



## Pine Ridge Relief Efforts

Pine Ridge Reservation is currently facing a disaster due to the winter blizzards and spring flooding. Many are stranded and roads are impassable, making it difficult for people to leave and for emergency help to get in. The national press have published many articles about the extremely difficult conditions on the reservation.

There are many ways to give toward relief in this emergency.

1. Oglala Sioux Tribe Emergency Relief PO BOX 2070 Pine Ridge, SD 57770 Attn. J Bear Runner, Pres Office.
2. Heart Bridge of the Carolinas
3. OglalaOyankeRelief.org

HB also provides funds for emergency fuel relief in South Dakota through One Spirit, a non-profit on Pine Ridge Reservation. This winter has been brutal with many families sharing already crowded homes because they have heat where others don't. The addition of floods has added to the challenges the people on the reservation always face. Life on the reservation is difficult for many reasons, therefore the isolation and extreme weather only make life more tragic. Please be generous in giving to relief organizations.

## Allen Youth Center

Our partnership with the Allen Youth Center continues to grow. We look forward to working with the new director, Jennifer Richards. Heart Bridge provided winter coats, school supplies and funds for their Christmas Party. A special thanks to Curt and Janice Locklear for their gift of a kid's kitchen set to the children.

One Spirit, sponsors of the Youth Center, have a busy spring and summer planned for the Center. When asked to sponsor one of the classes, Heart Bridge chose to fund the Self Defense Course for young women which is especially important on the reservation.

## North Carolina Relief Efforts

Eastern North Carolina has been hit multiple times with flooding over the past few years. They continue to be plagued with flooding

where low lying areas haven't drained properly. The problem has grown worse because waterways have not been cleared in the years since the flooding incidents. HB held several Kids Camps in Robeson County and many of our team members live there. Heart Bridge provided relief funds to the area through Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. They provide emergency relief for families in need, many of whom are still living in temporary cramped motel rooms since the flood.

## Pine Ridge Trip 2019

Make your plans now to join HB team going to Wanblee, Pine Ridge Reservation in August. School will have started at Crazy Horse Elementary and we will repeat our 2018 schedule. School supplies, books, bookbags and whatever we can pack into the U-Haul trailer being pulled cross country by the hearty Mary and Chris Baer. They won't haul watermelons, but NC long leaf pine cones will be repeated because they provided lots of crafting fun. Watermelons were a failed experiment that didn't travel well in 2017. Kids Camp will provide you with an outlet for your talents and your knowledge. WE NEED YOU.

Here's a list of needed supplies which can be taken to Pine Ridge in August.

- school supplies and book bags
- art supplies
- new board games
- new and slightly used children's books
- teacher supplies
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- fabric and thread for quilting

