

# Awards

**2000 First Native American Regional Youth of the Year (YOY) Finalist** - Jeremy Simmons

**Native American Service to Youth (NASY) Award**  
- Ron Gurley, Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Country

**2001 NASY Award** - Rick Robinson, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation

**2002 NASY Award** - Dom Nessi, Former Member of NAC and Randy Finn, Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area

**First Native American inducted into the BGCA Hall of Fame**  
- George Rivera, Pueblo of Pojoaque

**2003 NASY Award** - Steve Rice, BGCA Advocate

**2004 NASY Award** - Tresa Eagle Tate, Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Country and Robbie Callaway, Former Senior VP, Government Relations, BGCA

**2005 NASY Award** - Denise Ballard, Cherokee Youth Center Boys & Girls Club and Gary Edwards, Former Member of NAC

**2006 NASY Award** - Janice Randall, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tahlequah

**2007 NASY Award** - Carla Knapp, Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club

**2008 First State of Maine YOY** - Gary Fearon, Tribal Member

**NASY Award** - Robyn Simmons, Mescalero Apache Boys & Girls Club

**2009 NASY Award** - Jarrett Baker, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Three Affiliated Tribes

**State of Maine YOY** - Morgan Talty, Tribal Member

**2010 State of Maine YOY** - Jeremy Lamson, Tribal Member

**2012 Second Native American inducted into the BGCA Hall of Fame** - Ernie Stevens, National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)

**Jeremiah Milbank Gold Medallion Award** - Jackie Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

**2013 Southwest Region Military YOY** - Brianna Shepherd, Tribal Member

**Service to Native Youth Award** - Don Hatch

**2015 Service to Native Youth Award** - Don Christy

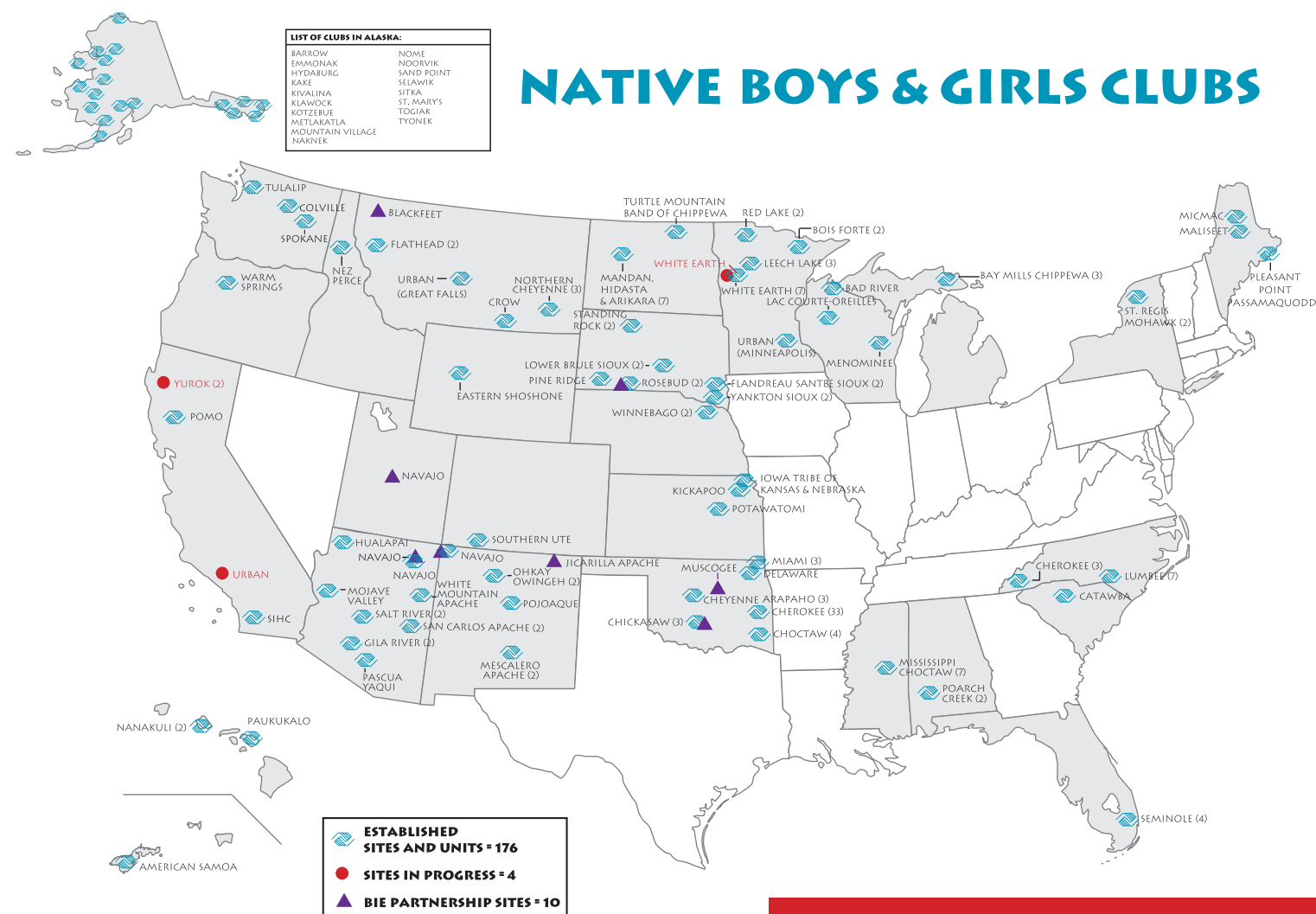
**2016 BGCA Club Makeover** - Ohkay Owingeh Boys & Girls Club, NM

**2017 BGCA Club Makeover** - Lumbee Boys & Girls Clubs, NC



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## NATIVE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



## History of Native Clubs

### BGCIC Board of Directors

The BGCIC Board of Directors, comprised of BGCA National Staff and partner organizations, seeks to advocate for Native Clubs by fundraising, building partnerships, and communicating with local Clubs and tribal agencies.

### Native Advisory Committee

Native Advisory Committee (NAC) provides leadership and insight on Native history, traditions, values and culture that will help establish and refine BGCA's systems and methods of service to assure the greatest benefit for Native Clubs.

### Sustainability

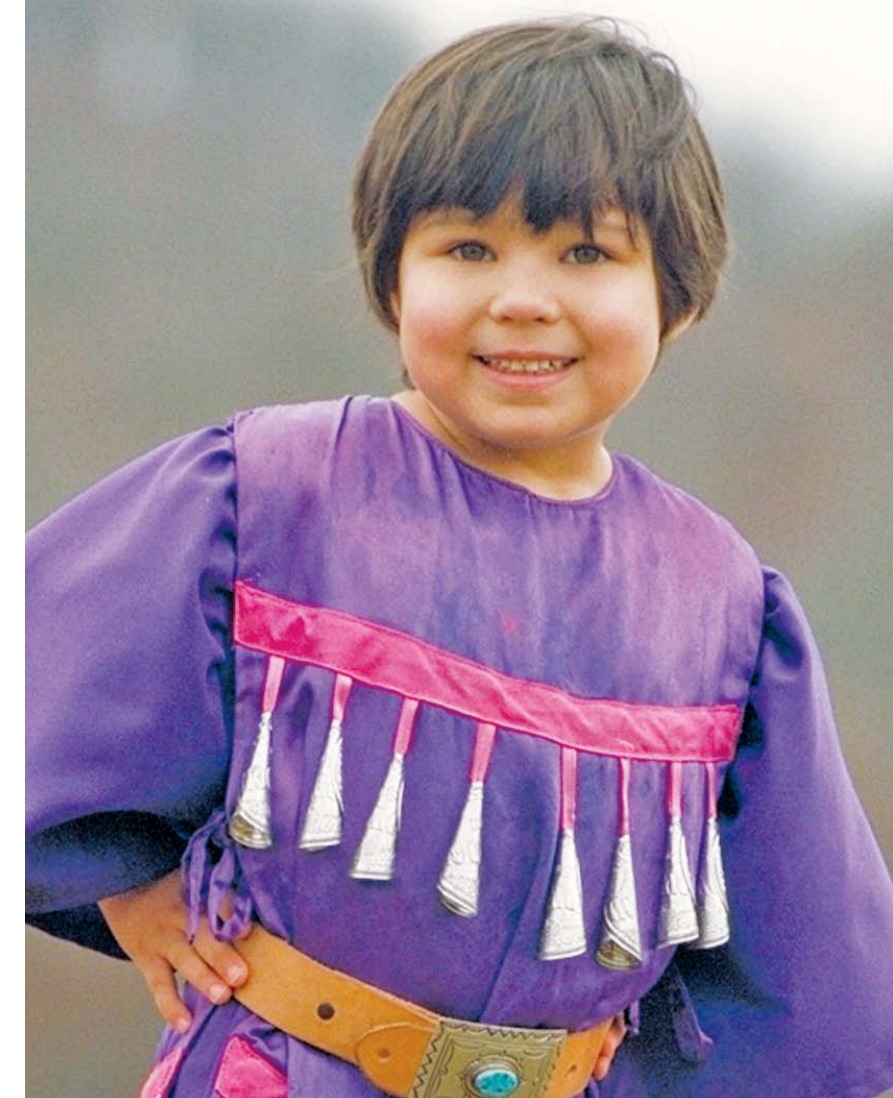
BGCA created the Native American Sustainability Fund thanks to BGCA Chairman Rick Goings and the BGCA Board. This fund was established to support Clubs to ensure that Native youth would have equal opportunities for a successful future. Major contributors to this fund today include the BGCA Board of Governors, The Case Foundation, Allstate, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the National Indian Gaming Association.

### The Movement

The Movement that began in Pine Ridge has grown into a national network of **nearly 200** Boys & Girls Clubs that serve **over 86,000** Native youth, from **over 100** different American Indian, Alaska Native, Hawaiian and American Samoan communities in **27 states**. Currently, BGCA is the nation's largest youth service provider for Native youth.

### BGCA Native Services Unit

Seeing the need for culturally relevant services, Lorraine Orr and Jim Clark of BGCA established the Native Services Unit (NSU) in February 2013. Through their unique understanding of the issues and ways of life relevant to serving Native youth and experience working with Native communities, BGCA's NSU is committed to addressing the challenges that are unique to Native lands. They provide learning opportunities that are culturally relevant and meaningful, and develop each Native organization for long-term sustainability. The NSU team is made up of talented Tribal Members and descendants of Tribes across the nation.





# History of Native Clubs

The timeline below outlines key events and initiatives that led to the growth of Native Boys & Girls Clubs from 1991-2017.

