

StrongHearts Native Helpline now includes text advocacy

EAGAN, Minn. – StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) has expanded operations and now offers text advocacy as the expanded service launched in April. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline’s number – 1-844-762-8483.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication

options so victim-survivors can decide what is a safe and appropriate option for them.

“We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-survivor who needs it,” said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence.”

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, American Indians and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year.

The study also examined how this violence affects Tribal communities and Native survivors. For American Indian

and Alaska Native people, the study found that about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, American Indian victims of abuse often go without assistance.

To address these inequities and better serve American Indians and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, it launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on strongheartshelpline.org.

Introducing the Think Indian Book Club blog

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. A man who never reads lives only one.” – George R.R. Martin

Several years ago, American Indian College Fund staff members organized a “Think Indian” book club to read the literary works by Native authors – many of whom have attended, graduated from or taught at Tribal colleges and universities.

This year we realized we could elevate Native writers’ voices by sharing their works with the greater public. In addition to providing recommendations for some great reads, we also saw this as an opportunity to introduce people to cultures and peoples they might not otherwise meet.

Reading literary fiction is proven to be more than mere entertainment. Studies show that reading literary fiction increases empathy, encourages understanding of other people and increases critical thinking skills (business books and commercial fiction do not have the same effect, by the way).

We created the Think Indian Book Club blog to share our Think Indian Book Club book selections and reviews. We will review each forthcoming book club selection and share it with you, the reader (along with Indigenous booksellers’ information so you can patronize Native-owned businesses).

We have also created a list of past Think Indian Book Club selections to get you started on your summer reading. Enjoy, and if you have a moment, drop us a line at info@collegefund.org and let us know how you enjoyed our recommendations.

Book review: Moon of the Crusted Snow – collegefund.org/blog/book-review-moon-of-the-crusted-snow/

List of past Think Indian Book Club selections – collegefund.org/blog/read-the-think-indian-book-club-past-selections/

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Need Rental Housing?
The Siletz Tribal Housing Department encourages you to apply for the Low-Income Rental Program waiting list in Siletz (1-4 bedrooms) and Lincoln City (2-3 bedrooms – Neachesna Village). Applications can be obtained at any Tribal area office (Eugene, Salem, Portland, Siletz) or online from the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us; follow links – Tribal Services-Housing-Low Rent Apartments & Home Ownership. Questions? Call 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322; fax: 541-444- 8313

2021-2022 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

Tribal offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions. Tribal members who want a tag should call to have tags mailed to them beginning the first date of tag issuance: 541-444-8227 or 541-444-8232.

Type of Tag		Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer	Early Archery***	50	8/28-9/26	8/2 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first-served*
	General Rifle	375	10/2-11/5**	8/16	First-come, first-served*
	Antlerless – Adult	12	10/2-11/5	Lottery applications available 8/2; due 8/27; drawing 9/7; tags issued 9/8	Lottery – Open to elders only
	Antlerless – Youth	8	10/2-11/7	Lottery applications available 8/2; due 8/27; drawing 9/7; tags issued 9/8	Lottery – Open to youth age 12-17 only
	Late Archery	50 (minus # of early season tags filled)	11/20-12/12	First Distribution: 10/18 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 11/1 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Elk	Antlerless – Youth	3	8/1-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due 7/2; drawing 7/6; tags issued 7/7	Lottery – Open to youth age 12-17 only
	Early Archery	25	8/28-9/26	8/2 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first-served*
	1 st Season Rifle	25	11/13-11/16	Lottery applications available 8/30; due 9/24; drawing 10/4; tags issued 10/5	Lottery
	2 nd Season Rifle	25	11/20-11/26		
	Antlerless	15	Various seasons beginning 1/1/22	Lottery applications available 8/30; due 9/24; drawing 10/4; tags issued 12/1	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/27-12/12	First Distribution: 10/18 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 11/1 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	8/16	First-come, first-served

* No early calls to “save” a tag for someone. Must call to have a tag mailed no earlier than the first day of distribution.

** Season for youth age 12-17 is 10/2-11/7 (2 additional days at end of general season)

*** Unfilled Deer Early Bow tags must be returned to Natural Resources by 10/8.

NOTE 1: A Tribal member may obtain only ONE elk tag in their name during the 2021-2022 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: First Distribution: For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags).
Second Distribution: For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.