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NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT -YMCA Alumni-

The Project:

Our YMCA Alumni National Service Project was selected by a Task Force of representatives from all 17 chapters over a period of nearly a year. Here are the two projects in summary.

A TINY HOME VILLAGE:

The nine-home Tiny Home Village concept offers a sustainable living option for local community members, staff, and volunteers. Designed to bring recycling to the forefront for the reservation community, the tiny houses may be built in a number of sustaining ways. Access to these homes will be managed through an equitable application process ensuring a mutually beneficial and impactful housing experience.

YMCA "TWIGS":

The Sioux YMCA is committed to expanding the reach of their organization to as many remote communities on the reservation as possible. The biggest barrier for expanding the service area is the massive physical distance from the main facility in Dupree, N.D. to outlying communities in critical need. The plan is to build nine YMCA "Twigs," essentially scaled down YMCA branches.

A MULTI-YEAR PROJECT

The Task Force envisions this as a multi-year project involving all 17 chapters of YMCA Alumni as active partners in service either as members of construction crews on the ground or providing much-needed support services from home. Watch for details as they continue to be developed in *The CONNECTION* and in your chapter newsletters.

—Lou Falk, National Service Project Chair