



if anyone is
in **Christ**,
he/she is a new



Creation



the old has
GONE
the new has
COME
♥ 2Cor:5:17



TOKATA YOUTH CENTER PROGRESS

Recently the kids at the Tokata Youth Center (TYC) decorated butterflies and gathered them all together around the 2 Corinthians 5:17 verse.

The metamorphosis that takes place in a caterpillar is a remarkable transformation and a reminder of the power of the gospel. They start as little caterpillars and then build a cocoon which is a burial of what was old to become something new—reborn into a beautiful butterfly! This is a wonderful reminder of what God is doing in the lives of the youth and families here on the Crow Creek Reservation.

Transformation has also been taking place during the construction of the new Tokata Youth Center building. Since the ground was broken in September, construction progressed throughout the winter and spring despite some cold temperatures and harsh winds. The walls are up, concrete flooring is laid, and the roof will be completed soon. This dream is becoming a reality for the people of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation. This space will not just be a building, it will represent an anchor of hope for the community. Please continue to pray for it to be a place for children to dream, adults to regain hope, and for families to be encouraged.



In the coming months, we will be contacting many friends and partners directly to explain the effort and seek your partnership to achieve the goals of the Tokata Initiative (TYC Capital Campaign). If you would like to talk with someone immediately, please contact Rod Vaughn at rod.vaughn@d-w-m.org or 605-245-2685.



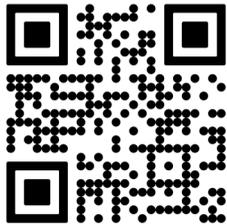
TYC FUTURE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

“Tokata” means future in the original Dakota language. The TYC has become a family and a place of security for the youth in our community. Several community members have shared how important this space will be for future generations and what it means to them. Many are encouraged by having a space that allows the youth to dream and plan for their future.

“We say that youth are our future and we need to show them that they are our future through our actions besides our words. And to see the beginning stages of the Tokata Youth Center is a beautiful picture....It will be the center and the hub of our community because our youth are sacred and precious.”

Belinda Joe

Belinda Joe with her grandson, Oaklynd, last fall outside the current TYC building sharing the progress chart from both of their contributions to build *their* youth center.



Be sure to check out this video to see the progress of the new Tokata Youth Center and hear from important community members.

EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER

Summer at Diamond Willow is coming and we are looking forward to the changes it brings. Will you pray for us to have opportunities to meet people wherever they are and offer some peace in whatever situation they are in?

May 21: Crow Creek Tribal School Graduation - We are excited that three of the graduates are current or former employees at the Tokata Youth Center.

May 27-28: Guys Hike - Annual guys hike on the banks of the Missouri River.

May 30: Memorial Day Community Service - An annual gathering and meal at All Saints Cemetery for families to honor those who have passed away.

June 7-10: Teen Retreat - Teens connected to Diamond Willow and the TYC learn about God in a different environment away from distractions.

June 8: Indian Health Services Health Fair - As a way to serve the community we bring out the big grill to cook and serve at this annual event.

August 3-5: Global Leadership Conference - This will be our staff's second year attending this conference. It was so encouraging and beneficial to our team to get away and be refreshed and led through worship and teaching.



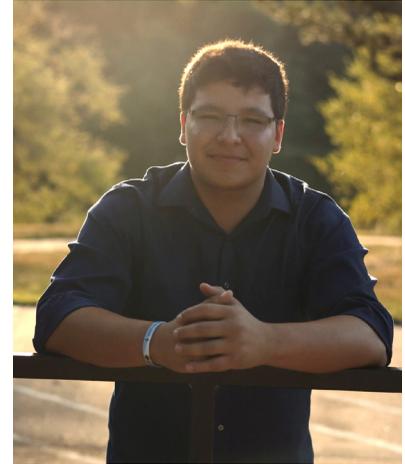
Cantemawaste Youth Camp is back and always a highlight of the summer. Our staff, the TYC mentors, and the youth are all looking forward to it.

July 10-15: K-2nd Grade Cantemawaste Youth Camp

July 17-22: 3rd-5th Grade Cantemawaste Youth Camp

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your faithful support of. You are impacting many lives through your encouragement. Recently one of the young men from Fort Thompson, Max Hawk Big Eagle finished his first year of Bible College. Max has a strong desire to serve the Lord after growing up involved with Diamond Willow Ministries and working at the Tokata Youth Center in High School. This summer he is serving at Huron Christian Church, SD, as an intern. Before leaving to serve, he preached at the Ikce Oyate Christian Center in May. Max is just one of the many people your investment has allowed to see and experience the abundant life Jesus offers and he now wants to share that with others.



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