



## Because of you, The Tree of Life is a place of hope on the Rosebud Reservation

Every day, neighbors walk through our doors carrying real needs—and often heavy burdens. They come seeking food, warmth, dignity, and the reassurance that they have not been forgotten. Thanks to your generosity and commitment, they are met with compassion, respect, and tangible help.

Although 2025 has been filled with challenges, it has also brought signs of hope and resilience. We are dedicated to renewing our commitment to the people of the Rosebud Reservation and our relationships with tribal leaders, community members, and ministry partners across the country. We are excited to host Volunteer in Missions teams as we seek to improve the quality of life of all our relatives.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment through your prayers, your gifts, and your service to the important work of The Tree of Life.

**Thank you for all the ways you give  
and serve alongside the Tree of Life!**

### YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“We could see the need and the commitment to serving the people of the reservation. We had watched Sonny work tirelessly to take care of the homeless and be the person many folks reached out to in their time of need. We see the need is great, and everything we have done is appreciated.”

~Steve and Kathy Feeldy of Mitchell, South Dakota.

### SONNY PRUE, INTERIM DIRECTOR

I considered it a blessing because I'm able to do the work that needs to be done but also to service my own people and anybody that comes through the door.

I am a Lakota woman and to be able to be here and have the good food and the services that the thrift shop provides, it just warms my heart. I don't feel like I'm walking into a job. I feel like it's been a calling my whole life. This is who I am.

*Sonny Prue*



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**“WHEN YOU REPAIR SOMEONE'S HOME—MAKE IT SAFE OR ACCESSIBLE—IT NOT ONLY  
CHANGES THEIR SPIRIT BUT THEIR WAY OF LIFE IN WAYS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED.”**





Tree of Life prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal to 150 community members - 100 gathering at the Warm Welcome and another 50 delivered directly to elders who could not travel. No one was alone that day. Families, elders, and individuals who could not otherwise afford a holiday meal shared warmth, nourishment, and community.

Patrick, a Marine veteran, came to Tree of Life after experiencing homelessness. His shoes were literally falling apart beneath his feet. "It's good to come here to Tree of Life to get help. There's no resources out there—just here," he shared. For Patrick and so many others, Tree of Life is not just a building—it is the place where help is possible.

The Tree of Life hosted a cooking class led by Corrine Gray Cloud, teaching 25 participants how to prepare nutritious meals using items from their commodity boxes—offering skills, confidence, and healthier options for everyday life.



## "WE SERVE THE PEOPLE AND WE SERVE THEM IN A GOOD, RESPECTFUL WAY."

Life on the Rosebud Reservation presents deep and ongoing challenges. Limited job opportunities, scarce housing options, lack of transportation, and economic hardship affect families, elders, veterans, and young people alike. Without steady income, meeting even basic needs—food, clothing, hygiene—becomes a daily struggle. Tree of Life helps address these needs.



**17** Reservation Communities served

Partnering with community leaders to meet needs of elders and veterans.



**125** people served daily at Thrift Store

Offering basic necessities while providing additional revenue for services.



**75** people fed daily at Warm Welcome

Providing food and fellowship to combat hunger physically and relationally.

**"THE NEEDS HERE ARE REAL. WE HEAR THINGS DAILY—SOME GOOD AND SOME NOT SO GOOD. BUT TREE OF LIFE IS A PLACE OF HOPE."**

