

Support to Native American Girls During COVID 19

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1. Welcome, land acknowledgment, and prayer
 2. LeToy Lunderman (Oglala Lakota)
 3. Samantha Honani (Hopi and Tewa)
 4. Sonya Oberly (Nez Perce, Osage, Comanche)
 5. Enedina Banks (Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation)
 6. Q&A
 7. Wrap Up

AGENDA

LETOY LUNDERMAN



(Oglala Lakota)

Location of IMAGEN Girl Societies



Girl Societies

Alaska

St Paul Island
Kake

Arizona

First Mesa
Indian Wells

Idaho

Kamiah
Lapwai

Iowa

Sioux City

Michigan

Baraga

Minnesota

Mille Lacs Band of
Ojibwe

Montana

Blackfeet Nation
Babb

Browning

Fort Belknap

Reservation

Great Falls

Nebraska

Omaha

Norfolk

New York

Niagara County

Erie County

Nevada

Carson City

Gardnerville

Schurz

Yerington

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

Shawnee

Tulsa

South Dakota

Cheyenne River Sioux

Tribe Reservation

Eagle Butte

Dupree

Timber Lake

White Horse

Crow Creek Reservation

Pine Ridge Reservation

Kyle

Martin

Pine Ridge

Porcupine

Rosebud Reservation

Antelope

Mission

Okreek

Parmalee

Rosebud

Spring Creek

Saint Francis

White River

Utah

Salt Lake City

Wisconsin

Odanah

MEET THE PARTICIPANTS!



AIMEE POND

Aimee was born and raised in Pine Ridge, SD, but currently lives with her family in Porcupine (another district on the reservation). She is currently managing a virtual Girl Society and working from home. A social worker and current youth leadership development initiative director at Thunder Valley CDC, she is passionate about empowering and supporting youth and families to live healthy lives. A fun fact about her is that she has a house full of teenagers and two toddler boys. "They keep me busy and happy during this Pandemic!"



MEET THE PARTICIPANTS!



ELIZABETH VÁSQUEZ

Maya K'iche' woman, Guatemalan citizen, social worker and girl mentor. Passionate about violence prevention, gender equity, reproductive health and rights, community outreach, agriculture, nutrition and health. Gardening enthusiast since the COVID-19 lockdown, currently harvesting broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, celery, radishes and beets.



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LETOY LUNDERMAN

LeToy is an enrolled citizen of the Oglala Lakota Tribe in South Dakota (Oglala Sioux). She is the mother of three: two daughters, Sheighal Dreamz and TailLee Pearl; and her son is Troy Allen. She has lived most of her life in the small community called HeDog on the Rosebud Reservation. She is the Administrative Co-Director for the South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence, and has been an advocate for victims of violence for over 15 years. She is committed to creating safer and more healthy communities and does a lot of prevention work in the local schools. She loves spending time with the young people on her reservation, and she just recently became a grandmother to an amazing baby boy, Landon Micah.



MEET THE PARTICIPANTS!



MARGARITA TALE TZOC

Margarita is a teacher and a mentor for REDMI Aq'ab'al from Totonicapán, Guatemala. She is indigenous, bilingual and is passionate about sharing her knowledge and learning from others. She likes to help women and children in her community of San Chimento and teach them their rights, and she also enjoys designing clothes, cooking and planting trees and flowers. She also enjoys telling unbelievable stories. "Sometimes they get angry, but then they laugh".



JANUARY 19, 2021

REZ GIRL RISING

Samantha Honani, Paakwamana

HOPI/TEWA

HOPI TEWA COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

STRONG



HOPI TEWA COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

Rez Girl Rising.

GUIDE ME

Knowledge keeper in training.

Shaping and Empowering Young Indigenous Mindsets

Samantha Honani,

Hopi (Indigenous) Curriculum Developer



Guiding
our future
through
Hopi
prayerful
running

*“Our purest of
hearts will lead
us”*



Our Beginning

*Born into
Indigenous
connection,
resilience,
teaching, values,
roles..*



What shapes our identity?

- Community movement
- Social engagement
- Interaction with my community; intergenerational, all villages
- Observing; using active listening

DEEP ROOTS - Empowerment



Courtesy of Milton Snow/Cline Library Special Collections and Archives



Empowerment:
authority or power
given to someone to
do something



In-power-ment – Self-Motivation

- “Self in-power-ment”
- Coming back to our power builds *confidence*
 - **Interrupts oppressive situations** like: substance abuse, domestic violence, depression, stress, etc.
 - **Shifts direction toward healing:** admission of the problem, seeking help/support, positive actions, etc

Revitalized individuals → Revitalize families → Revitalize communities

Intellectual Warrior

- Agility and Resiliency are passed to us from our ancestors.
- Young men and women may have or not have yet realized their talents and gifts.



INTELLECTUAL
WARRIOR

#mhonyouti

Developing the next generation of Hopi & Tewa by:

Establishing a mindset that centers around the teachings
importance of culture

Leadership

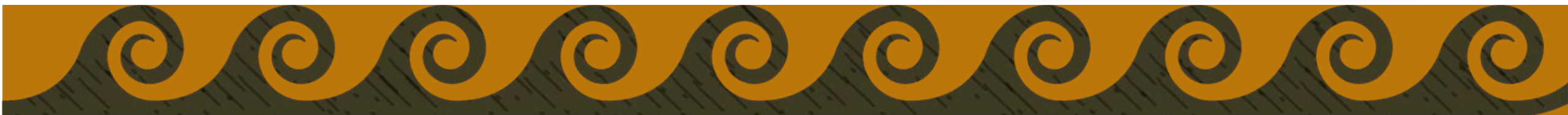
Resilience

In-powerment

(self-motivation)

Active engagement

Being an intellectual warrior

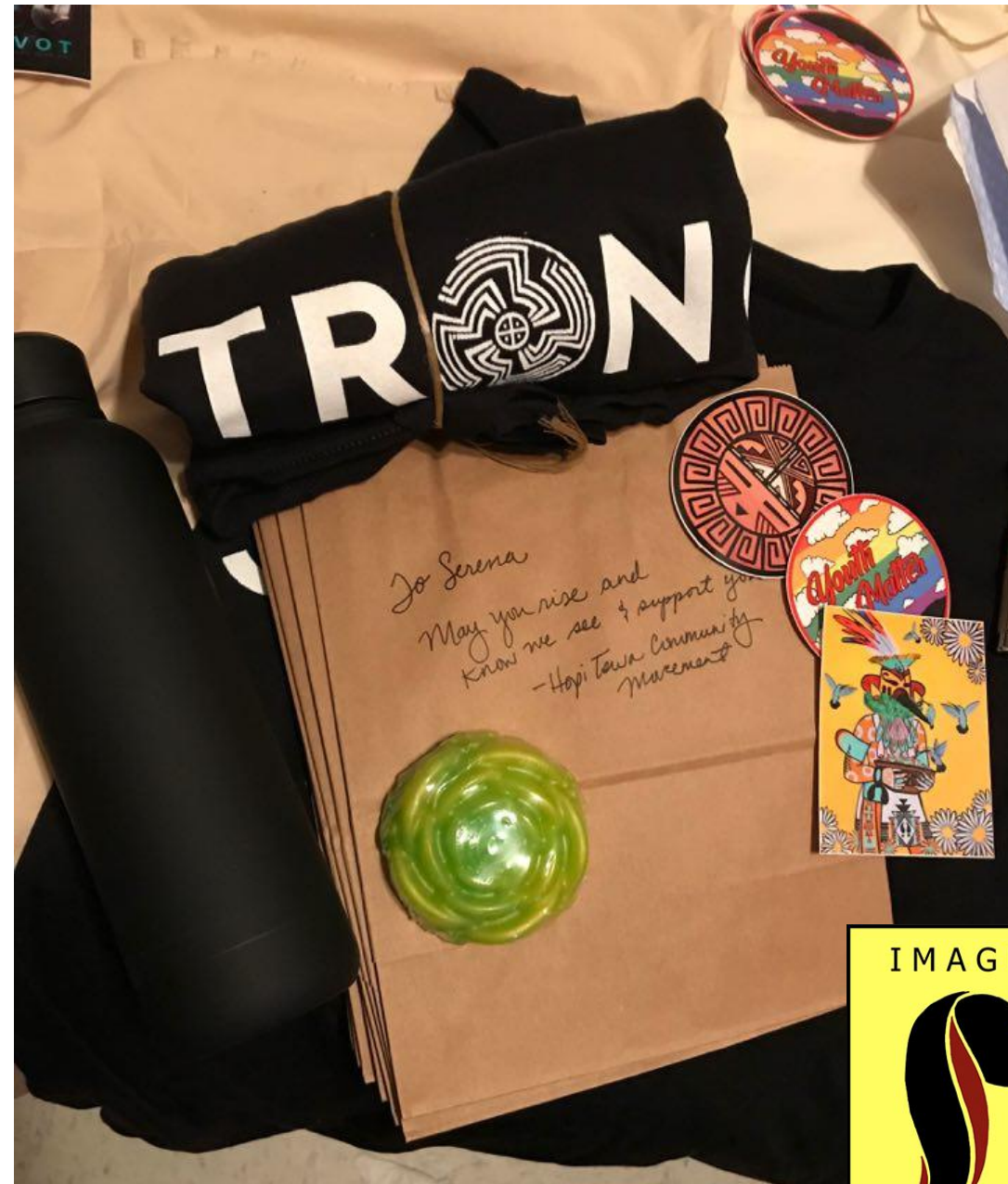


STRONG

HOPÍ TEWA COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

Rez Girl Rising.

- Goal: to reach at least 10 girls with the \$500 funding (\$50 self-care package)
- Girls (teens) from various villages throughout Hopi, who were in the 'shadows', and demonstrated a need for this small gesture.
- Packages: specially designed shirt, stickers, a vacuum sealed water bottle, locally made soap, and Hopi food items.
- Total of 23 girls served through matching donations from circle of women and other influencers in my community.
- We can all attribute our success and triumph to someone who saw something in us and motivated, nurtured, and supported us in one way or another.



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Indigenous Adolescent Girls' Empowerment Network



ONWARD

SONYA OBERLY

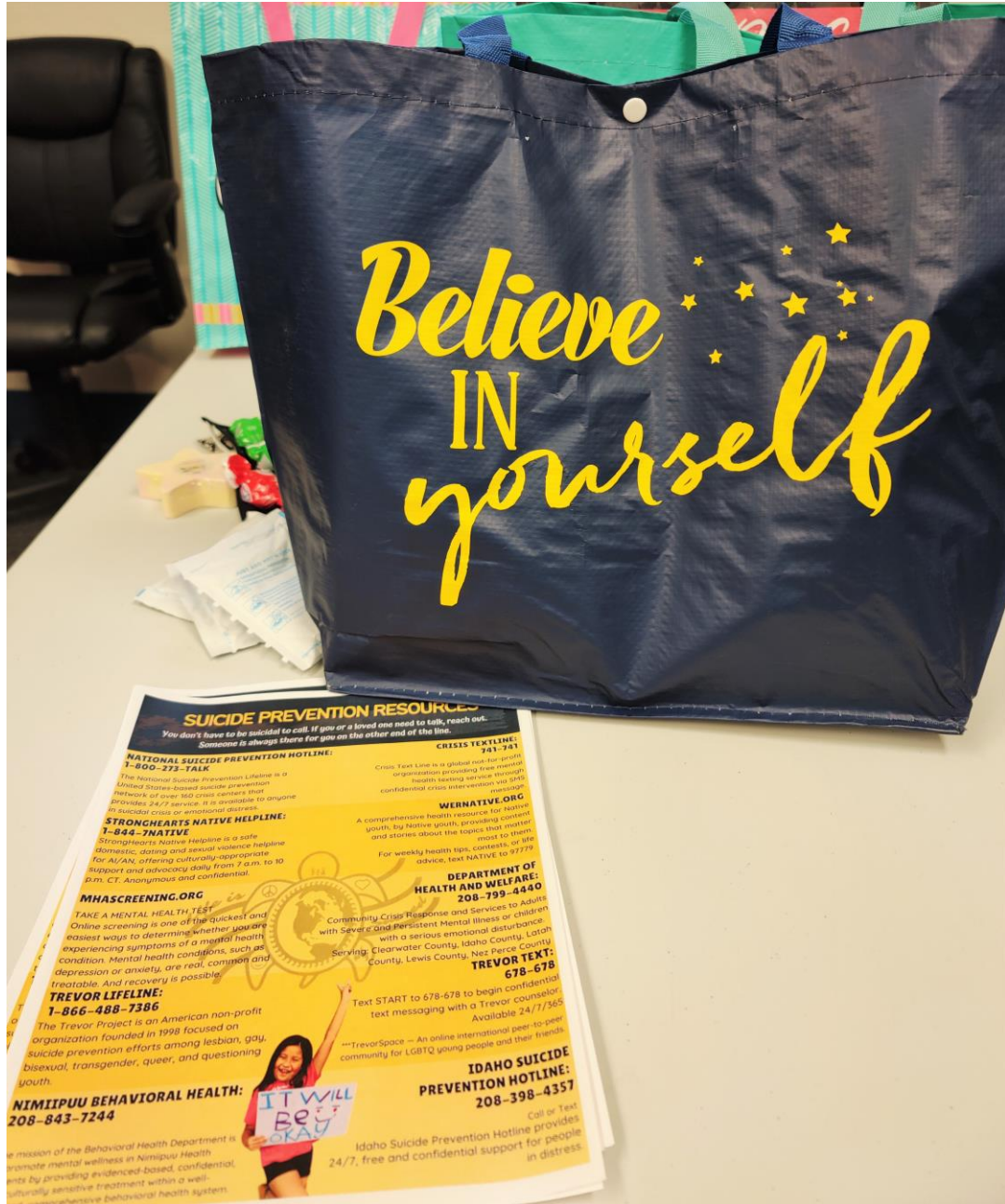


(Osage - Comanche - Nez Perce)









ENEDINA BANKS

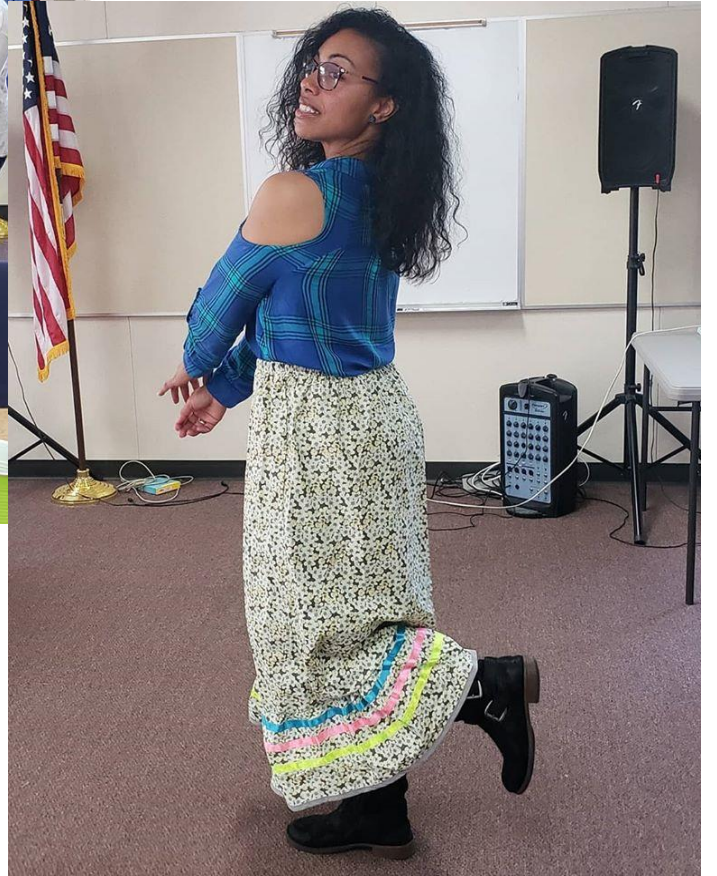


President of Tinokwe Foundation





SELF DEFENSE CLASSES



Sewing classes



PARTICIPANTS DIDN'T
JUST RECEIVE THE
SKILLS BUT WE
PROVIDED THEM
WITH THE TOOLS
AND SUPPLIES TO
CONTINUE.

Wewene Zhechkewen JR.



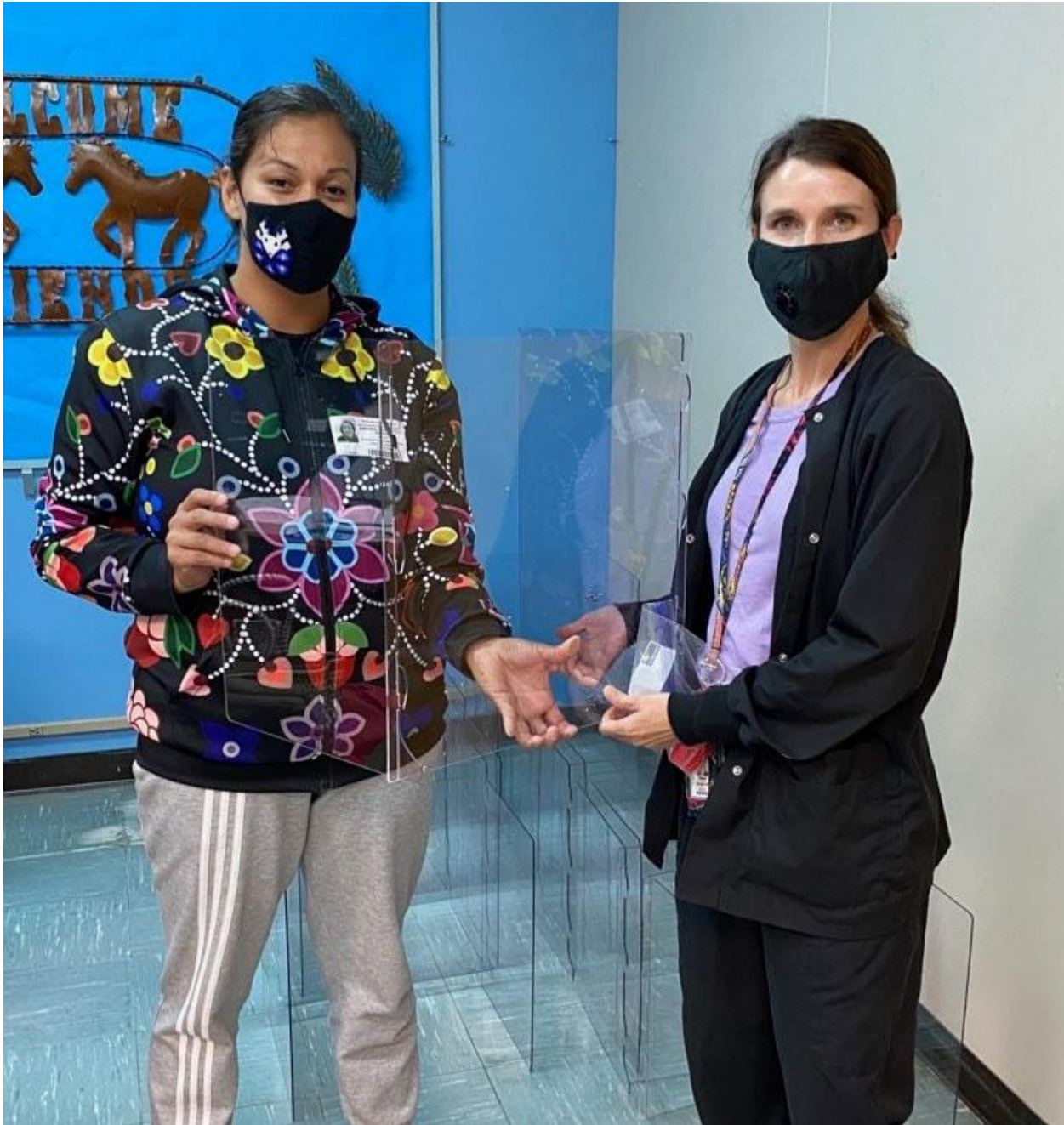


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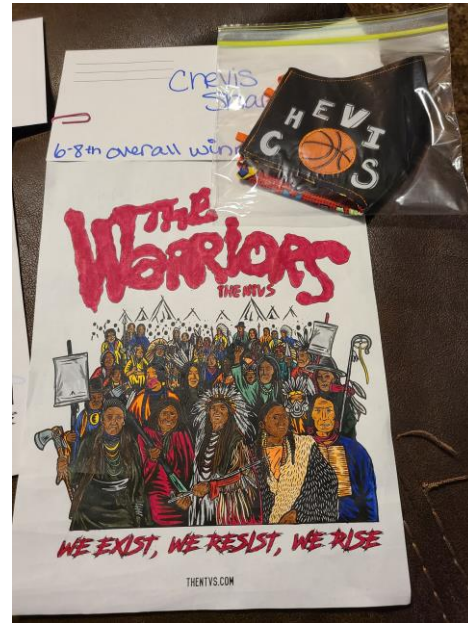
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JEIVEN WE PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED
ESSENTIALS TO OUR PARTICIPANTS
WHEN SUPPLIES WERE IN HIGH
DEMAND.



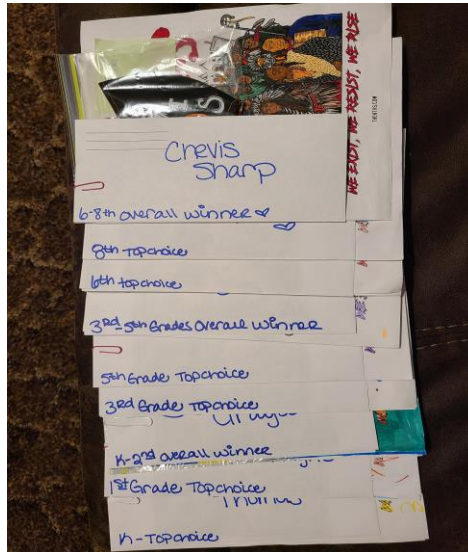


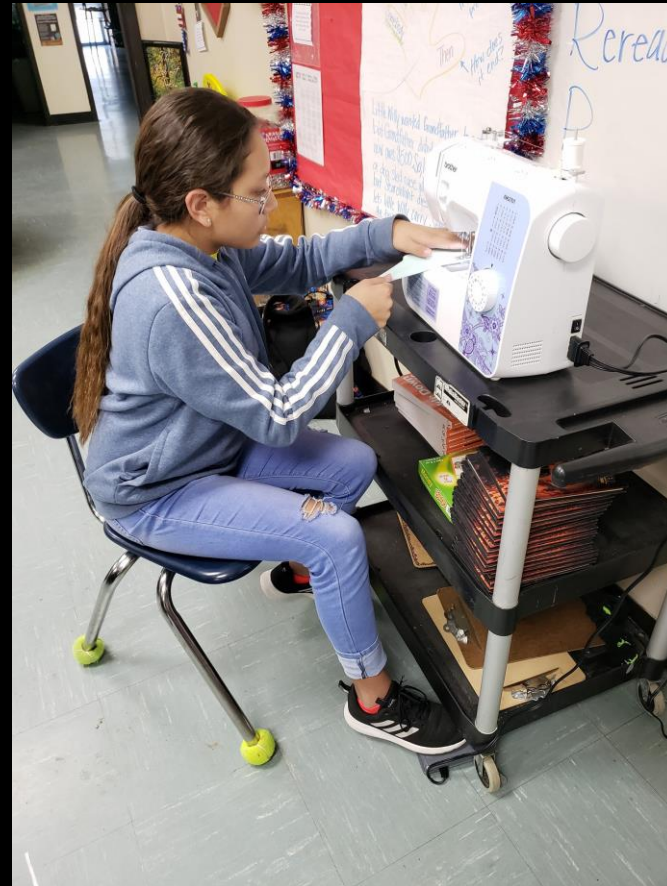
SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND ESSENTIAL DISTRIBUTION FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION, MASK AND SNEEZE GUARDS WERE PROVIDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND TO THE HIGH—RISK STUDENTS.





2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
WEWENE ZHECHKEWEN JR.





NONE OF THIS WOULD BE
POSSIBLE WITH OUT THE
GENEROSITY OF DONORS AND
MICRO-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.
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Q&A

Thank you!



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