



Caring for the whole child

mind, body, heart & spirit



St. Joseph's Indian School
We serve and teach, we receive and learn.

2022 IMPACT REPORT

2022 was a year of growth for St. Joseph's Indian School. Thank you for being our **kǎolá** — *friend* — as we care for Native American children.



Mind

199 students were served on campus.

18,518 free books were given to nearly **1,500** adults and youth living in South Dakota.

Over \$185,000 was awarded in scholarships to Native American students seeking higher education.

Body

28,813 meals were served from the dining hall.

3,153 medical visits took place in our campus health center.

250 food boxes were delivered in summer to students and families as an outreach effort.

Heart

89 students received specialized counseling services.

89 students received individual and **38** received group counseling.

99 students took part in Equine Therapy.

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

Spirit

19 students attended a cultural trip to Native American sacred sites.

82 students danced at the **wačhípi** — *powwow* — livestreamed from campus.

62 girls were gifted their own traditional ribbon skirt.

PERSONAL STORIES OF IMPACT

Eli's Story:

When Eli* arrived at St. Joseph's, he had a difficult time focusing in class. His teacher would call his name, but at times he would be unresponsive. It was discovered that Eli could not hear like the rest of his classmates. St. Joseph's Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) worked very hard to service Eli's needs, and get him needed hearing devices in order to allow him to hear as clearly as possible. Modern technology also allows his teachers to speak into a microphone that is paired directly with his hearing devices — insuring he doesn't miss a moment of learning. He continues meeting with our SLP for speech classes — helping him progress from his years of not hearing well.



Leo's Story:

As Leo's* houseparents helped him unpack his overnight bag following a visit to see his family, they realized something was missing. It was the same item that went missing the last time Leo had returned home ... his blue jeans. Leo explained he left the jeans, and some other clothing items, behind for someone else ... he left them behind for other children to use. That's how kind and generous our students are. Leo's houseparents quickly replaced the items, thanks to your kind donations. Now, he still has everything he needs, and so do others he cares about.



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

A LETTER OF THANKS

Hi! My name is MaKaia and I am in the 7th grade. I like St. Joseph's because of the better education and the many opportunities they give you. My favorite thing to do at St. Joe's is eating and talking with my friends. My favorite subject in school is art because it is just fun and you get to do a lot of cool things. Recently, I enjoyed cooking different foods and singing karaoke in my home. When I grow up, I want to be a physical therapist because I enjoy helping other people. Thank you so much for donating to my school. God Bless. — MaKaia



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 for their families.
- Your support allowed for the planning and development of the Rec Center renovation/expansion.
- You gave graduates the ability to dream beyond high school and pursue higher education.

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