

Native Ways Program

Highlights in October

Spiritual Walk 10/3

Members at our residential site were able to take part in a yearly walk for day of San Francisco. This is a yearly spiritual pilgrimage that takes place starting at the Pascua Yaqui health department and concludes at the San Xavier Mission. Spirituality is a key component of focus and exploration when it comes to the Native Ways Program. Nati and Sandra are always certain to help identify events and then ensure taking members to have these community experiences.



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Tucson Indian Center 60th Anniversary Gala

10/7

The Tucson Indian Center celebrated 60 years of service to the greater Tucson community. TIC has been providing advocacy, education, enhanced leadership, and strengthening the wellbeing of the Urban Native American Community. The Haven was able to sponsor the event and show support. Earlier in the year due to collaboration efforts and a positive tour of the Haven, TIC named the Haven as a legitimate provider for indigenous women in pamphlets that are widely distributed to the community. In the face of fraudulent actors, this sets the Haven apart as community resource.



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Indigenous People's Day Event at the U of A 10/9

Residential clients were asked to drum at an Indigenous People's Day Event held at the University of Arizona's campus. Indigenous Peoples Day was proclaimed on October 11, 2021 by president Biden to honor America's original inhabitants. Taking the place of Columbus Day, this action solidifies the sovereignty of Tribes and Nations as present before "America was discovered" by Christopher Coumbus.



For further information on the Proclamation:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/10/08/a-proclamation-indigenous-peoples-day-2021/>

An explanation by author and Historian Kenneth C. Davis:

<https://youtu.be/Q7VR2yny9mc>



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Members from residential pose with Tribal Royalty



Aztec dancers and drum



White Mountain
Apache Crown
Dancers

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Alumni Drumming

10/10

Native Ways alumni drumming is still going strong and continuing to draw former NW members to stay connected and help give back the words and encouragement they received to newer members in recovery.

Native Ways Alumni reported “it feels good to sing and be around the drum. . . so many people have been a part of my recovery and now I can be a part of theirs [IOP NW members].”



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Movie night at the Loft

10/24

IOP members met up with Native Ways Alumni to watch the film *Wind River* at a movie night at the Loft hosted by Tucson Indian Center. The film centers on the prevalence of Indigenous women who are raped and murdered both on and off the reservations with impunity. The film is inspired on true realities that plague Native American Communities throughout the United States.

Trailer to the film:

<https://youtu.be/s7WuKdVhrmA?si=voS1L0GVQNNXhNwm>





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Successful Completions

Residential

Jeanne

Jeanne successfully completed the Native Ways Program in residential treatment. She took part in the Tucson Indian Center Leadership Program and won a Progress Acknowledgment Award. Jeanne will be continuing with Native Ways IOP recovery housing.

Aaliyah

Aaliyah successfully completed residential and is continuing her recovery journey by going into The Haven IOP with Recovery Housing. While in residential member was community leader and immersed in the Native Ways Program as evidenced by taking part in all activities and reported "connecting to my native culture has helped me a lot."

Anastasia

Anastasia successfully completed the Native Ways Program in residential treatment and discharged to The Haven IOP with Recovery Housing. She did well while in treatment and reported being positive and ready for the next phase in her recovery and a desire to look for work.

Delaine

Delaine successfully completed the Native Ways Program in residential treatment. She participated in all aspects of the program including the Tucson Indian Center Leadership Program and won a Progress Acknowledgment Award. Delaine will be attending IOP with recovery housing.

Rita

Rita successfully completed residential and is continuing her recovery journey by going into The Haven IOP without Recovery Housing. While in residential member was community leader and immersed in the Native Ways Program as evidenced by taking part in all activities

IOP

Aurora

Aurora successfully completed IOP in October. Aurora made the decision to continue working on her recovery and was accepted into COPE-Yavapai, another SUD treatment facility. We wish her the best on her continued recovery journey. Aurora received the rock of "Faith" due to her continued connection to her higher power during her recovery, and faith in her own abilities.

Brandie

Brandie successfully completed IOP in October. Brandie has secured two jobs at Amazon Warehouse and a Home Health Service. She will continue with OP SUD for individual therapy. Brandie shared that she has built a strong foundation and has made many sober supports that she will carry into this next phase. Brandie received the rock of "Courage" for her ability to overcome her barriers and learn to put herself first.

Yolanda

Yolanda successfully completed in October. She entered the Job Force program at the Gospel Rescue Mission and hopes to utilize her recently completed RSS certificate to gain a position in the SUD field. Yolanda received the rock of "Believe" to represent her ability to continue working towards her goals and trust in her ability to achieve her recovery goals.