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The logo for Diamond Willow Ministries features a stylized cross with a circular emblem containing four colored segments (green, red, yellow, and blue) and two feathers on either side.

## BUILD MY LIFE

"And I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation. And I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken." These words to the worship song, Build My Life, have become an anthem for the teens who attended the Teen Retreat. Through teaching, worship, and simply hanging out, this retreat was an important time away for students from the reservation that allowed them to focus on Jesus and their walk with Him.

Throughout the entire school year teens have been gathering on Wednesday nights for Bible study. Some of the young teens in the group have been asking good questions and inviting their friends. One young teen girl was invited this spring and began attending regularly, including going on the Teen Retreat. She came back from the retreat with a desire to have a relationship with Jesus. She chose to build her life on His firm foundation through baptism. Not only did she take the words to the song to heart, but another one of her friends made the choice this fall to surrender her life to Jesus through baptism as well.

We praise God for the decisions made as a result of relationships built and time in prayer. We are praying for their faith to increase as they continue to trust Him more. Will you pray that each of these students continue to have opportunities to see Jesus more clearly and share his love with those around them?



*"This week has shown me to put more trust in God and let Him show me the plan He has for me." - Teen Retreat Attendee*



## CHANGES FOR CANTEMAWASTE CAMP

Since the beginning of Cantemawaste Camps, so many have been given the opportunity to have something good put in their hearts - the Gospel. This summer alone, 82 kindergarten through 5th grade children, TYC staff, Junior Interns, and volunteers participated in this beloved summer program. God has brought people together from all over the country to partner with us in order to share the Bible and Jesus' love to youth of all ages.

Over the past 7 years the Tokata Youth Center's (TYC) programming has blossomed into a central serving point for children. This September, the community celebrated the opening of the TYC's very own facility. The transition into the new building requires TYC staff to be immersed in the cultivation of new programming and long awaited opportunities to work more intently in the community on a daily basis. Due to the time and resources required to implement new programs, we have decided not to host Cantemawaste Camps for the summer of 2023. This may be disappointing to some, however it is so very exciting to see local folks rising up, being empowered, and serving daily within the community at the new TYC facility. We thank you deeply for your faithful prayers and dedication to the youth of the Crow Creek Reservation.



## CANTEMAWASTE CAMP

*"I'm glad I came because I got to know the other people, the other staff members, and got to help the kids learn about Jesus and God."* - Eliza, JR Intern



## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

*"We had such a great time! It's such an encouraging event that we all have been so motivated by. Great speakers, great people, and so much wisdom was shared. I know we each left being better leaders, and being equipped to help others be the same. Definitely a blessing to be there!"* - Andrew Thomas, Pastor IOCC

## POW WOW

The 160th Annual Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Wacipi (pow wow) was a fun and beautiful event to gather as family and friends. The Diamond Willow family has spent the last 19 years on the pow wow grounds for a mid-August weekend.

Pow wow is always such an exciting time! So much is packed into the three-day period. From the dancing and regalia, the beat of the drums, to the vendors, to connecting with friends and family. A highlight of this year's pow wow season was the worship service. Annually, we host breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a worship service on Sunday at the pow wow grounds. This year's service was filled with voices singing Dakota hymns, which drew others closer to the tent to listen. It is always encouraging for our community to gather together to worship Jesus.



## THANK YOU SCHUWEILERS!

Greg "Shoe" and Carrie Schuweiler moved onsite to serve as full time volunteers in the fall of 2019. Shoe and Carrie faithfully stepped into new roles and uniquely served in too many ways to count. We are sad to see them go. This fall they are moving to Missouri to be closer to their grandchildren. Thank you Shoe and Carrie and "Toksa ake" – see you later, there are no goodbyes in the Dakota language.



**JOIN US NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH!**

**DWM will be at ICOM in Columbus, Ohio!**

Come visit us at booth numbers 313, 315, 412, & 414.

# YOUR INVESTMENT

Shea has been a part of Diamond Willow Ministries from a young age. Thanks to the influence and direction of her father, Shea attended the Tokata Youth Center since she was in Kindergarten.

The photos here are Shea at Cantemawaste Youth Camp as a 1st Grader and then again as a Junior Intern for both weeks of camp this past summer. She also attended the Teen Retreat. Shea is living proof that your investment in Diamond Willow Ministries elicits growth. Your prayers and partnership in various ways have made a way for kids like Shea, her brother, their father and many others to learn about the life giving power of Jesus Christ. We are committed to continuing to spread the Gospel so that others may know joy and peace. Thank you for committing your time and energy to support the youth in so many ways. It is a blessing and an honor to know children like Shea and watch them grow into lovely young men and women who know Jesus. We are grateful to you for answering God's call and helping us do our part.



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