



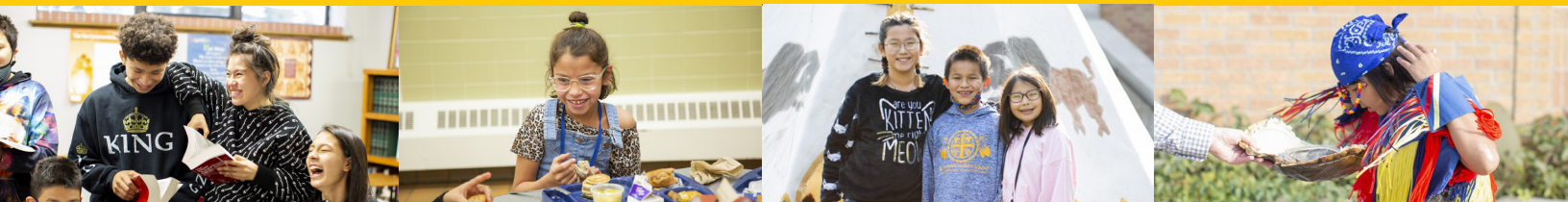
# Caring for the whole child

mind, body, heart & spirit



## 2021 IMPACT REPORT

2021 was a year of overcoming challenges for St. Joseph's Indian School. Thank you for being our **kǰolá** — friend — as we care for Native American children.



### Mind

**185** students were served on campus.

**6,500** free books were given to **1,300** adults & youth living on S.D. reservations.

**Over \$176,000** was awarded in scholarships to Native American students seeking higher education.

### Body

**25,063** meals were served from the dining hall.

**3,259** medical visits took place in our campus health center.

**274** food boxes were delivered to students and families as an outreach effort.

### Heart

**146** students received specialized counseling services.

**128** students received individual & **65** received group counseling.

**49** students took part in Equine Therapy.

**20** homes with **2** houseparents at a time provided 24/7 care.

### Spirit

**34** students went on a cultural trip to sacred sites.

**17** eighth grade students participated in a buffalo harvest.

**65** students danced at the first-ever **wačhípi** — powwow — live streamed from campus.



# PERSONAL STORIES OF IMPACT



## ELLIE'S STORY

When Ellie\* started Equine Therapy at St. Joseph's, it was in pursuit of emotional healing from intense grief following the death

of her grandfather. Through courage and a trusting relationship with her counselor and equine specialist, she was able to overcome barriers and hesitations enough to engage with the horses. The connection she has with the horses allows her unspoken grief to be released in ways that words can never say. With time, Ellie is healing.



## TIM'S STORY

When Tim\* plays basketball at St. Joseph's, he's playing the sport he loves the most while overcoming obstacles.

Tim was diagnosed at birth with a condition that affects the way he moves, and at times he has had to use a walker or wheelchair to get around. But due to the help Tim receives at St. Joseph's Indian School, he gets on the court to do the thing he loves most: shooting hoops.

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

## A LETTER OF THANKS

*Hi! My name is Ezmiah and I'm in the 7th grade. I like St. Joseph's because it helps me learn better and I also like it because they give us the stuff we need, even for a birthday party if you want to give someone a gift. My favorite thing to do is play at the playground or go for walks around the campus. When I grow up I want to be in the Army. It's a dream I want to reach and my family wants me to reach it too because my grandpa and grandma were in the Army. It's something I might enjoy. Thank you so much for donating to my school. — Ezmiah*



## More Ways YOU Made a Difference

- Your support provided children with proper dental, vision and specialized services.
- Your kindness gave students the opportunity to pick-out and take home Christmas gifts to their families.
- Your support allowed for the planning and development of an Equine Therapy Complex.
- You gave graduates the ability to dream beyond high school & pursue higher education.

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