

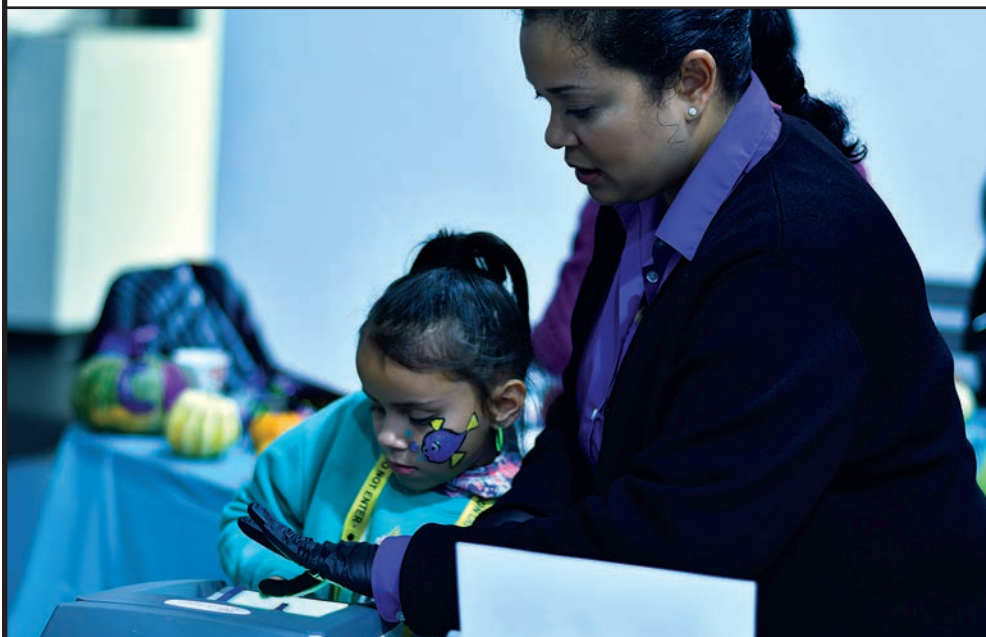


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A young girl (above) drags a stuffed bear during the Kids Firefighter Challenge as Brendan Lal (below) takes a break from helping out with the challenge.

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Chris Sherrod, Tribal Diabetes Program director, gets help pressing apples (above) to make fresh apple cider. Lexi Jackson gets fingerprinted (below) with the help of a representative from the Oregon State Police.



Oneida Nation to donate Indian Country Today network assets to NCAI

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announced in early October that it is assuming control of the assets of Indian Country Today Media Network (ICTMN), the result of a donation to the organization by the Oneida Indian Nation.

“NCAI’s executive officers and I are humbled by this donation from ICTMN and the Oneida Indian Nation,” said NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. “Their love for Indian Country carries through their every word and has inspired our Tribal communities to tell their own stories. This is an immense responsibility; NCAI will approach this responsibility thoughtfully and deliberately with an eye towards strengthening Indian Country’s voice.”

ICTMN recently halted operations to evaluate its next steps in the face of unprecedented changes in the publishing industry, changes that have presented complicated challenges for every media organization across the country.

“ICTMN has been the flagship publication producing unique and original

reporting about Indian Country – and the Oneida Indian Nation has played a pivotal role in forging that legacy,” said NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Pata. “After years of strong investments, we appreciate the Oneida Nation now turning over ICTMN’s assets to our organization and we look forward to convening meetings with key stakeholders over the next several months to construct a blueprint for how to best respectfully carry on ICTMN’s mission?”

During the past four decades, ICTMN has evolved from a local weekly print newsletter to a national magazine and now an online news syndicate reporting on the ground from – and for – Indian Country about the critical issues impacting Native nations and peoples in the United States and around the globe.

“When the Oneida Indian Nation decided to purchase Indian Country Today Media Network, we had a singular goal in mind: we wanted to create award-winning journalism that gives voice to

Native Americans, wherever they lived. ICTMN clearly achieved that goal,” said Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter. “We know that when we leave our stories to be told only by other media outlets, those stories too often go untold – or aren’t told accurately. ICTMN proved that we do not have to sit idly by while that happens. We are very happy to be able to donate ICTMN’s assets to NCAI – an organization whose entire mission is to advocate for Tribal sovereignty and treaty rights and advance a common understanding of who Native nations and peoples are today?”

During its years of being supported by the Oneida Indian Nation, ICTMN was recognized for its groundbreaking journalism spotlighting the complex issues facing Native nations and communities. It earned several prestigious awards — 30 alone in 2017 from the Native American Journalists Association; multiple Clarion Awards; and individual awards and grants

to contributors from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Herb Block Prize for cartooning, USC’s Annenberg Center and the Playboy Foundation.

Additional information will be shared as we move forward in the coming months on both ICTMN and NCAI platforms. For questions, email NCAI at ICTMN@ncai.org.

About NCAI

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

NCAI advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

For more information, visit ncai.org.