

Mission Report -Waniyetu Project

As we all know this winter has been hard for everyone. But for the people on reservations of the Great Plains it can be especially hard. Several years ago, on the Cheyenne River Reservation a series of winter storms disabled the power and water systems for several weeks.



So Theresa and I contacted Mr. Charging Cloud to see what would be most needed items for the winter season. We compiled a list of cold weather items (coats, heavy shirts, hats, gloves, etc.). After some discussion I approached Joe Brings Plenty who requested the items be for specifically the kids at the school.

We started our collection in November, partnering with GE Volunteers and Lamb's Chapel Christian Center, for the Manderson, SD community and the Takini School on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

Our partners stepped-up immediately, donating clothing, coats and even financially. One lady engaged her mother's crochet group to knit hats, scarves and other items. Packing commenced just after Thanksgiving and the shipments arrived at the communities in early December, just in time for winter. In-all, eight containers were shipped!



The items were distributed at the schools during special events. The student leadership helped with the unpacking at the Takini School. Both Mr. Charging Cloud and Mr. Brings Plenty expressed their appreciation for the outpouring of generosity by our partners.

“The items were a hit!” reported Mr. Brings Plenty at the Takini School. “Every last one of the items donated were taken and used.”

