





The Native American LINK Inc. Newsletter

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Our ten year-old grandson, Riley, performed in *It's Christmas, Charlie Brown,* playing the role of Pigpen at the Tulsa Little Theater. If you are familiar with this story, you know that, after much ado, the end result is that the characters are brought back to understanding the true meaning of Christmas. (Luke 2 My

involvement in The Native American LINK allows me to remain focused on what really matters at Christmas. I LOVE SINGING our Christmas Carols in our native languages. Ministry is year 'round. What better time to proclaim the joy of Jesus than during the Christmas season? I LOVE GIVING to the toy drives our LINK ministry assists in providing toys and clothing to our Native American children, and helping with churches who need assistance. I LOVE meeting new people and rekindling friendships, as well as special time with family. I LOVE the JOY of telling what Jesus means to me in my life. Thank you, Riley, for bringing me into this most wonderful time of year with the right spirit....God's. Merry Christmas to all our LINK friends & families.

Augusta Smith, Executive Director



Love

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!" This is such a lovely time of year to praise and thank God for His wonderful gift of Love, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Wishing joy, peace and love to you and family. May you all have a blessed Christmas.

Angella Fish, Board Member



2018
Celebrating
20 Years of
The
Native American
LINK
March 23-24
YOU'RE
INVITED!

FRIDAY 5PM
Traditional Native Dinner
& Gospel Singing
Convention
SATURDAY 10AM-3PM
Singing & Preaching

Central Baptist Church 1755 N. Meridian Ave Oklahoma City, OK



Twenty years ago, I answered a call to serve HIM, with the LINK Women's Ministry. God has shown me the gifts to "Serve one another humbly in love" - Galatians 5:12b.

It has been an "Amazing Journey" (A quote Willene Pierce would state at the end of each year as we would give all the praise and honor to God). As another year ends, God is still in control. We will continue to serve one another humbly in love, proclaiming his Word and singing His hymns.

Laura Mackey, President of Executive Board



I am humbled and honored to serve on The Native American LINK, Inc. Executive Board with other women of faith. Through the ministry we have LINKed with women and men, as well as leaders of various churches and as-

sociations. We have LINKed through various mission trips, workshops, seminars, VBS, Bible studies and Bible camps. We have been blessed with witnessing decisions for salvation. Friendships have been formed. As we serve in this ministry, we give all the glory and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for without Him, we can do nothing!





Norma Lee Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Christmas has ALWAYS been the most special time my entire life. As a child, activities at the church, our elementary school, Grandma's house and our home remain in my memory. Special days leading up to Christmas Day with close friends and family were a source of joy and laughter. The LORD was honored and praised by our family. There was candy, presents, food, and togetherness. Amazing! During my younger years as a husband and father. Christmas remained Christ-centered at home and church. Seeing our sons so happy with the special presents under the Christmas tree brought such enjoyment. Reciprocating Christian love through Christmas Cards was tender and appreciated. NOW, the settings are the same, but, the locations are different. The special part is still Church, community, and home; but blessed with two great sons and equally wonderful daughters-in-law, and six handsome and smart grandsons now added to the mix, the most gratifying and seemingly complete adaptation has arrived.

Mike Smith, LINK Treasurer





I am honored and privileged to serve as Vice-President of the LINK ministry. This allows me to serve Jesus in a broader area than singing with our Native Praise Choir. Through this ministry, I'm able to serve with other Christian ladies through songs, prayers, testimonies, Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, Revivals, Camps, Dedications, and numerous opportunities. I enjoy traveling with the group to places nearby, but also to Hawaii, England, and to Ukraine for a Medical Mission work. My prayer is that God will continue to use and bless LINK in our endeavors to bring others to join the fellowship of Christians among our Native people. I count serving with LINK one of my many blessings.

Martha Johnson, Vice President of the Executive Board





One of the greatest gifts of serving in LINK is in following the very example of Jesus who humbly served others. In essence, "serving" is the gift. In LINK we are able to link together with many servants both near and far, Native and Non-native, giving ourselves in service to accomplish God's will. We see many come to know Christ as their personal Savior, and believers who are strengthened in their faith and grow spiritually. I am thankful for the blessing and gift of serving the Lord through the **LINK Ministry!**

Priscilla Arneecher Board Member Being a part of LINK has given me a chance to see and meet people who want to serve as we all should for our Lord. Ready to serve and be of service to anyone at any time. As we approach this special season,



may we each remember "Jesus is the reason for the season".
May you and yours have a blessed Christmas.

Suzanne Russell Board Member



It's a privilege and honor to serve on the Executive Board. I could tell from the beginning that Willene's vision was God inspired. Now it's up to us to continue in that same spirit. Thank you for allowing me to be a part. Myto.







Happy Holidays. t's a joy serving on the Executive Board for 17 years. It was an honor when Willene Pierce asked me to serve. I prayerfully asked God to help me make right decisions.

It's a joy to serve with my sisters and brother in Christ. My favorite scripture: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Phil 4:13. Christ is the reason we have the sea-











In 1999, Native women came together to share Christian hymns in tribal languages. The same women are still together and remains strong. I am now honored to sing alongside the most dedicated group of Christian women anyone could ever know. Willene Pierce was a talented and gifted leader. I admired her ability to plan choir trips to many places, including Birmingham, England. As founder of The Native American LINK, Inc., she established the Native Praise Choir ministry, encouraging all women to work together to "Bridge the Gap" through Living In Neighborly Kindness. Today Native Praise bridges the gap through sharing God's love in missions. May God bless you with Love, Hope, and Joy. Merry Christmas!

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And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1: 21 NKJV

Acts 20:35- "It is more blessed to give than receive". We cannot out give God. If we cling to possessions with tight fists, we receive nothing because our hands are not open to receive. If we freely give, our hands are open, thus, allowing us to receive. Giving creates a joyful spirit. May God lead us to give joyfully. 2 Corinthians 9:7, says "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." As a LINK Executive Board member, I have a unique opportunity to give my talents and abilities, gifts, resources, and to give my time. I am blessed to serve in this capacity. Ruth Walker, Board Member

