Pine Ridge Reservation:

Some Statistics

Pine Ridge is one of the poorest areas of the Western Hemisphere in terms of material poverty. (At the same time the Lakota people have spiritual wealth and a rich sense of humor.)

Average Life Expectancy - 56 years (Male), 60 years (Female) (US average: 77.2 years)

Per Capita Income - $6,286 (US Avg. $21,587)

Median Household Income - $22,779 (US avg. $43,318)

Poverty Rate – 35.6 - 55% (US avg. 12.5%)

Median value of housing - $25,900 (US avg. $119,600)

Unemployment Rate – 83% (US avg. 4.6%)

Overall Substandard Housing – 59%

Tribe-estimated Average of Number of Occupants per Home - 14-17 individuals

School Drop-out Rate - over 70%

Statistics courtesy of Link Foundation, National Center of Health Statistics, the Oglala Lakota Tribe, the US Bureau of Census, and the US Department of Agriculture.

If you feel led to donate, please make check payable to St. Louis Monthly Meeting, with “Project Lakota” in the memo line.

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Statement of Leading
Project Lakota will promote relations between Lakota people and F/friends. This will include supporting housing, land, ta-

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Yellow/Spotted eagle
White/Buffalo
The medicine wheel represent the four directions of the universe, each with a corresponding color and natural symbol. This image illustrates the interconnected relationship between humans and nature. We try to honor this sacred relationship in our statement of leading.

Your donation enables us to buy materials that will be used to help people build or repair their houses. Below are some of the materials that we can buy with your donation.

Prices:
2X4X8”- $3
Paint Brushes - $20 for 3
Box of Roofing Nails - $30
Toilet - $280
Stove - $350
Construction Supervisor- $20,000/year
Log Cabin Kit- $25,000

1990s, he was unable to keep up with the repairs. During the long winters, the strong north wind could come through their old cabin. Now, thanks to their new home, they can keep their family warm.

There are many more families that need housing. With recent cuts in federal funding, groups on the reservation like Habitat for Humanity, Partnership for Housing, and the Tiwahe Tipi Log Cabin Cooperative are struggling to help house the Lakota people. Project Lakota tries to help these groups and individual families.

About Project Lakota
In 2000 Candy Boyd, Maya Suffern, and Greg Woods founded Project Lakota after attending an AFSC-IMYM JSP workcamp to benefit the Oglala Lakota community Pine Ridge Reservation, located in southwestern South Dakota. Upon our arrival we were shocked by the extreme poverty that existed on the reservation. We were also impressed with the spiritual wealth of the Lakota people. We made many friends and they shared their humor and spirituality with us.

We established Project Lakota with the desire to help this amazing community toward self-sufficiency, first by assisting their efforts to improve the substandard housing conditions on the reservation, and with the aim of eventually supporting them in other ways as well, (for example by helping them to create sustainable income opportunities on their land).

In our first six years, we have raised over $100,000 to help more than three-dozen families by providing residential building supplies, ranging from siding to a whole log cabin kit.

We helped the family of Gerald and Ingrid One Feather with the cost of their new log cabin (pictured on front). Gerald built their previous house in the early 1960s, but as his health started to decline in the