



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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Julie Garreau
Executive Director
Cheyenne River Youth Project

Dear Ms. Garreau,

On behalf of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest, largest, and most representative organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, we are pleased to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP), and your dedicated work to improve the lives of Native youth.

We honor the innovative spirit of the CRYP to take action and address community need through family services and a safe center for youth to learn and grow. As NCAI knows the health and wellbeing of tribal youth and families is fundamental to the overall success of Indian Country, we commend the CRYP on its twenty-five years of service to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal community. We celebrate this momentous milestone in Lakota youth development, and highlight the CRYP as a model for Native youth programming, community involvement, and leadership development.

NCAI commemorates the CRYP's efforts to enhance the lives of Cheyenne River Sioux children through physical activities, community gardening, and educational programming. As we move Indian Country forward, NCAI is excited by the bright promise of future leaders fostered under the guidance of the CRYP.

We look forward to the CRYP's future success in building a stronger tribal community through youth development.

Sincerely,

M. Brian Cladoosby
NCAI President

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