2021 IMPACT REPORT

2021 was a year of overcoming challenges for St. Joseph’s Indian School. Thank you for being our kȟolá — 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.

**Body**

- 25,063 meals were served from the dining hall.
- 3,259 medical visits took place in our campus health center.

**Heart**

- 146 students received specialized counseling services.
- 128 students received individual & 65 received group counseling.
- 49 students took part in Equine Therapy.

**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.

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

Caring for the whole child

mind, body, heart & spirit
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 effects 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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