Here’s what has happened in the first quarter of 2024 and what’s to come!

Happy 2024 everyone! It’s been a proactive start to the year with our programs accomplishing some huge milestones that will guide their work. This first quarter has been filled with planning, reflecting, celebrating success, identifying our shortcomings, and with motivation to tackle the year ahead. In the time of renewal and future planning, we have many exciting shifts to work toward. We are blessed with your continued support of the work and our mission of Loma’suminangtukwsiwmani!

The Admin team continues to focus our efforts on supporting our programs via customer service and maintaining and building new relationships with funders and partners that align with our vision and mission.

We look to grow our Admin team with talent and expertise, so we’d like to welcome our newest team member, Staci Kaye, who is our new Program Director. Staci is Daing-yoh & Yuhwehloolowa (Stick/Blue Spruce & Spider Clan) from the Village of Tewa.

We would also like to welcome back to the HF family, Angel Abeita, who previously worked with the KUYI team and will now be taking on the role of Associate Operations Director. Angel (Pongyahongsii) is Cloud clan from the Village of Soongopavi and represents the Fox clan from the Pueblo of Santa Ana and Laguna, on her father’s side.

You can read more about Staci and Angel and all of their amazing accomplishments on our website, under the staff page.

Stay tuned for what is to come from all of our programs.

Hannah
Administrative Updates for Quarter Two

Moving into the Second Quarter, the Hopi Foundation will attend the Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) Conference in April. This will allow us to continue building our visibility in this network, learning techniques and strategies, while also offering insight into what it means to be a native-led non-profit.

Our focus on our transition will be of utmost priority while understanding that daily operations are equally important. We remain proactive in consistent stability, collaborative partnerships with our fellow non-profits, and implementing strategic messaging that focuses on the awareness of how our work connects to what the community values through advocacy and collaboration.

The Hopi Foundation staff planned a successful campaign for Arizona Gives Day (AZGD) on April 2, 2024. This online giving campaign is a significant fundraising event for all our programs. We appreciate all who participated in support of our theme this year, “Our Children, Our Future, Our Investment”. All of our programs have important components of their work related to youth and it is with great intention that we continue to focus on our younger generations to be future leaders, stewards, and champions of and in our community.

Donor Spotlight

We were thrilled to collaborate once more with local artist Davis Maho, who donated a self-portrait print titled “Tiikive” to our AZGD campaign. This piece showcases Maho at the age of 7, during a butterfly dance.

The print was gifted to a fortunate donor randomly selected from those who contributed during the 3 o’clock hour.

Askwali! Kwa’kwah! Thank you, Davis!

Prelim Results

We have our preliminary numbers from our fundraising campaign. Final results should be released with the prize winner announcements, April 15.

- Dollars Raised: $18,943
- Donors Activated: 166
- 40th out of 880 overall nonprofits with most dollars raised
- Hopi Nonprofits collectively raised over $36,000 this AZGD!!

Askwali! Kwa’kwah! Thank you for supporting our vision and mission!
Fundraising

A past recipient of the services offered at HSAPC presented an idea to program manager, Bryan Humetewa, to host a space for local artists to set up and sell their crafts. On Friday, February 2nd, this idea came to life as the HSAPC staff and volunteers hosted a craft and food fundraiser at the Center in Kykotsmovi, AZ. The event was intended to help boost the opportunity for Hopi artists to make sales and to raise funds for the general operations at HSAPC through artist booth fees and the sale of food and drinks throughout the day. The fundraiser resulted in $1,039 for HSAPC, a large portion coming from food sales, and involved 13 volunteers helping with food prep, taking orders, receipting, and merchandise sales. HSAPC hopes to host another event in the summer.

Staff Capacity

Our newest Mentor at HSAPC, Cordell Sakeva, received his Peer Support Certification during the month of March, thanks to a collaboration between Hopi Behavioral Health Services and Apache Behavioral Health. A four day specialized training was held at the Sipaulovi Youth & Elderly Center, allowing several members of the Hopi Community to complete the program and earn their certification to become a Peer Recovery Support Specialist.

In Community

In honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, HSAPC participated in the Dr. Seuss Carnival at First Mesa Elementary School by hosting an interactive game booth for the students. Accompanied by newly hired Program Director, Staci Kaye, and staff accountant, Renalda, HSAPC staff was able to engage with our younger generation and share about services relevant to their age group that we provide.
In January 2024, KUYI held an extensive strategic planning session at the Moenkopi Legacy Inn. The 3-day session was facilitated by Indigenous Collaboration, P.B.C., Paul & Lesley Kabotie. In attendance were KUYI staff and volunteers, staff from The Hopi Foundation administration, and members of KUYI’s respective Community Advisory Board. During the process, participants were able to discuss and craft a mission statement for KUYI, a milestone not achieved in the radio’s previous 23 years of existence. With good hearts, KUYI was able to envision a 20 year plan structured around Hopilavayi (Hopi language), public safety, education & entertainment.

On February 15th, the generators at our radio station and the tower atop Antelope Mesa both received vital maintenance and installation work by EMPIRE. This ensures that, in the event of a power outage, the generators will activate seamlessly, allowing KUYI to remain on the airwaves without interruption.

Seeking Help

- KUYI is seeking 2 adult & 1 young adult Community Advisory Board Members.
- KUYI is also seeking Volunteers to assist with categorizing content and editing at the station.

Interested? Please visit kuyi.net/volunteer to fill out our volunteer form or send an email to info@kuyi.net

KUYI MISSION STATEMENT

We Provide Information And Resources Valued By, And Focused On Hopi As A Native Public Communication Platform. We Provide Value By Use Of Hopi Language And Serving The Interests Of Diverse Groups Of Listeners.
The Natwani Coalition entered the new year with great anticipation as January was the month Natwani participated in a strategic planning session to update the 10-year vision of the Program. The planning session was a three-day event at Moenkopi Legacy Inn facilitated by Indigenous Collaboration, P.B.C. Those who attended were Natwani Coalition Community Advisory Board members, community educators, village coordinators, and organizational directors. Through dialogue and collaboration, the group was able to develop a consensus on what the program’s work will look like in the year 2034. Check our [website](#) to read the 10-Year Strategic Plan in its entirety.

**UPCOMING:**
**Hopi Ag & Food Symposium**

Make sure to mark your calendars for June. After five years of dormancy, the Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium will return in 2024! The symposium is an astounding vehicle to encourage continuous traditional farming knowledge. This is done through intergenerational engagement, hands-on demos, community dialogue, and local field site visits. Natwani has been meeting with their Community Advisory Board members since January, diligently planning for this year’s symposium. To stay up to date and learn more about the Hopi Agricultural and Food Symposium, visit: [bit.ly/NCHAFS](#)

**Community Micro Grants**

The Natwani Coalition is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the healthy food system and agricultural traditions of the Hopi and Tewa people. One of the ways the program achieves this is by maintaining a food and agriculture endowment that supports grants for local food, farming, and ranching initiatives. In February, the program announced the Request for Proposals for the Natwani Coalition Micro-Grant Program. Over 100 grants have been provided to community members through this program. The deadline for submitting applications was March 16th. To explore previous Micro Grant projects, please visit our website.
Program Updates and Collaborative Efforts

As we reflect on the events of the first quarter of 2024, we're proud to share the progress we've made and the exciting initiatives that lie ahead. Here's a recap of our recent endeavors:

- We took a comprehensive look at our FY2024 program budget and scheduling to ensure alignment with our goals and objectives. This exercise allowed us to optimize our resources and maximize our impact.
- We were thrilled to commence consultations with our esteemed Adult Leadership Curriculum Developer. This collaboration aimed to enhance the richness and relevance of our curriculum, empowering us to deliver even greater value to our participants.
- Our commitment to fostering a vibrant community extended beyond the program itself. We actively engaged with our HLP alumni through curriculum development consultations and our HAC quarterly meeting. These interactions were invaluable in shaping the future direction of our program.
- Strategic financial planning was essential for the sustainability of our program. We meticulously evaluated our program budget needs in alignment with our confirmed funding sources, enabling us to operate efficiently and effectively.

Looking ahead, we are coordinating advertising and recruitment for our new HLP cohort and student participants for the spring session of the Hopi Youth Leadership Program at Hopi Jr/Sr High School. This proactive approach sets the stage for a successful intake process and will ensure ample support for our participants.

We would like to take some time to acknowledge the amazing supporters of HF and our sister programs. We are immensely grateful to all of those who generously supported us on Arizona Gives Day. Your contributions will go a long way in empowering and enriching the lives of the Hopi community, starting with our youth, through the services we provide, such as the Hopi Youth Leadership Program. Kwa’kwah!