



# Caring for the whole child

mind, body, heart & spirit



## 2020 IMPACT REPORT

2020 was a year of overcoming challenges for St. Joseph's Indian School. Thank you for being our **k'holá** — friend — as we care for Native American children.



### Mind

**227** students, grades first through 12th, were served throughout the year.

**9,010** free books were given to adults & youth living on S.D. Indian reservations.

**Over \$164,000** was awarded in scholarships to students seeking higher education.

### Body

**24,413** lunches were served in our campus dining hall.

**9,903** visits took place in our campus health center.

**644** food boxes were delivered to students and families as part of COVID-19 outreach efforts.

### Heart

**161** students received specialized counseling services.

**87** students took part in group therapy sessions, including our newest service, equine therapy.

**20** campus homes with **67** houseparents cared for students 24/7.

### Spirit

**108** students danced in regalia at our annual powwow.

**7 inípi** — sweat — ceremonies were held last fall on campus. This is a school record.

**10** students represented St. Joseph's at the Lakota Nation Invitational.

# PERSONAL STORIES OF IMPACT

## PARENT STORY

During the spring and summer of 2020, students were unable to be on campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But that didn't mean care for them stopped. It was quite the opposite, in fact. Thanks to donor support, large food boxes were delivered to all of our students and their families several times to make sure they had enough to eat. Care packages with learning materials were also sent. Everything was so appreciated by parents and guardians.



*"The care package came at the most needed time and everyone was excited for the new stuff they got. We want to say a BIG 'thank you' to you all for always keeping us in your hearts and making sure we are taken care of." — Cordell*

*"Thank you so much for the food. It was greatly appreciated and was really good to see the [St. Joseph's] ladies. It made my son happy." — Betty*

*"Thank you! We got our food box and we are blessed. We feel rich." — Lindz*

## LIAM'S STORY

When Liam\* came to St. Joseph's, he was taken aback by the healthy food options. In fact, many of the fruits and veggies were so foreign to him, he only wanted the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches he was accustomed to. His reservation home did not have a working oven. Most meals were prepared in a microwave, and therefore, highly processed. Although hesitant, trust blossomed and he tried new foods that would help him grow-up strong. He now loads his plate with healthy foods!



## NOVA'S STORY

When Nova\* came to St. Joseph's, she had never had her birthday celebrated in grand fashion. Her loving houseparents made sure to throw her a big birthday party with her housemates and friends. She even had new, fancy birthday clothes purchased for her! It's amazing what a little sequins can do to brighten a young girls day!



*\*Names and photos have been changed to protect the privacy of those we serve.*

## LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL

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## More Ways YOU Made a Difference

- You helped fund a domestic violence shelter on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.
- Your gifts provided care packages to an elderly care facility on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation as part of COVID-19 relief outreach.
- Your gifts gave children at St. Joseph's school supplies, clothing, warm beds and nutritious food in their bellies.
- Your support allowed St. Joseph's to expand equine therapy to include more horses.