://www.7genfund.org)





Above: FFF Staff and family at KUYI studio; right: FFF and HF staff at our main office in Kykotsmovi

HF staff was able to spend the morning of May 9th with the FFF crew to give a brief overview of the services we offer to our community members, with staff representing each active project under the organization.

After a filling lunch at the Hopi Cultural Center, KUYI staff welcomed the group of 8 to the studio, where they participated in a short interview and recorded some sound bites to be played live on the radio.

We are grateful for the work that the Flora family does and for allowing us the opportunity to continue our work for the Hopi and Tewa communities. Learn more about FFF at [www.florafamily.org](http://www.florafamily.org).

## *Flora Family Foundation*

The Hopi Foundation was fortunate to host individuals from one of our amazing funders, The Flora Family Foundation (FFF). The FFF is a family foundation supporting social progress, environmental well-being, and cultural vibrancy across the world. It was established in 1998 by the family of William R. Hewlett (co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Company) and his wife Flora Lamson Hewlett.

Staff from FFF and three generations of the Hewlett family visited the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas to meet with some of the organizations that they help to fund, such as The Hopi Foundation and fellow Hopi nonprofit, the Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institution.

