

# THE HOPI FOUNDATION

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## A FAREWELL FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY MONICA NUVAMSA

Nukwangw Paamuya!

Our community has completed our annual Winter Solstice ceremonies and together we set forth new goals and renewed purpose into our lives for the benefit of all.

I'd like to share my gratitude to each of you for your generous support and following over the years I've held leadership in service to our Mission of Lomasumi'nangwtukwsiwmani. There is no greater goal to help our community to build capacity and lead our own destiny in areas of sustaining culture, wellness, education, communication, development, agricultural preservation, and raising future generations of Hopi and Tewa community leaders.

As my final message to you as the Executive Director of The Hopi Foundation, I am grateful for the trust and the opportunity to serve The Hopi Foundation in these ways and sought carefully to find similar leadership within our organization. I believe that there is no better strength than to grow leadership from our own community because talent must also know what our community experiences are and know the relationships that we must steward across all sectors. After nearly four years of the succession process, I am pleased to transition this role on February 1st to Hannah Honani, who has grown within the organization and served in other community leadership roles for other nonprofits and in education. She has been a staple to our various grant programs and services here at the Foundation.

My own pathway to leadership gave me the opportunity to understand the experience of all levels of operation and a lens to see the sustaining future of the organization. This gave me the vision to strengthen the pillars of our foundation needed to raise our impact to greater heights during the recent pandemic. In growing our internal capacity, we have responsibly sustained the Foundation's ability to be a visible and trusted grantmaker in the region as well as strengthen our global reputation in indigenous-led philanthropy. We have also shared our best practices with fledgling organizations across Indian Country to help them grow their community-led vision of service and generosity.

Now, at the start of 2025, we feel hopeful and inspired by this new beginning and also look forward to the bustle of activity that comes as the Foundation continues to engage with local families, community partners, and new friends.

Askwali, may this New Year bring you renewed strength and hope.

With all my blessings,

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MONICA NUVAMSA**



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Hopi Foundation Staff 2024 Ugly Sweater exchange at the staff Christmas luncheon

# HOPI SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER



"HSAPC has helped me in many ways, physically & mentally. My mind & body feel lighter that I'm glad I met my mentor when I did because I feel my sharing's with her is what I needed at that moment in life; was someone to listen and understand me..for me." Anonymous Female, 34 Years Old

## CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RED RIBBON WEEK

During Red Ribbon Week, October 28-November 1, the Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) was active in the community providing presentations to local elementary schools, hosting the annual Trunk or Treat in partnership with the Hopi Behavioral Health Services, Hopi Health Care Center and the University of Arizona - Rural Health Services.

- 10/25/2024 Red Ribbon Week Presentation was provided to the Hopi Day School students
- 10/29/2024 Red Ribbon Glow Run/Trunk or Treat Event open to all community programs to host a trunk. We had an estimate of over 300 ghouls and goblins attend.

Thank you to Hopi Behavioral Health Services, Hopi Health Care Center and University of Arizona - Rural Health Services for helping with a successful 2024 Red Ribbon Week.



Sponsors of the Trunk of Treat: University of Arizona - Rural Health representatives at the booth



Hopi Community Health Representatives Minion themed booth for the Trunk of Treat event

## HSAPC'S NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED IN 4TH QUARTER

The Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center provides services to not only Hopi & Tewa community members but to surrounding communities as well. During our fourth quarter we have had numerous classes available via zoom or in-person.

- In October, November, and December 2024, HSAPC has provided services to eight participants.
- Of those eight participants, four have completed domestic violence, substance abuse, and marijuana awareness classes.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PRAISES HSAPC PROGRAM

I proudly identify as a sober individual from the Hopi community, and my experience as a former client of the Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) has been profoundly transformative. The unwavering support and expert guidance I received from HSAPC were instrumental in my journey to recovery, and I firmly believe that without their dedicated assistance, my life would have taken a drastically different path. Now, 12 years later, I am privileged to serve as a committed member of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) of the program. Through my personal journey and witnessing the positive outcomes experienced by family members who have also utilized the services of HSAPC, I have seen first-hand the remarkable and impactful work they do within our community. Their comprehensive approach to recovery and healing underscores their reputation as a highly effective resource for those in need. - Sampson Taylor HSAPC CAB Member.

## WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS HOSTED BY HSAPC STAFF

- Two out of four HSAPC staff completed Tribe to Tribe Connect to Power Training
- On 12/22/2024, a Youth Christmas Stocking Craft



Youth participant colors at Youth Christmas Stocking Craft Event

Event was conducted which included youth, adults and Hopi Foundation staff members to make a stocking for the upcoming holiday. This event was meant to focus on spending time with one another, have a chance to talk amongst each other and have a positive outlet of crafting.

In January 2025 we will begin hosting:

- 12-Step Meetings at the Upper Village of Moenkopi Community Center.
- After hours 12-Step Meeting Zoom sessions.

*As we embrace the calm, crisp winter air on the Hopi Mesa tops, we reflect on the past quarter's accomplishments and prepare for a season of renewal. The Natwani Coalition remains committed to fostering traditional Hopi agricultural knowledge, strengthening food sovereignty, and empowering our community to thrive. Here's a look at what's been happening and what's ahead!*

## **LOOK BACK AT THE 2024 HOPI AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYMPOSIUM**

On October 10th, 2024, we gathered with community members, presenters, and vendors at the Hopi Agriculture and Food Symposium (HAFS) to celebrate the rich traditions of Hopi farming and food culture.



This inspiring event featured educational presentations, hands-on workshops, and cultural storytelling. The event took place at the Peace Academic Center drawing over 120 individuals from across Hopi, including visitors off Hopi.

### Key Symposium Highlights:

- "Making Seed Drying Screens": Workshop by Native Seeds/SEARCH empowered participants with the tools and knowledge to preserve seeds for future planting seasons.
- "Dehydrating Watermelon": Demonstration by the Natwani Coalition showcased methods of food preservation and promoting sustainable practices for storing surplus harvests.
- Storytelling Sessions, including "Isaw Niq Pu' Totolo Qaot Hoqo" (Coyote and Grasshopper Harvest Corn) and "The Dragonfly's Tale", connected attendees to Hopi culture through captivating tales and hands-on activities like making dragonflies from corn silk.
- Climate Change Presentation by the Hopi Water Resources Program emphasized the importance of preserving springs and agricultural lands in the face of environmental challenges.

The Symposium was not just an event—it was a celebration of community, tradition, and resilience. Askwali & Kwa'kwah to everyone who attended, presented, and contributed to making it a success!



## **THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2024 HOPI FARMERS MARKET SEASON!**

In collaboration with local groups and organizations, the Natwani Coalition proudly helps to sponsor the seasonal Hopi Farmers Market, a free community event aimed at strengthening our local food system. The market provides a platform for farmers and artisans to connect directly with consumers, fostering support for locally grown food and handmade goods.

The final market of the 2024 season was held on October 6th at the Peace Academic Center. This vibrant gathering showcased an impressive selection of locally grown produce such as watermelon, squash, chili peppers, and apricots, along with handcrafted farming tools and unique handmade goods from Hopi artisans.

This year's market was a resounding success, generating over \$8,000 in vendor sales and approximately \$330 in bartered goods, highlighting the value of traditional exchange systems. By bringing together farmers, artisans, and community members, the Hopi Farmers Market continues to celebrate our agricultural heritage and support a thriving local economy.

We look forward to seeing you during the 2025 Hopi Farmers Market season!

## **STAY TUNED FOR THE 2025 COMMUNITY MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM**

We are excited to announce the launch of the 2025 Community Micro Grant Program, designed to support Hopi farmers, growers, and ranchers in strengthening our local food systems and promoting food sovereignty. These micro-grants provide funding for community-driven projects that enhance sustainable methods of agriculture, supporting healthy food distribution & consumption, and preserving traditional food & farming knowledge.

Stay tuned! More details, including application forms and guidelines, will be available in early January 2025. Let's grow together!

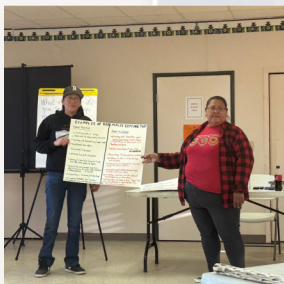
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# HOPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



## HOPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO THRIVE THIS WINTER

The Hopi Leadership Program (HLP) continues to provide unique community-based programming for the 2024-2025 Hopi Leadership Program cohort. Since October, the 7th HLP cohort have gained additional life perspectives regarding Hopi Values, historical and cultural knowledge with respect to Hopi Clan Migrations, learned from female and male community member's experiences regarding traditional Gender Roles and Duties, gained valuable interactive lessons and learning material to enhance skills to read, write, and speak the Hopi language.



HLP cohort participants, Roberta Sequi and Veronica James present during the Hopi Gender Roles class



Anita Poleahla presents to the HLP participants during the October session.

These past two sessions, in November and December, the HLP cohort participants had the incredible fortune to be gifted valuable traditional items and learning mediums to carry-out the valuable lessons imparted regarding their roles as Hopi males and females and their responsibility to perpetuate the learning and speaking of our Hopilavayi (Hopi language). The Hopi Leadership Program is immensely grateful for the generosity of our community presenters. Clark Tenakhongva gifted the cohort a traditional (male) planting/(female) stirring stick, planting seeds, and audio CDs featuring his compositions. We are also impressed and grateful in the generosity of Anita Poleahla, who provided the cohort with a bundle from Mesa Media, Inc. which consisted of invaluable Hopi language learning materials such as printed booklets with accompanying CDs, a calendar, and print-outs of recently developed material.

## FOUR HOPI JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETE THE HOPI YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On November 7th the Hopi Youth Leadership Program (HYLP) had four Hopi High School students successfully complete the 3-week HYLP after-school program. An outpouring of congratulations directed at our successful HYLP students was provided by The Hopi Foundation, Hopi Leadership Program Alumni, and Hopi Jr. Sr. High School staff. The entire Hopi community was also able to learn about this milestone after the students' completion of the HYLP was featured in the local Hopi newspaper *The Hopi Tutuveni*. We continue student engagement with the HYLP and the ongoing community support demonstrates that the Hopi/Tewa people recognize the perpetuating lessons on cultural history and language for leadership development are highly valued and important for preparing our youth to be the next generation of Hopi/Tewa community leaders. Once again, congratulations to our Fall 2024 HYLP students! The Hopi Leadership Program looks forward to another semester of HYLP programming in the Spring 2025 school semester!



Congratulations to our Fall 2024 Hopi Youth Leadership Program participants! L to R: Kaidance Garza, Katelyn Funk, Neoma Flowers, Khailee Chimerica and Hopi Leadership Program Manager - Cliff Kaye.

## THE HOPI ALUMNI COMMITTEE MEETS DURING THE 4TH QUARTER

The Hopi Leadership Program hosted its fourth quarter Hopi Alumni Committee (HAC) meeting over Zoom on December 6th. HLP was able to provide our HAC membership the latest program developments and accomplishments resulting from this past quarter. The Hopi Leadership Program thanks all of its HAC members for their advisement and input throughout the 2024 year and we look forward to another great programming year ahead. The Hopi Leadership Program wishes everyone Holiday Cheers and a Happy New Year! Kwakwha!

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# KUYI RADIO STATION



## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

As we celebrate the season of giving, we reflect on the incredible support we've received from our listeners, volunteers, and donors throughout the year. Thanks to you, KUYI continues to share Hopi language, culture, music, and vital public safety information with our community.

Your contributions keep our mission alive—uniting our people, preserving our heritage, and amplifying Hopi voices. As we look toward 2025, we invite you to join us in building an even brighter future for KUYI. A year-end gift helps us strengthen our programming, maintenance essential equipment, and continue serving as a trusted source of connection and culture. Thank you for believing in KUYI and being part of our journey. Wishing you peace, joy, and blessings this holiday season!

## WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER



Brennyn Masawytewa (Pongyavenqa) is Omaw'wungwa (Cloud Clan) from the Village of Shungopavi. She is the new KUYI Receptionist.

Now, in this new position she is eager to embrace all the opportunities that lie ahead and contribute to the community through meaningful work at KUYI Hopi Radio.

## KUYI BRINGS HOLIDAY TREATS AND CHEER TO COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Tuuvi Outreach

KUYI Hopi Public Radio traveled to Tuuvi in Moencopi, Arizona on October 19th and 20th to provide LIVE remote broadcasting via Facebook Live. The event's performances were streamed on Facebook Live, reaching global audiences from Korea, Australia, Amsterdam, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Brazil, Spain, Japan, and across the U.S. Thanks to MC's Randall Mahle and James Bilagody for helping make the Tuuvi Gathering a memorable experience for everyone.

### Halloween Costume Contest

KUYI welcomed Trick-or-Treaters to the station on Halloween from 10 AM to 12 PM offering tasty treats! We also hosted a Halloween Costume Contest with 19 participants competing in five categories. Winners were selected by our staff and announced live on air and on Facebook.

### Winslow Parade

KUYI proudly participated in the Winslow Parade, showcasing a float that celebrated our talented DJs: Randall Mahle (Whettah), Bruce Talawyma (Tawatiyo), and Merwin Kooyahoema (MKI). During the parade, KUYI staff handed out candy, colored popcorn graciously donated by Herman Honanie's "Iss Ahli Kettle Korn", our 25th Anniversary celebration, and details on the Save the Date Poster Contest. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making our float a success and to the parade organizers for hosting such a memorable event for KUYI!

*DJ Shwaa, Josh Sakenima, Production Assistant is pictured with our youth elves that participated in the Winslow Parade.*



### Trunk o Treat

The Halloween Trunk O' Treat at Hopi Health Care Center on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, was a resounding success! Programs like the Hopi Foundation participated, handing out treats to trick-or-treaters. The Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center hosted the event, which also supported "Red Ribbon Week" with a fun walk/run. Despite the chilly weather, the community came together for a fantastic time filled with laughter and connection.

## NEW VOLUNTEER DJ



Help us welcome Mr. Kyle White, from Teesto, Arizona, who is a neighbor to Hopi. We are so thankful he fulfilled the volunteer DJ process to begin his hands on training with KUYI staff.

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AND 88.1FM**



The Hopi Foundation and its programs would like to thank our donors for making the 2024 Giving Tuesday campaign a success!

This year, The Hopi Foundation and its programs came together under the theme: "Empowering Growth, Building Together - Creating a Community of Opportunity for All." Every dollar raised created new opportunities for our community within each program.

Donor contributions for 2024 Giving Tuesday supported Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center by:

- Help us provide services to 30 or more participants. These services include mentoring, open AA meetings, Talking Circles, Group Community Classes & Substance Abuse Prevention.
- Helping host classes like the ACCI Lifeskills Community Group to double those classes for 2025.

Hopi Leadership Program by:

- Supporting 10 Hopi/Tewa community members to join the 12-month Hopi Leadership Program and gain leadership skills through local expert knowledge and see and experience first-hand the importance of cultural land stewardship by being able to visit and reconnect with significant ancestral places.
- Supporting 15 Hopi/Tewa youth to participate in the Hopi Youth Leadership Program's after-school program and gain knowledge about the importance of cultural place and purpose through lessons centered on leadership, land, and language.

Natwani Coalition by:

- Helping us achieve our goal of impacting 10 local farmers, ranchers, and growers by providing microgrants.
- Allow us to provide microgrants that empower 10 local farmers, ranchers, and growers, helping them grow their operations and strengthen our community's food system.

KUYI Hopi Public Radio by:

- Connecting to Hopi Culture in bringing the beauty of Hopi music, language, and cultural storytelling directly to listeners, both near and far. We would like to make remote access to Hopi culture possible for future generations.
- In Honor of 24 Years of Public Safety and Service For 24 years, KUYI has been the heartbeat of safety and service for the Hopi people, providing real-time emergency updates, weather alerts, and crucial public safety announcements. Your gift honors KUYI's enduring commitment to public service and empowers us to continue protecting and informing the Hopi people for years to come.

With each contribution, we filled in levels on our house barometer, symbolizing our journey toward a stronger, more self-sufficient community



This year we had a total of 111 donors that helped us raise \$18, 808.36! Askwali/kwa'kway to our donors that support the work we do here at the Hopi Foundation. Whether you donated online, came to our Giving Tuesday event or sent us a check in the mail, every dollar is appreciated to continue the work to create new opportunities for our community.

Stay tuned for our 2025 Arizona Gives Day event on April 1st, 2025!