













## THE CHICKASAW NATION

The Chickasaw Nation has more than **77,000 citizens** worldwide and employs nearly **14,000 individuals**.

The tribe's treaty territory includes 7,648 square miles of south-central Oklahoma. It encompasses all or parts of 13 Oklahoma counties, including Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens.

The tribal government is a democratic republic and was modeled after the federal government of the United States. Registered voters elect a governor and a lieutenant governor, 13 members of the tribal legislature and three justices on the tribal Supreme Court.

In fiscal year (FY) 2022, the Chickasaw Nation Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) office issued more than **3,500 CDIB cards** to eligible individuals and nearly **4,900 Chickasaw citizenship cards**.



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## **CHOKMA**

In 2022, the Chickasaw Nation continued building toward our bright future as we celebrated many accomplishments, new milestones and much progress. Throughout it all, our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people remains a driving force.

Quality programs and services are abundant and flourishing as the success of our diversified tribal businesses allow for increased investments in all areas of the tribe. Opportunities in health care, housing, culture, education and much more are available for Chickasaws around the world.

Included in the 2022 Progress Report is an overview of the great progress, achievements and impacts made during the past year. The following pages include highlights of the commitment, enthusiasm and strength of the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw people.

BILL ANOATUBBY, GOVERNOR
THE CHICKASAW NATION

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## **CHOKMA**

The Chickasaw Nation continues to thrive. Once again, we are pleased to report another remarkable year of growth and progress.

This year, we strived to increase cultural connections and remained committed to strengthening beneficial partnerships and positively impacted the lives of Chickasaws around the world through a variety of quality programs and services.

We hope the information contained in the following pages gives you a greater understanding of how our tribe is working to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people, as well as some of the many opportunities and resources available to you and your family.

Today, our tribe is strong, united and we are thriving!

CHRIS ANOATUBBY, LT. GOVERNOR

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## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Standing, left to right:

## **BILL ANOATUBBY**, Governor

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As secretary of communications and community development Robyn Elliott promotes cultural pride among Chickasaw people by sharing timely and important information with the world through various media outlets.

## JAY KEEL, Secretary of Family Services

As secretary of family services, Jay Keel oversees programs and opportunities that support strong and healthy Chickasaw families.

## JALINDA KELLEY, Secretary of Interior Services

As secretary of interior services, Jalinda Kelley is responsible for many of the internal operations of the Chickasaw Nation. These services include human resources, benefits and compensation, training and career development, information technology and tribal government services.

## WAYNE SCRIBNER, Secretary of Community Services

As secretary of community services, Wayne Scribner oversees tribal housing, youth services, social services and aging programs to ensure quality services are provided for Chickasaw people and the communities in which they live. He is also responsible for the construction of tribal facilities.

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As secretary of culture and humanities, Lisa John is responsible for the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the development of programs that encourage cultural education, historical preservation and the arts.

CHRIS ANOATUBBY, Lt. Governor

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## **LETA BURWELL**, Secretary of Administration

As secretary of administration, Leta Burwell is responsible for many of the administrative operations of the Chickasaw Nation. These services include organization planning and support, tribal and commercial health and special projects.

### DAN BOREN, Secretary of Commerce

As secretary of commerce, Dan Boren oversees the many diverse businesses that are operated by the Chickasaw Nation. These businesses provide funding for the programs and services available to the Chickasaw Nation.

## DR. CHARLES GRIM, Secretary of Health

As secretary of health, Dr. Charles Grim oversees the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and is responsible for all the health programs and services offered to Chickasaw people.

## **DAKOTA COLE**, Secretary of Treasury

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## CHILDREN &YOUTH

The Chickasaw Nation provides programs and services for Chickasaw youth to learn and develop new skills, find new hobbies and interact with their peers. Through these programs, citizens can access the resources needed to plan for a successful future.

he Chickasaw Reading Program supplies Chickasaw children under age 5 with books to encourage reading. This year, the program provided nearly 6,800 books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with more than 60,000 books being distributed since the program began.

The selection of the Chickasaw Princesses dates back to 1963. This program offers young women ages 7 to 25 the opportunity to serve as tribal ambassadors at events throughout the year. In FY 2022, the reigning Little Miss Chickasaw, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Chickasaw Princess attended more than 40 events to represent the Chickasaw Nation.

2021-2022 CHICKASAW PRINCESSES, L TO R: NANNOLA B. WALLACE,

The driver's education training program made improvements in FY 2022. The program obtained an Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Driver's License Examiner certification. This certification enables the program to administer driving exams after participants have completed classroom instruction. This year, the program assisted more than 70 Chickasaw citizens to obtain an Oklahoma driver's license and nearly 80 citizens in obtaining an Oklahoma driver's permit.

Since 2015, Toksali SMART has provided Chickasaw youth ages 14 to 21 an opportunity to gain experience in the workforce. This year, the program extended its reach by providing virtual training to citizens. More than 500 Chickasaw citizens participated in the program.

For more than 28 years the martial arts program has provided students with a structured environment to interact with their peers and build skills based on character, integrity, effort, etiquette and self-control. In FY 2022, the martial arts program hosted more than 500 classes and served more than 1,800 participants.

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## CAMPS, CLINICS & ACADEMIES

Sports, swimming, sleeping bags and stories around a campfire — these are just a few memories that come to mind when children, parents and staff begin thinking about youth summer camps. Chickasaw Nation camps, clinics and academies create these memory-building foundations and more.

Participants enjoy a variety of activities designed to provide a safe and positive environment for skills development and motivation to help our youth achieve future success. Most camps integrate Chickasaw language and culture into activities.

Chickasaw citizen Gabrielle Nucosee has had the privilege of attending Chickasaw Nation Camps, Clinics and Academies for the past eight years, including archery camp and the Chickasaw Arts Academy.

"Each year I attend these camps, I am able to improve my skills and learn a lot that I can take home. I feel lucky to be able to learn from the excellent instructors who challenge and encourage us every step of the way," Nucosee said.

"In this year's arts academy, I was a major in 2D art, and I have even been able to sell some of my work. I am thankful for these opportunities to learn and grow."

"Created to Create!" was the theme for the 2022 Chickasaw Arts Academy. Taking place at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, nearly 200 students, ages ranging from 8 to 18, attended this year's academy.

MORE THAN 1,600 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CAMPS, **CLINICS & ACADEMIES.** 

Arts academy provides a space for youth to be creative and be themselves among their peers.

Trevan Jimboy, director of youth activities, said this year's camp season exceeded their expectations. More than 1,600 students participated in camps, clinics and academies in 2022.

Chickasaw Nation science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) camps and academies were in full swing this year also. The Chickasaw Nation STEM Academy is home to a full-time educational program committed to working with K-12 students. Between June and August, the STEM Academy hosted a day camp nearly every week, reaching around 200 youth.

The 2022 camp season provided a much-needed space for our youth to get back together and enjoy fellowship while learning and having fun.















## CHICKASAW YOUTH CLUB

IN ARDMORE

A groundbreaking ceremony took place May 3, 2022, to construct a Chickasaw Youth Club in Ardmore. By expanding the Chickasaw Youth Clubs program to the Ardmore campus, Chickasaw youth will be able to develop social skills and learn to lead healthy lifestyles.

The youth club will provide resources for youth to advance their leadership and study skills and will offer classes on health and nutrition, career development, life skills, art, sports, fitness and Chickasaw history and culture.







## COMMERCE

Through business diversification and investments, the Chickasaw Nation has gained significant financial strength that continues to sustain programs and services that enhance the lives of Chickasaw people.

ith more than 100 diverse business endeavors, the tribe continues to build upon an economic plan that began a half-century ago to support increased self-sufficiency by generating revenue through a variety of enterprises and industries.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the first tribal business. Purchased in 1972, the Chickasaw Motor Inn — a small travel lodge in Sulphur, Oklahoma — paved the way for successful ventures and investments in the decades since.

Over the years, the tribe has continued to develop related businesses in the hospitality industry, including the Artesian Hotel, Casino & Spa and WinStar World Casino and Resort, among others.

With museums, art galleries, historic sites, entertainment venues, convenience stores and retail shops throughout the Chickasaw Nation, the tribe continues to invest in the tourism industry, which provides thousands of jobs and generates billions of dollars that benefit local and state economies.

Much like the tribe's growth in the hospitality industry, success in gaming also began with a modest operation. Touso Ishto Gaming Center, a bingo hall, opened in 1991, on the site that is now home to WinStar World Casino and Resort in Thackerville, Oklahoma. The Chickasaw Nation has since grown to operate more than 20 successful gaming locations.

To diversify business holdings, the tribe established Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) in 1996. CNI is a federally chartered corporation serving as a holding company with a number of subsidiaries





engaged in multiple lines of business, including government contracting, engineering, manufacturing and telecommunications support. CNI has grown to include nearly 200 contracts and operations in 35 states.

In 2000, the Bedré chocolate factory was acquired. As the only known tribally-owned chocolate manufacturer, Bedré uses state-of-the-art technology to produce quality, gourmet chocolates distributed to retailers across the country.

The Chickasaw Nation has also sought business diversity in banking. Opened in 2002 as Bank2, Chickasaw Community Bank is a full-service financial institution now rated in the top 15% of banks nationally. In 2022, a new branch location was added in downtown Oklahoma City and construction continues on a new headquarters location in Oklahoma City.

CNI acquired Filtra-Systems in 2016. Founded in 1979, Filtra's team of expert engineers partners with a range of customers to design, manufacture, install and service filtration, separation and purification products and systems, including mobile water filtration systems for industrial water applications worldwide.

In 2020, Trace Fiber Network became fully operational to increase broadband accessibility in rural communities in Chickasaw Country by building a reliable fiber-optic network, which has potential to benefit citizens and the tribe long into the future.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to look into the future and develop projects that positively impact communities. Progress continues to be made on the construction of the OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark near the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. The resort will provide hundreds of new jobs and is expected to enhance cultural tourism, another area of related economic development.

As a result of decades of hard work, thoughtful planning and visionary leadership, the Chickasaw Nation is economically strong. From the tribe's earliest commercial endeavors to the success of today's array of diverse business initiatives, the Chickasaw Nation continues working to ensure financial sustainability and self-sufficiency for generations to come.

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## CHICKASAW DIVERSIFIED BUSINESSES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprise (SCORE), the commercial radio station group owned by the Chickasaw Nation, has been working on an antenna replacement for its most powerful station, 100.1 FM, KYKC. The large, 10-bay antenna resides at the top of the station's 400-foot tower, located eight miles north of Ada. The new antenna will result in several improvements to the operation of the station, including a wider, more consistent coverage area over the nine counties the station serves.

In FY 2022, Remington Park continued to be a national leader among horse racing facilities. The Oklahoma Derby Day broke the all-time handle record. Four barns were fully upgraded, improving the facilities for both horses and racing personnel.

A new casino and resort to be named West Bay is expected to open in spring 2023. Located on the site of the former Lake Texoma Lodge on Lake Texoma, near Kingston, amenities will include a 40room hotel, cabins, a conference center, restaurant and gift shop. WestBay Casino will positively impact the community, in creating full-time jobs and contributing to the local economy.

A similar project is underway at Lake Murray, near Ardmore, Oklahoma, which will include a casino, hotel, conference center and restaurant.



## DECADES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

1972

### **CHICKASAW MOTOR INN**

became the first business owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation



1991 TOUSO ISHTO

opened in Thackerville, Oklahoma

2000

## BEDRÉ FINE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

purchased in Ada, Oklahoma



2002

BANK2

(Renamed to Chickasaw Community Bank in 2020)

purchased in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

2004

## TREASURE VALLEY CASINO

opened in Davis, Oklahoma

## LAZER ZONE FAMILY FUN CENTER

opened in Ada, Oklahoma



1978

**CHICKASAW ENTERPRISES** 

established in Ada, Oklahoma

1986

FIRST CHICKASAW TRADING POST

opened in Davis, Oklahoma

1989

**FIRST TOBACCO SHOP** 

opened in Goldsby, Oklahoma

1996

**CHICKASAW NATION INDUSTRIES** 

established in Ada, Oklahoma

KADA-AM & FM

purchased in Ada, Oklahoma



FIRST CHICKASAW TRAVEL PLAZA

opened in Goldsby, Oklahoma

2003

**OKLAHOMA OPTICAL** 

purchased and fully operational in Ada, Oklahoma

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO & RESORT

opened in Thackerville, Oklahoma

2006

RIVERWIND CASINO

opened in Norman, Oklahoma



2008

GLOBAL GAMING SOLUTIONS

established in Ada, Oklahoma

**SOLARA SURGICAL PARTNERS, LLC** 

formed in South Lake, Texas

2011

LONE STAR PARK

purchased in Grand Prairie, Texas

2012

SALTCREEK CASING

opened in Pocasset, Oklahoma

CHICKASAW NATION

opened in Davis, Oklahoma

2013

ARTESIAN HOTEL, CASINO & SPA

opened in Sulphur, Oklahoma



**CHICKASAW VISITOR CENTER** 

opened in Sulphur, Oklahoma

BEDRÉ FINE CHOCOLATES MANUFACTURING FACILITY

opened in Davis, Oklahoma

2017

CHICKASAW INFORMATION CENTER

opened in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

2018

RIVERSTAR CASINO

opened in Terral, Oklahoma



2020

TRACE FIBER NETWORKS

became fully operational

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO DALLAS COWBOYS BAR & GRILL

opened in Thackerville, Oklahoma

2022

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY BANK

downtown branch opened in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## 2009

MCSWAIN THEATRE

reopened in Ada, Oklahoma



**REMINGTON PARK** 

purchased in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



2014

**EXHIBIT C** 

opened in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

JET STREAM CASINO

opened in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

2016

CHICKASAW BUSINESS NETWORK

established

WINSTAR CONVENTION CENTER

opened in Thackerville, Oklahoma



2019

**MEGASTAR CASINO** 

opened near Willis, Oklahoma











## COMMUNITY

The Chickasaw Nation remains committed to cultivating a strong community. Programs and services offer resources for Chickasaws to engage with each other and connect with the Chickasaw Nation.





hickasaw citizens once again gathered at Kullihoma for Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion) in 2022. The outdoor event featured a traditional meal and activities for all ages. The day of fun included friendly competition with many participating in the turtle run, cornstalk shoots, dominos, fishing, stickball games and more.

The Chickasaw Warrior Society encourages community, establishes and supports camaraderie and personifies the Chickasaw warrior spirit. There are more than 1,700 Warrior Society members representing all branches of the military.

In FY 2022, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program completed its 14th year in service. The program provides a beneficial service of preparing taxes for Chickasaw citizens, employees and community members. From January to July, more than 380 Chickasaw citizens were assisted by this program.

## **COMING SOON!**

## CHICKASAW VETERANS CONFERENCE

**SUMMER 2023** 

WINSTAR WORLD CASINO & RESORT CONVENTION CENTER THACKERVILLE, OKLAHOMA

VISIT CHICKASAW.NET/VETCONF

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

There are many opportunities for Chickasaws to connect, share their experiences, develop relationships and stay informed with tribal affairs. At Chickasaw citizen group meetings, citizens gather for fellowship and educational opportunities, as well as to stay connected. The Chickasaw citizen groups have expanded to 37 citizen groups across 19 states with in-person meetings and all 50 states have access virtually. Chickasaw citizens from around the country have been able to enjoy fellowship together, learn about their culture and heritage and take part in the current progress of the tribe.

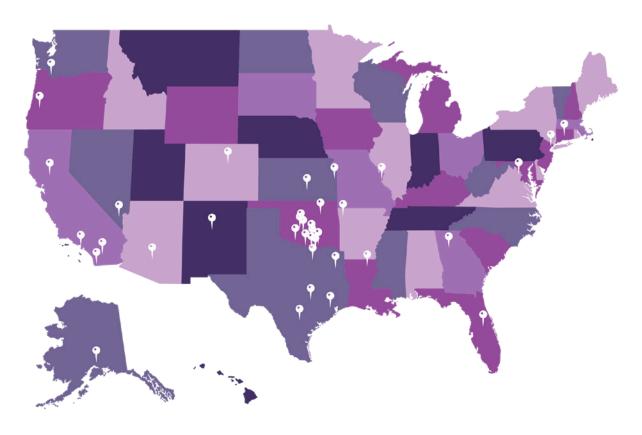
At these facilitated meetings, citizens hear the latest news and updates from the Chickasaw Nation including valuable information about programs and services. Chickasaws meet with tribal representatives to ask questions, offer feedback and enjoy speakers

and cultural presentations including demonstrations and make-and-take activities. More than 3,100 citizens participated in Chickasaw citizen meetings in 2022.

In FY 2022, the Chickasaw Nation hosted citizens at community dinners in Oklahoma City, Ada, Sulphur, Ardmore and Tishomingo. The community dinners were an opportunity for fellowship, visiting information booths and to hear the latest updates from Chickasaw Nation leadership.

From annual events and dinners to social media, radio and print, the Chickasaw Nation provides opportunities to keep citizens engaged and connected to the Chickasaw community.

## THE CHICKASAW CITIZEN GROUPS HAVE EXPANDED TO 37 CITIZEN GROUPS ACROSS 19 STATES.











## JACK REIRDON CHICKASAW CITIZEN

The Chickasaw Nation Road to Work Program offers safe and reliable services for commuters to and from work. Jack Reirdon, a Chickasaw citizen, has been using the road to work program for 10 years.

"When I started working for the Chickasaw Nation I learned about this fantastic program," said Reirdon.

"I am visually impaired and don't drive. I would recommend it to anyone who doesn't have a vehicle."

Since 2001, transportation services has continued to provide non-emergency medical rides as well as medication pickup and delivery services. For FY 2022, nearly 16,000 citizens and community members have utilized this service with more than 2,300 road to work trips. A total of more than 445,000 miles of transportation were provided. Transportation services has drivers located in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Oklahoma City, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.









# CULTURE & ARTS

The Chickasaw Nation ensures Chickasaw citizens can come together to create, share language and celebrate tradition through culture and arts programs and services.

he Chickasaw Nation preserves and shares culture and history in many ways. Important locations like the Chickasaw National Capitol and Council House Museum located in the original Chickasaw Nation capital of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, serve as reminders of the hard-fought battles the Chickasaw Nation has endured to preserve sovereignty and independence. The Council House Museum displays one of the largest collections of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archive materials.

Built in 1842, Fort Washita once served as a United States military post, protecting the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes from outside threats. After reconstruction, the historical site now pays homage to the past by hosting the annual multiday Rendezvous event each spring. In 2022, the event attracted more than 10,000 visitors who sought to experience historical reenactments from trappers, traders and mountain men demonstrators.

These historic sites benefit our communities by offering cultural education, historical and recreational opportunities, hosting community events and providing gathering spaces.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center expanded its reach to communities by launching virtual exhibits, events and activities. Over the past year, there have been nearly 30 videos added to the Chickasaw Cultural Center website. These programs include cooking tutorials, history lessons and holiday crafts.

Special events such as the Holba' Pisachi' Film Festival and the Native Jewelry and Accessories Showcase were shared to Facebook and Instagram.

The Chickasaw Nation created virtual programming for culturally significant content. Over 30 videos, featuring painting and craft tutorials, Chickasaw stories, historical accounts and language lessons, were developed and shared on social media and other outlets.

The Three Sisters Celebration, an event to celebrate corn, beans and squash, crops that have traditionally been grown together and provided nutrition for the Chickasaw people, took place in the spring at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



During the event, demonstrations and videos focused on Chickasaw history, language, culture and traditions, and included storytelling and planting methods. The event drew more than 2,400 attendees, and teams planted cole crops, sunflower plants and potato plants.

Established in 2006, Chickasaw Press publishes nonfiction works that share stories of Chickasaw history and culture. White Dog Press, the secondary imprint of Chickasaw Press, publishes a variety of books, ranging from fiction and poetry to children's titles and cookbooks. Each year their titles win prestigious awards including Oklahoma Book Awards, Independent Publisher Book Awards and ADDY Awards.

## THIS YEAR, CHICKASAW PRESS AND ITS IMPRINT PUBLISHED THREE NEW RELEASES:

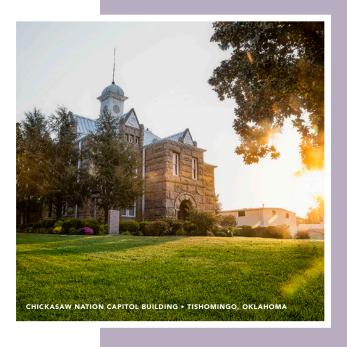
- "Oka Holisso: Chickasaw and Choctaw Water Resource Planning Guide" by The Chickasaw Nation and **Choctaw Nation**
- "The Lost River: Anompolichi II" by Phillip Carroll Morgan
- "Capital City: History of Tishomingo" by Paul F. Lambert

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference began in 2006 as a forum and panel discussion before transitioning to a conference in 2010. This year, the conference hosted a two-day virtual event with virtual webinar presentations and panel discussions.

The 2022 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award was presented to attorney and human rights activist, Tobi Edwards Young, for her commitment to public service and the pursuit of justice. Each year the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the tribe, served as role models to other Chickasaw women and have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.







## CHIKASHSHANOMPA' ILANOMPOLI'!

A DECADE DEDICATED TO LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION AND PROGRESSION BEGINS IN 2022

The Chickasaw Nation has always recognized that our language, or Chikashshanompa', directly influences our cultural identity, the preservation of which is pivotal to future generations of Chickasaw citizens. This year, Governor Bill Anoatubby proclaimed the decade spanning from 2022-2032 "Chikashshanompa' Ilanompoli'! (Let's speak Chickasaw!): A Decade of Chickasaw Language."





"With fewer fluent Chickasaw speakers living today, we are committed more than ever to perpetuating and providing access to the Chickasaw language," said Governor Anoatubby during the proclamation.

This proclamation from Governor Anoatubby comes on the heels of the United Nations' proclamation of an "International Decade of Indigenous Languages." A poignant campaign, the goal being to broaden and promote revitalization efforts within Indigenous communities worldwide whose languages are severely, or in some cases critically, endangered.

One of many actions the Chickasaw Nation has taken to protect Chikashshanompa' has been the launch of the Chikasha Academy Adult Immersion Program (CAAIP). Founded as a pilot program in 2015, CAAIP was fully implemented in early 2022. Instructed by fluent speakers, educators and elders, dedicated Chickasaw citizens have committed to the three-year, full-time program in pursuit of becoming conversational speakers of our ancestral language. The program is expected to expand along with numerous other Chikashshanompa' resources throughout the Decade of Chickasaw Language.

Rosetta Stone Chickasaw, available to citizens at no cost by application at Chickasaw.net/Language, is also among resources citizens may utilize today to extend their knowledge of the language. The application has more than 8,800 users. Rosetta Stone Chickasaw videos and lessons are also available to stream on Chickasaw.tv/Language.

## CHIKASHSHANOMPA'

"THE CHICKASAW LANGUAGE"









## DEVELOPMENT

Development of projects continued during FY 2022.

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS:**

## AIITAFAMA' ISHTO "LARGE MEETING PLACE" TISHOMINGO, OKLAHOMA

The newly constructed 48,700-square-foot building includes a large lobby, restrooms, more than 2,400 stadium style seats, a stage with state-of-the-art equipment to enhance the visual and auditory experience, and ample space for production equipment and activities. The building hosted the 2022 State of the Nation Address from Governor Anoatubby during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

## **TISHOMINGO GYMNASIUM**

TISHOMINGO, OKLAHOMA

The gymnasium was constructed from a preengineered metal building measuring approximately 13,570 square feet, with a full court gym area and bleacher seating. It also has a shower, locker room area, storage rooms, concessions and an office.

## **AAIMPA' CAFÉ REMODEL AND ADDITION** SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA

The remodeled kitchen and dining area allows the café to serve guests more efficiently. The complete remodel of the kitchen adds preparation and cooking islands, an enlarged and rearranged sales counter and an expansion of the dining room.

## **ANOLI' THEATER LIGHTING UPGRADE** SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA

The theater lighting has been upgraded with new trapeze style fixtures in the stage area and generalpurpose lighting. The installation of a new floor also creates a larger area to support stomp dances and other activities.

## WINSTAR GLOBAL EVENT CENTER REMODEL THACKERVILLE, OKLAHOMA

The Global Event Center now includes a new gaming area with approximately 1,813 new games, a second-floor office area to support casino operations, an upscale bar area with 13 seats and a fast-casual restaurant with 71 seats.

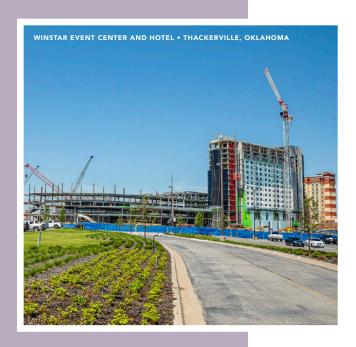








# ARDMORE HOTEL AND CASINO \* ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA



## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

## **ARDMORE YOUTH CLUB**

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

A pre-engineered, single-story, 14,608-square-foot building will include four classrooms, lobby and locker areas, offices, a commercial kitchen and dining room. The building will also have security features and outside play equipment.

## ARDMORE HOTEL AND CASINO

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

Located near Lake Murray State Park, this project includes building a new 71,100-square-foot casino with 1,000 gaming machines, eight table games, and a 110-seat restaurant and bar. It also includes the construction of a 58,200-square-foot hotel with 89 guest rooms, a business center, conference rooms, a resort style pool with a hot tub and walk-up pool bar.

## WEST BAY RESORT AND CASINO KINGSTON, OKLAHOMA

An approximately 46,950-square-foot hotel and casino is being constructed to include 40 hotel rooms, a restaurant and bar area, gift shop, a conference and event space and approximately 277 gaming machines.

## WINSTAR EVENT CENTER AND HOTEL THACKERVILLE, OKLAHOMA

This project consists of a new 6,500-seat event center that will have a VIP room and lounge area, concessions, a retail space and a 104-seat restaurant and bar. It also includes a 304-room hotel tower that will have an 18,000-square-foot spa and fitness center.









## EDUCATION

The educational programs and services established by the Chickasaw Nation offer citizens of all ages support and opportunities to succeed in their education and better their future.

ince the beginning, the Chickasaw Nation has been dedicated to implementing programs and services that give Chickasaw students access to quality education, fundamental opportunities for socialization and provides them with the tools to succeed.



The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program was established in 1978 with two classrooms in Ada, Oklahoma. Since then, Head Start centers have been established in Ardmore, Tishomingo and Sulphur, Oklahoma, and the Ada Head Start has transitioned to an accredited preschool for Chickasaw students ages 3 to 5. In FY 2022, the Ardmore, Tishomingo and Sulphur Head Start centers served approximately 170 students, and the tribal preschool in Ada served more than 80 students.

In 2002, the school-age program was established in Ada, Oklahoma, for Chickasaw students ages 4 to 12. This program provides care after school and when schools are not in session, including during holiday and summer breaks. This year, the program provided care for more than 400 students after school, more than 800 students during holiday breaks and an estimated 350 students during summer break.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Program offers scholarships such as the Abeka Apisachi Nursing Scholarship for students accepted into the East Central University (ECU) nursing program, and the Holisso Pisachi Education Scholarship for students studying education at ECU.

Since 2009, higher education has assisted more than 67,500 Chickasaw students with approximately \$291.5 million in scholarships, grants and incentives. This year, approximately 2,900 Chickasaw students were assisted with grants totaling over \$1.46 million through the COVID-19 Technology Grants for Students program. Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, this grant provides a \$500 technology for learning grant to kindergarten through 12th grade Chickasaw students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chickasaw Honor Club program rewards academic achievement for Chickasaw students grades 2 through 12. In FY 2022, the program awarded more than \$100,000 to students in recognition of their efforts to accomplish high grades, perfect attendance and outstanding achievement.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN

2,900 CHICKASAW

STUDENTS WERE ASSISTED

THROUGH THE COVID-19

TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FOR

STUDENTS PROGRAM.

## CHICKASAWS ON CAMPUS

The Chickasaw Nation provides educational opportunities for post-secondary education students to promote the pursuit of higher education. Several programs for college-aged students focus on the development of essential life skills to have throughout adulthood. Establishing on-campus communities for Chickasaw students, providing assistance with tutoring and financial support ensures that the post-secondary student experience remains focused on academic growth.

The Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program was created in 2008 to support the tribe's mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people by preparing, supporting and empowering the success of Chickasaw students. Since its inception, the program has served 500 students and has expanded to include the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Community College, Murray State College and East Central University. The "Chickasaws On-Campus" Instagram account launched March 2022 to connect local and at-large Chickasaw higher education students. Like on-campus student centers, this new virtual space fosters a sense of community and supports students in many ways.



The Oklahoma State University Center for Sovereign Nations is a collaborative effort between the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee nations that provides educational services and resources to tribally affiliated students on campus and promotes and leads events for multiple national organizations. Currently, the center includes 20 student tribal ambassadors who represent their respective tribes.



The Chickasaw Nation scholarships, grants and incentives for higher education are available to part-time and full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral students. In FY 2022, more than \$28 million has been awarded to over 6,000 Chickasaw students.

Chickasaws from all over have turned to the Chickasaws On-Campus Instagram page to find information and receive tips to help them on their journeys in higher education.

#### @CHICKASAWSONCAMPUS CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH:



**CHICKASAW LANGUAGE** 



**MENTAL HEALTH** 



PHYSICAL HEALTH



**REMINDERS FOR IMPORTANT DEADLINES** 



**CAMPUS EVENTS** 



**EACH OTHER** 



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#### HERITAGE SERIES CURRICULUM

The Chickasaw Nation has developed educational resources to share the story of the Chickasaw people with audiences of all ages. The Chickasaw Heritage Series does this through documentary films and educational videos. These films are included as additional resources in the Chickasaw Nation curriculum.

Ada, Oklahoma elementary teacher Rachel Sullivan uses these resources for her third-grade class. "The Heritage Series curriculum is a very important part of our social studies curriculum," she said. These films "allow students to learn more about their culture and the culture of others. They can find similarities between groups."

The Chickasaw Heritage Series continues to develop a library of resources to inform, educate and connect diverse audiences to the story of the Chickasaw Nation. Learn more at Chickasaw.net/Curriculum.



#### HEATHER THOMAS CHICKASAW CITIZEN

The tutoring reimbursement program offers assistance to K-12 students who need help in core subjects such as reading comprehension, writing, math or science.

"My daughter needed tutoring for reading. She was in second grade and reading at a kindergarten level. I enrolled her in a summer program with one of the teachers in her school. I contacted the Chickasaw Nation and they were able to provide me with a reimbursement," said Chickasaw citizen Heather Thomas.

"After the summer tutoring sessions, she is now reading at a third-grade level. She just started third grade this year."

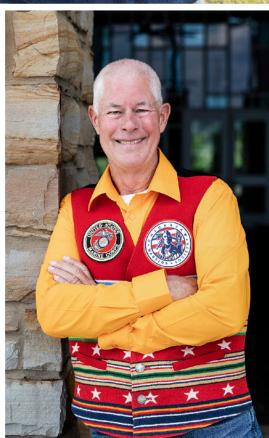
The Chickasaw Nation offers educational programs and services to ensure students have access to the resources needed to advance their education. These programs provide learning assistance, financial aid and guides to navigating education for Chickasaws of all ages.

"If any of my children need tutoring in the future, I would absolutely use this program again," said Thomas.









## ELDERS

The Chickasaw Nation is committed to enriching the lives of our elders through a variety of dedicated programs, services and opportunities to stay active and engaged.

he Chickasaw Nation Wisdom Walkers
Program strives to help keep our elders
active and healthy. Wisdom Walkers is
an elder wellness program designed to initiate
and sustain activity among First American elders.
Exercise classes take place at the Chickasaw
Nation Senior Centers. In FY 2022, more than 160
elders participated in the program.

In FY 2022, the Impa Imma Program delivered 2,100 meals to elders. This service is available to all Chickasaw elders within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory and offers frozen meals year-round.

Itiapela (Elder Help) – Medical Alert Device Program pays the initial costs and monthly fees for 24-hour medical alert services for qualified Chickasaw elders, 60 years of age or older.

The Chickasaw Nation Chore Service Program provides assistance with basic housekeeping duties for eligible Chickasaw elders. The program served approximately 160 Chickasaw elders each month and provided more than 1,700 services in 2022.

Elderly home maintenance provides minor home repairs for eligible Chickasaw elders. This program assists with providing safe and stable homes for our elders and their families. In FY 2022, more than 1,000 services were provided to Chickasaw elders.

Specific over-the-counter medicines are provided at no cost for eligible Chickasaw elders, 60 years of age or older, through the over-the-counter medications program.





**COMING SOON!** 

## 2023 CHICKASAW ELDERS CONFERENCE

VISIT CHICKASAW.NET/ELDERSCONF FOR UPDATES

# DECADES OF CARING FOR ELDERS

1992 **CONNERVILLE & MADILL** 1993 **SENIOR CENTERS** THE INAUGURAL CHICKASAW NATION opened new facilities SENIOR CITIZENS CONFERENCE conducted at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur, Oklahoma 1995 **ALLEN SENIOR CENTER** opened new facility ARDMORE, SULPHUR & TISHOMINGO **SENIOR CENTERS** opened new facilities 2000 **ADA & KULLIHOMA SENIOR CENTERS** 2001 opened new facilities SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM established **HOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** established **CHORE SERVICES PEST SERVICES PROGRAM** established established SUPPLEMENTAL WOOD PROGRAM established **OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICATIONS PROGRAM** established 2003 **ELDERLY SPECIALIST & CAR CARE PROGRAMS NATIVE AMERICAN CAREGIVER PROGRAM** established established **ACHILLE SENIOR CENTER** opened new facility 2004 **PAULS VALLEY & PURCELL SENIOR CENTERS** opened new facilities 2005 **CHICKASAW NATION VETERAN JACKET PROGRAM** 2006 established ASSISTED LIVING BENEFIT PROGRAM established

2008

ITIAPELA - MEDICAL ALERT PROGRAM

established

DUNCAN SENIOR CENTE

opened new facility



INAUGURAL ELDER VETERANS TRIP

to Washington D.C.

2011

CHICKASAW ELDER INDEPENDENT

opened in Ardmore, Oklahoma



WINTER FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM established



2013 SENIOR GOLF ACADEMY established



2009

WISDOM WALKERS

program established



SUPPLEMENTAL LAWN MOWING PROGRAM

established



2012

PANOLA SENIOR CENTER

opened new facility



ARDMORE AND CONNERVILLE SENIOR CENTERS

opened new facilities



IMPA IMMA PROGRAM

established

2017

ISHOMINGO SENIOR CENTER

opened new facility

2018

OKLAHOMA CITY SENIOR CENTER

opened new facility



## SERVICE FOR ELDERS

Caring for our elders remains a top priority for the Chickasaw Nation. The tribe continues to expand upon a variety of programs and services that began decades ago to address life circumstances that come with aging.

Established in 1992, the senior centers program was created to give Chickasaw elders a place to fellowship and receive care. Since its inception, the program has expanded to offer meals, health screenings, social and group activities, cultural classes, guest speakers and an elder wellness program. In fiscal year 2022, the senior centers served more than 30,375 meals, which Chickasaw elders and their spouses were able to enjoy in the senior center or take home.

To provide increased opportunities to connect, gather and learn about Chickasaw Nation programs and services, the Chickasaw Nation Elders
Conference began in 1993, with the inaugural conference at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur,
Oklahoma. The conference has since grown into a two-day event. Plans are in progress to welcome elders in person for the 2023 Chickasaw Elders Conference.













## CHICKASAW NATION SENIOR CENTERS SERVED MORE THAN **30,375 MEALS** THIS YEAR.

In 2000, the home maintenance, chore services and Native American Caregiver programs were established to assist with additional household and health-related needs.

Between 2001 and 2005, elder programs and services further expanded to include pest services, the supplemental wood program, car care and overthe-counter medications.

Knowing that health is greatly impacted by diet, the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program was established in 2001 to ensure Chickasaw seniors are able to access fresh fruits and vegetables. The program provides eligible Chickasaw elders with financial assistance via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The EBT card can be used between June and October at authorized farmers markets and farm stands located throughout the Chickasaw Nation to purchase fresh foods.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are also available in the winter, through the Winter Fruit and Vegetable Program for Seniors. This year, approximately 4,100 elders received more than 13,500 bags of fruits and vegetables.

Many Chickasaw elders carry with them the stories and history of the Chickasaw people. They are vital to the preservation of Chickasaw culture and traditions. As such, the Chickasaw Nation remains dedicated to providing our elders the best possible service and care by continuing to offer programs and services benefiting their lives.









# **EMPLOYMENT**

The Chickasaw Nation prepares citizens to enter the workforce by providing programs and services to help develop career skills and address and remove barriers to employment.

hickasaw Institute of Technology (CIT) allows citizens to earn trade certification through on-the-job training, workshops and classroom opportunities. Each program consists of training for 40 hours per week, taking place at CIT in Ada, Oklahoma. Available courses include an electrician program, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), construction technology, medical coding, applied business technology and a plumbing certification course. There is no cost associated with the program, and participants are eligible for compensation while training.

The day training program is a 42-day program that provides daily subsidy to participants while they pursue hands-on training and job shadowing at selected training sites. In FY 2022, the day training program assisted participants in receiving driver's licenses, obtaining vehicles, obtaining housing and enrolling in a general education development program. They were also able to connect participants to other Chickasaw Employment Access programs and employment with the Chickasaw Nation.

The career pathways program aids with job search, funding, resume development and professional attire for Chickasaw citizens. Eligible participants must live within the Chickasaw Nation treaty

territory, be unemployed, underemployed or in need of assistance to maintain employment. Career pathways provided mock interviews, as well as developed resumes in FY 2022. A total of more than 70 participants gained employment.

In 2022, a careers social media page launched on three platforms. By having a presence on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, information about job postings, hiring events, employee highlights and professional tips are easily accessible. Talent acquisition received nearly 600 applications through the employment center as a result of social media referral.



THIS YEAR, THE CHICKASAW NATION
RECOGNIZED 633 EMPLOYEES FOR
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND YEARS OF
SERVICE MEETING OUR MISSION.

40 YEARS - 3 35 YEARS - 6 30 YEARS - 11 25 YEARS - 23 20 YEARS - 87 15 YEARS - 219 10 YEARS - 284

## SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM

For more than 15 years, the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work Program has provided opportunities for citizens to pursue technical training or a college degree while maintaining full-time employment. The goal of the program is to provide Chickasaws who desire to obtain higher education degrees the opportunity to do so. The program was originally initiated under the landscaping department and since expanded to reach multiple career fields across the Chickasaw Nation.

Danny Wall, director of career guidance, said "This program is not just helping the individual, but the whole family." That statement has held true, with 89 participants in 2020, 98 participants in 2021 and 104 in 2022.

Through the program, students receive on-the-job training related to their course of study, preparing them for entry into their desired field and potential employment with the Chickasaw Nation.

Robin Monetathchi, internal auditor for the Chickasaw Nation, said "I thought it was impossible to finish my degree I had started almost 20 years ago. I was working full time, raising two small children with a mortgage payment and bills. Schoolto-work helped me become a proud first-generation college graduate."

"THIS PROGRAM IS JUST ANOTHER WAY WE CAN PROVIDE A MEANS FOR CITIZENS TO REACH THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS WHILE STILL PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES."

- GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY

Over the years, the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work Program has benefited hundreds of families, and moving forward will continue to aid hundreds more with expanding programs in Ada, Ardmore and Oklahoma City. To learn more about the program, visit Chickasaw.net/SchooltoWork.













RYAN BAILEY
CHICKASAW CITIZEN

The Chickasaw Nation Internship Program prepares students for the workplace. Chickasaw citizen Ryan Bailey used this career preparation program as a vehicle to obtain a full-time position with the Chickasaw Nation. A California resident, Bailey moved to Ada to participate in the program and ended up staying to further pursue his education and career goals.

# "The Chickasaw Nation gives you every advantage to succeed."

Bailey participated in the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program in the summer of 2019. "I went through the internship program, then day training, CDS (career development services) and then I got into the school-to-work program," he said.

The internship program served as a doorway to other resources for Bailey. Bailey graduated from East Central University in the summer of 2022 and now works as a web development specialist with the Chickasaw Nation.









## FAMILY

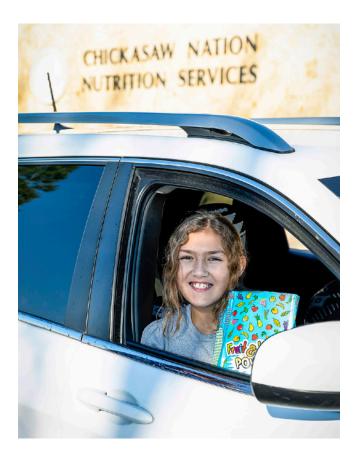
Serving Chickasaw families is a priority to the Chickasaw Nation. Through family-oriented programs and services, Chickasaws can access resources to offer support through various life events and circumstances.

he Hinoshi' Chokma' "good paths" program began in 2011 to help Chickasaw citizens, ages 14 to 23, prepare for a successful future by learning how to establish short-term and long-term goals. This year, the program served nearly 850 citizens with home visits and more than 130 office visits. There were also an estimated 480 activities delivered to participants at home, and approximately 25 group meetings took place for participants to meet in person.

Medical family therapy is a mental health services team integrated with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH). It addresses the biological, psychological, social and spiritual health of patients who require mental health services at any Chickasaw Nation health facility. The program expanded this year to assist with substance use disorders. In FY 2022, the program made more than 12,000 clinical and nonclinical contacts, more than 3,400 virtual visits and connected nearly 60 patients with sober living or substance use treatment resources.

Nittak Himitta' "a new day" is a residential treatment program created for First American women facing the obstacle of substance use, and their children who are 12 years old or younger. This program is culturally focused and trauma-informed. This year, the program assisted more than 40 Chickasaw citizens, provided more than 400 recovery specialist groups and completed nearly 550 substance use screenings.

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program is an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Its purpose is to



raise nutrition levels among income-eligible First American households by providing nutrition education and commodity foods through food distribution program grocery stores located in Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Centers in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan and Purcell, Oklahoma.

In FY 2022, the Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program served more than 5,000 individuals. The food distribution program grocery stores had approximately 10,500 visits where more than \$2.2 million of food, including fresh meat and produce, was distributed.

# MENTAL WELLNESS

With a continued focus on both the physical and mental health of Chickasaw citizens, in 2022, Governor Bill Anoatubby proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Chickasaw Nation. Governor Anoatubby emphasized that in addition to removing the stigma of mental health concerns, "the Chikasha Anokfilli initiative also establishes a strong foundation on prevention and early intervention of mental health issues."

The online resource, Chickasaw.net/MentalHealth, was also launched to provide a centralized resource for services established to promote and improve mental wellness. Chikasha Anokfilli, which translates to "thinking Chickasaw," focuses on the tenets of strength, balance and harmony. It explores what it means to be strong and resilient, and provides overall wellness resources.

In addition, the web page includes a variety of tangible resources from mental health professionals. These resources include support for trauma, grief, suicide prevention, financial and cultural wellness, and more to encourage being proactive about personal mental health.

### CHIKASHA ANOKFILLI

PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR TRAUMA,
GRIEF, SUICIDE PREVENTION,
FINANCIAL AND CULTURAL
WELLNESS AND MORE.



SCAN TO VISIT
CHICKASAW.NET/MENTALHEALTH

# PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

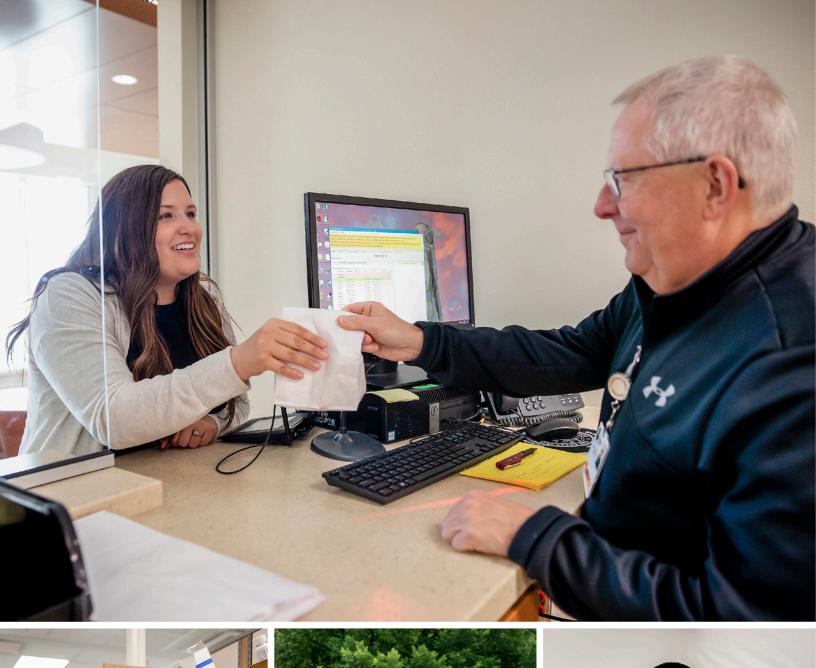
In September 2021, the Chickasaw
Nation was one of only two tribes to be
awarded a Pediatric Mental Health Care
Access (PMHCA) grant. Funds from the
grant help remove gaps in mental health
care access by increasing availability
of services for children with behavioral
health conditions. The five-year grant,
funded by the Health Resources and
Services Administration (HRSA) and
the Maternal and Child Health Bureau
(MCHB), will work to integrate behavioral
health into pediatric primary health care.

A key step is to establish a database of state, regional and tribal networks of pediatric mental health care teams to assist patients in person and through telehealth and provider training.

Connecting primary and pediatric care providers to child and adolescent mental health care professionals expands resources and expertise to better serve First American families.

Over the course of the grant, the program plans to expand benefits by assisting community partners who treat First American children. The grant currently covers the cost of supplemental resources for Chickasaw Nation Department of Health pediatric patients who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Through a partnership with Firefly Autism and FUNdamentals Therapy Services, patients can receive autism-related services and their parents can meet virtually with specialists to receive guidance and suggested tools while behavioral health services are being established.











# HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Chickasaw Nation offers innovative health care opportunities and the latest in comprehensive medical care for physical and mental wellness. A variety of quality health, nutrition and wellness programs are available to Chickasaw citizens, their families and First Americans throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

n 1969, the Chickasaw Nation began operating our first federal program, the Community Health Representative (CHR) program. CHR began with a small staff of three individuals dedicated to the incredible pursuit of building strong and healthy Chickasaw people.

Eleven years later, in 1980, the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility opened in Ada, Oklahoma. This new facility offered many needed services for the Chickasaw people and other First Americans in the area. While grateful, the leadership team knew there was still work to do. Our leadership resolved to ensure Chickasaws could continue to receive the quality of care they deserved for years to come.

Under Governor Anoatubby's leadership, in 1994 the Chickasaw Nation became the first tribe to compact with the U.S. Indian Health Service to assume administrative and operational control of its own health care system. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) continued to expand health care programs and clinics throughout the Chickasaw Nation boundaries and beyond.

The Chickasaw Nation marked a landmark triumph in 2010 with the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center (CNMC) in Ada. The state-of-theart facility and 230-acre campus continues to grow

the number of programs and services offered to Chickasaws and has increased the level of health care available to our citizens.

In 2022, CNDH health facilities assisted with approximately 1.2 million patient encounters, and the quality of service continues not only to exceed patient expectations but has gained national recognition. This year, the CNMC received a perfect five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services based on patient survey scores. Patients scored the CNMC as one of the best hospitals in the state and the top 15.9% of hospitals in the country for the level of service and quality the medical center provides. CNDH also received the Lee Allen Smith Award for engaging community efforts and creating a legacy of pride for future generations.

CNDH HEALTH FACILITIES
ASSISTED WITH
APPROXIMATELY
1.2 MILLION PATIENT
ENCOUNTERS.

# DECADES OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

1969 **COMMUNITY HEALTH** REPRESENTATIVE (CHR) PROGRAM 1977 became the first federal program WIC SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM operated by the Chickasaw Nation established 1978 1983 **CARL ALBERT INDIAN HEALTH HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** broke ground in Ada, Oklahoma established HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM 1984 established **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM** established 1985 TISHOMINGO HEALTH CLINIC 1986 began operation by the Chickasaw Nation **FIRST NUTRITION CENTER** opened in Ada, Oklahoma ARDMORE HEALTH CLINIC 1994 opened **ASSUMED ADMINISTRATIVE** & OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF **CARL ALBERT INDIAN HEALTH FACILITY** in Ada, Oklahoma **EYEGLASSES PROGRAM CHICKASAW NATION HEALTH SYSTEM** established formed **CHICKASAW & CHOCTAW NATIONS FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES** PARTNERED TO OPERATE THE established **DURANT HEALTH CLINIC** 1997 **CARL ALBERT INDIAN HEALTH FACILITY** FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM GROCERY STORE opened additional outpatient pharmacy in Ada, Oklahoma opened in Ardmore, Oklahoma **FAMILY PRACTICE CENTER** dedicated in Ada, Oklahoma 1999 **MAIL-OUT PHARMACY PROGRAM** established 2002 **DIABETES CARE CENTER** AT CARL ALBERT INDIAN HEALTH FACILITY opened in Ada, Oklahoma

2000

**OUTPATIENT PHYSICAL THERAPY FACILITY** 

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM GROCERY STORE

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

THE CHICKASAW NATION HEALTH

opened in downtown Ada, Oklahoma

2005

ARDMORE WELLNESS CENTER

opened

2006

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS PROGE

made available to citizens at large

**EYEGLASSES PROGRAM** 

made available to citizens at large

**NUTRITION CENTER** 

opened in Ardmore, Oklahoma

SERVICES-AT-LARGE HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT AND PRESCRIPTION MAIL ORDER

programs established

2010

CHICKASAW NATION MEDICAL CENTER

opened in Ada, Oklahoma



2017

PEDIATRIC SERVICES

available at all clinics

2018

AYA - YOUR FITNESS JOURNEY API

released

**VIRTUAL MEDICAL VISIT PROGRAM** 

established

**EMPOWERED LIVING CLINIC** 

established

"AAITHANA" FAMILY MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

established



2003

FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER

dedicated in Purcell, Oklahoma

2004

**PURCELL HEALTH CLINIC** 

opened

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

opened in Ada, Oklahoma



2007

HARMACY REFILL CENTER

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

2008

MAIL ORDER PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM

established

PHARMACY RESIDENCY

program established

2011

CHICKASAW NATION PUBLIC HEALTH

established

2013

CHIKASHA HOUSE

opened

2016

DUNCAN NUTRITION CENTER

opened



2019

**OUTPATIENT PHARMACY DEDICATED** 

in Ada, Oklahoma

**WELLNESS CENTER** 

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

2020

**COVID-19 TEST CENTERS** 

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

TISHOMINGO NUTRITION CENTER

opened

2021

ALTERNATE CARE SITE

opened in Ada, Oklahoma

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITY** 

opened in Ada, Oklahoma



## **HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRESS**

Our programs strive to meet the growing wellness needs of First Americans. In 2022, Chickasaw Nation pharmacies filled more than 1.4 million prescriptions. Approximately 600,000 of those were mailed directly to patients, providing a convenient service to those with monthly prescriptions.

Nearly 1,000 babies were born at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in 2022. The Chickasaw Nation prioritizes investment in our children, and provides many services to support healthy growth and development. The WIC program provided 4,000 women, infants and children nutrition benefits and education, including breastfeeding counseling for new mothers.

This year, Impa'chi Meals for Kids served more than 88,000 meals to children at 16 designated sites year-round and 33 sites during the summer. The program delivered nearly 680,000 meals to approximately 3,200 children throughout the Chickasaw Nation. In addition, summer nutrition benefits have supplemented family grocery bills for 40,000 students across Oklahoma. Our state ranks fifth in the nation for food insecurity, making these services critical for many families.

The Chickasaw Nation also provides nutrition services for our elders. In 2022, more than 4,000 Chickasaw seniors, Chickasaw Warrior Society members and citizens with 100% disability received packages of fruits and vegetables through the Chickasaw Nation Winter Fruit and Vegetable Program at one of the nutrition centers in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Purcell or Tishomingo, as well as monthly events in Colbert, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This program fills the gap during the winter months when the farmers' market nutrition program is unavailable.

This year, the Chickasaw Nation also unveiled a new 40-foot Inchokma "Feel Well, Be Well" mobile medical unit to provide care in rural communities. This new custom-built medical vehicle offers preventative health care services, and is equipped with two clinic rooms, testing and laboratory space,





medical-grade vaccine cold storage, bathroom, wheelchair lift, X-ray unit and workstation. Inchokma is empowering our people to live happier and healthier lives by giving them an opportunity to have a one-on-one consultation outside of a normal clinical setting.

The Chickasaw Nation will always seek to provide the best in health care for our citizens and community. This year, ChickasawNationHealth.net was launched to provide current, credible and culturally designed medical resources and wellness information. Visitors can find information on in-person and telehealth appointments, learn about nutrition programs and services and explore health initiatives.









# HOUSING

The Chickasaw Nation works to meet the housing needs of Chickasaw citizens by offering a range of programs and services to assist families with access to quality, affordable housing and home safety and maintenance.

ousing services have always been one of the fundamental pillars in the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

Over the years, the tribe has continued to make tremendous strides in providing programs and services that assist Chickasaw citizens with access to quality, affordable housing.

The foundation for these successful programs began more than 50 years ago with the formation of The Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation. The first Chickasaw homes were completed in 1968 after the Chickasaw Housing Authority received their first building grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in December 1967.

A major change to the way tribes received funding for housing occurred in 1996, when Congress passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Instead of tribal housing authorities competing for individual project grants, the tribes began receiving annual block grants directly from HUD. Tribes could now use the funds to best meet the needs of those they serve. This greatly improved the quality of the Chickasaw homes built.

Since that time, housing programs and services for citizens have expanded into loan services, housing counseling and home repairs.

The COVID-19 Homeowner Assistance Program expanded to provide counseling services to citizens applying for mortgage assistance. The counseling team provides budgeting, counseling and debt management training to those that need assistance during their home purchase.

With an understanding that quality, affordable housing is essential to overall quality of life, the Chickasaw Nation remains committed to offering enhanced program and services to assist Chickasaw citizens and families with home rental, ownership, safety and repair.



## HOUSING SERVICES PROGRESS

The storm shelter program began in 2003 and provides storm shelter installation to keep citizens secure in times of inclement weather. Since the program's inception, more than 5,200 shelters have been installed with 110 of those shelters being installed during FY 2022.

Housing maintenance services program maintains 14 income-eligible housing developments, which includes more than 600 units and two sewage lagoons. The maintenance department completed an estimated 3,200 work orders in FY 2022.

The elderly energy assistance program provides Chickasaw citizens, age 60 and older, with winter heating and summer cooling. The program assisted more than 3,400 Chickasaw elders in FY 2022.

The tribal emergency energy assistance program was established in 2002. This program provides assistance for urgent, unmet needs to Chickasaw citizens under the age of 60 who live within the treaty territory. In FY 2022, nearly 120 Chickasaw citizens were assisted through this program.

Chickasaw Farms provided 370 Chickasaw homeowners with landscaping packages in FY 2022. The farms harvested and installed approximately 235,200 square feet of sod for Chickasaw homeowners with newly constructed homes within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation in FY 2022. In addition, Chickasaw homeowners picked up nearly 224,000 square feet of harvested sod.

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## **DECADES OF** HOUSING ASSISTANCE

1965

**OKLAHOMA HOUSING AUTHORIT** 

passed

chartered

1967

FIRST HUD BUILDING

received by Chickasaw Housing Authority

1968

FIRST BUILD PROJECT IN FILLMORE, OKLAH

begun by Chickasaw Housing Authority

1983

established

1996

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (NAHASDA)

passed by Congress

1998

CHUKA CHUKMASI HOME LOAN PRO

established

CHICKASAW HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP)

established

2006

PRIVATE DRIVE PRO

established



**HOME IMPROVEMENT AND** STORM SHELTER GRANTS

made available to citizens at large

2016

marked 50 years of service

1966

AW HOUSING AUTHORITY

established



1978

**BIA HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP)** 

became tribally operated

1988

**INDIAN HOUSING ACT** 

passed by Congress

1997

CHICKASAW NATION ASSUMED OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL CONTROL OF HOUSING SERVICES

2003

ORM SHELTER PROGRAM

established



LANDSCAPING PRODUCTS PROGRAM

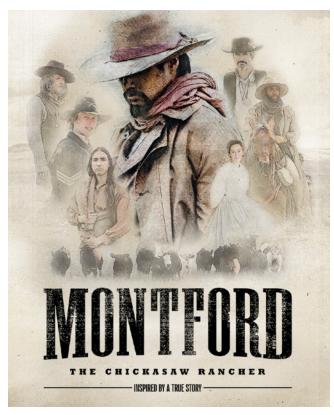
established



# AWARDS







#### THE CHICKASAW NATION

**The Chickasaw Nation** received the most blood donations during the Tribal Blood Drive Challenge, a competition between First American tribes in Oklahoma to address the state and national blood shortage brought on by COVID-19. Through this effort, the Chickasaw Nation saw 723 donors, 2,169 lives saved and 566 products supplied.

Chickasaw Nation Productions' feature film "Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher" was honored with two Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

#### **COMMERCE**

**Riverwind Casino** was named the Best Casino by the Journal Record for the second year in a row.

**Chickasaw Country** received a RedBud Award from the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association for "Best Brochure or Publication - (\$10,000 or More Budget)."

Chickasaw Country received the Merit Award from the Oklahoma Travel Industry for "Outstanding Media Coverage" with the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau (OKC CVB).

#### **CHICKASAW PRESS**

**"Funny Fani"** won an Oklahoma Book Award for Children's Illustration.

"Little Bird" won National Gold from the Independent Publisher Book Awards for Cover Design in the Fiction category.

**"Little Bird"** won Midwest Regional Silver from the Independent Publisher Book Awards for Best Fiction category.

**"88 Straight"** won National Silver from the Independent Publisher Book Awards for Historical Fiction category.

#### **FAMILY SERVICES**

**Prevention services** received a certificate of recognition from LivingWorks Education for outstanding contributions to suicidesafer communities.

#### **HEALTH**

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) was recognized for its commitment to excellent patient care and quality service by the Oklahoma Quality Foundation and Oklahoma Christian University.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center (CNMC) received a five-star rating by an industry publication, establishing it as part of an elite group of national hospitals. The monthly publication, Becker's Hospital Review, published the elite review in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings (Overall Star Rating) for 2022. Twice in the last three years, the CNMC has received a perfect five-star rating.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center was awarded the Joint Venture Construction Award for Newcastle Hospital and Health Facility.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health received the Lee Allen Smith Award for engaging community efforts and creating a legacy of pride for future generations.

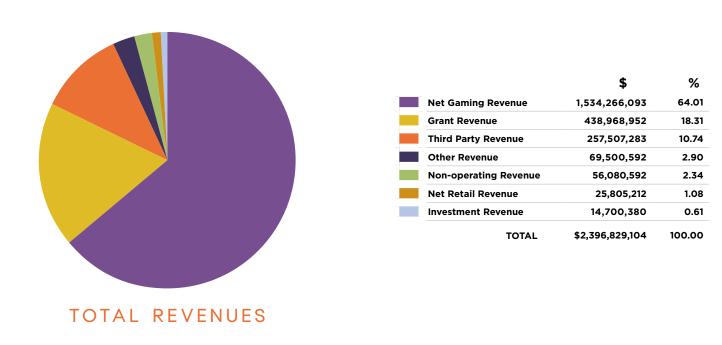
The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health was selected as a WIC Breastfeeding Award of Excellence 2022 Gold Awardee by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) which recognizes exemplary breastfeeding peer counseling programs.







# FINANCIALS



## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

ASSETS	2022*	2021*	2020*	2019*	2015*	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 2,294,720,781	2,552,193,305	1,505,170,062	1,066,525,771	644,196,698	
Investments	\$ 2,358,451,885	1,768,482,188	1,265,851,803	1,182,237,875	662,012,941	
Accounts & notes receivable	\$ 208,345,335	173,779,480	211,172,531	182,690,118	147,486,209	
Inventory	\$ 20,538,526	16,635,235	15,354,970	14,955,665	10,251,979	
Capital assets	\$ 1,470,873,016	1,228,207,821	1,224,194,073	1,160,096,689	1,052,024,400	
Other assets & deferred outflows	\$ 126,522,956	118,736,401	92,468,331	103,489,432	87,993,730	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,479,452,499	5,858,034,430	4,314,211,770	3,709,995,550	2,603,965,957	

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$ 397,253,179	301,566,935	345,274,988	219,504,389	154,047,951
Deferred revenue	\$ 648,936,479	692,594,355	200,852,865	52,477,976	68,814,567
Other liabilities	\$ 64,864,699	213,397,529	89,764,681	102,050,010	54,494,553
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,111,054,357	1,207,558,819	635,892,534	374,032,375	277,357,071
NET ASSETS	\$ 5,368,398,142	4,650,475,611	3,678,319,236	3,335,963,175	2,326,608,886

The financial information presented in this report is unaudited.

<sup>\*</sup> The Chickasaw Nation has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. Statement 34 changes our method of recording and reporting our fixed assets. In the past, when the Chickasaw Nation purchased a fixed asset, it was shown as an expenditure in the current year. Now the purchase is shown in the balance sheet as a capital asset and depreciated over its useful life.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

1,424,691,380

784,491,461

	\$	%
Business-type Activities	718,857,595	41.38
Health	432,296,502	24.88
General Government	302,418,815	17.41
Education	73,398,859	4.22
Social Services	56,449,433	3.25
Housing	53,442,792	3.08
Other	33,951,514	1.95
History & Culture	27,480,158	1.58
Legal	21,699,171	1.25
Regulatory Services	6,747,995	0.39
Transportation	2,794,877	0.16
Natural Resources	2,551,350	0.15
Judiciary	2,362,803	0.14
Aging Services	2,213,294	0.13
Public Safety & Defense	630,808	0.04
TOTAL	\$1,737,295,966	100.00

	2011*	2007*^	2003*	1999	1995	1991	1987
4	145,077,066	261,142,708	44,110,100	21,382,840	8,390,315	2,676,018	1,475,745
•	160,722,759	135,492,638	83,051,961	12,548,410	10,808,494	2,377,124	456,067
	97,487,773	33,410,225	10,866,857	34,522,723	12,233,018	5,492,809	2,955,034
	9,599,307	5,756,908	4,423,512	2,946,081	1,354,260	622,463	101,274
9	941,736,948	491,909,941	160,551,121	64,169,108	22,254,896	11,044,786	7,624,301
	96,479,554	82,438,273	3,533,497	4,448,349	3,338,548	175,647	164,707
1,	,751,103,407	1,010,150,693	306,537,048	140,017,511	58,379,531	22,388,847	12,777,128
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1,	,751,103,407	1,010,150,693	306,537,048	140,017,511	58,379,531	22,388,847	12,777,128
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	103,667,866	51,061,288	36,574,115	15,469,160	7,835,065	2,113,361	732,860

94,641,067

32,963,806

14,646,033

242,883,014

9,279,722

<sup>^</sup> In 2007, the Chickasaw Housing Authority received guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the treatment of Mutual Help housing units. This guidance states that such units should be recorded as other assets, rather than as capital assets on the balance sheet until the property is ultimately conveyed.

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AREA OFFICES:	
Ada Area Office	(580) 436-7256
Ardmore Area Office	
Duncan Area Office	(580) 470-2131
Office of Career Services	.(580) 436-7294
Oklahoma City Area Office	.(405) 767-8971
Pauls Valley Satellite Office	.(405) 207-9883
Purcell Area Office	(405) 527-4973
Sulphur Area Office	(580) 622-2888
Tishomingo Area Office	(580) 371-9512
HEALTH CLINICS:	
Ada	.(800) 851-9136
Ardmore	(877) 242-4347
Purcell	(877) 584-3289
Tishomingo	(877) 240-2720
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES	:
Chickasaw Nation Headquarters	(580) 436-2603
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature	
Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court	(580) 235-0281
Chickasaw Nation District Court	(580) 235-0279
OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:	
Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency	(580) 436-0784
Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department	
Chickasaw Nation Crime Victim's Support Hotline	
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center	(580) 436-3980





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