

and for a deep egalitarianism that made them not necessarily defer even to the leading men of their tribes. The route this trait took as it passed from Indian to white was invisible. However the transfer happened, in a few generations it was complete; the American character had become thoroughly Indian in its outspokenness and all-around skepticism on the subject of who was and was not great. ...As surely as Indians gave the world corn and tobacco and potatoes, they gave it a revolutionary new idea of what a human being could be."

If you would like to find out more about volunteering or fundraising for Project Lakota, contact Candy Boyd at (314) 623-7829 or candyboydwrite@yahoo.com. Donations for Project Lakota can be sent to "Project Lakota, c/o Diana Pascoe, 7429 Brunswick Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, 63119. Please make checks payable to "St. Louis Meeting" and put "Project Lakota" in the memo line.

Photo Essay of Project Lakota

By Ellen Baranowski,

Donating our van to Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing, Inc.

In September 2005, Bobbi Trist and Ellen



Baranowski donated their 1992 Ford conversion van to the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for

Housing, Inc. organization of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The director of the organization, Emma "Pinky" Clifford, said the van was a wish come true. She said that the donation of the van makes it possible for her organization to provide "mobile office" credit counseling to Lakota families interested in pursuing home ownership. The reservation is vast with long distances (up to 150 miles) between rural communities and only about one-third of the families on the reservation have functional automobiles.

Candy Hamilton's House

Volunteers from Project Lakota worked to weatherproof and caulk the outside of this log cabin during the summer of 2005. Our hope is that a Lakota family will be able to move into



this house soon because housing like this that is in good condition and availability on the reservation is non-existent. The 980 square foot, three-bedroom, one bathroom house is selling for \$48,000; half the cost of building a comparable new home at today's construction prices. Even at this rock-bottom price, a Lakota family (average per capita income of less than \$5,000) will find it difficult to purchase the cabin. Your donations will enable Project Lakota help with the down payment or needed interior work.

Gerald and Ingrid One Feather's Log Home

Gerald One Feather and Richard Broken Nose started the tiospaye housing co-op in order to