

# KEYA - Who we are and our mission



KEYA is a service founded to assist and support Native Americans. At present our focus is the Lakota Nation, Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We invite you to become part of KEYA network of sponsors, partners, friends and volunteers, to dream with the Lakota people a new dream - and to help the dreams come alive!

The KEYA Mission is to assist the Lakota people in preserving and revitalizing the Lakota culture, language, and self-sufficiency while meeting the basic needs of Lakota families, children, and elders. We strive to cultivate an intercultural relationship that recognizes that we are all related and that Native Americans are an equal and valued part of our society.

- We can help break the cycle of poverty by strengthening families, promoting economic development and educational opportunities, and providing programs that bring hope to young Native Americans.
- Programs that strengthen families and assist them in the protection of their children from the harsh effects of hunger and cold can change what has become a legacy of poverty and addiction.
- Valuing their culture, their language, and their arts is a viable way for the Lakota people to be recognized, as a people, as a nation, as a culture. This recognition will give them a stronger voice to defend their struggles, value their own identity, and make changes from within that promotes self-sufficiency and leadership.