

2023

DESCRIPTIVE RECORD OF STUDENTS



ANNUAL REPORT

**The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition**



Dear NABS Relatives,

2023 has been a remarkable year for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, and it wouldn't have been possible without you. From our NABS family to yours, we send each of you warm greetings and deep gratitude for all that you have done to support the movement of truth, justice, and healing for survivors of U.S. Indian boarding schools.

NABS was incorporated in 2012 with a fundamental goal of creating a Truth and Healing Commission in the United States. Over a decade later, our Coalition has seen significant momentum and progress in achieving this goal. In June 2023, S. 1723—otherwise known as the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act—passed unanimously through the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA).

This progress would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our Coalition members, funders, Tribal Nations, and communities across the country. We know that the progress and momentum of this movement will continue in the new year. The Truth and Healing Commission bill, S. 1723, passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously and is now ready for a Senate floor vote. The companion bill needs to be passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources before going to the House floor for a full vote.

In the new year, we will continue and accelerate the momentum of 2023 as we seek truth, pursue justice, and promote healing for survivors of U.S. Indian boarding schools, their descendants, their families, and Tribal Nations.

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2023

YEAR IN REVIEW

NABS continues to build upon our work of offering a diverse array of virtual and in-person healing gatherings, as well as supporting boarding school survivors and Tribal nations when invited. In our continued collaborations with the US Department of the Interior (DOI), NABS attended each of the eleven “Road to Healing” events led by DOI Secretary Deb Haaland. NABS staff were present to witness, support, and connect with boarding school survivors at each location throughout Indian Country. Ten states were represented by the twelve events: Anadarko, OK; Harbor Springs, MI; Pine Ridge, SD; Gila River, AZ; Chinle, AZ; Tulalip, WA; Mille Lacs, MN; Riverside, CA; Rohnert Park, CA; Anchorage, AK; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Bozeman, MT.

NABS gathered for a second annual “Night of Remembrance,” which was held in Minneapolis, MN, and cosponsored by Anishinaabe Academy. Boarding school survivors were honored with prayers, songs, and a feast, alongside community partners and neighbors. NABS visited Washington state in April to conduct a comprehensive Oral History Project for which over thirty interviews with boarding school survivors and descendants were video recorded and preserved to be made publicly accessible when they are ready for release.



NABS Staff at the DOI’s Road to Healing event in Tulalip, WA



NABS Board President Jim LaBelle Sr. (Inupiaq)



NABS continues to engage with coalition members, partners, collaborators, and congressional offices across the nation to educate about the need for a Truth and Healing Commission on U.S. Indian Boarding Schools. NABS staff and board members have educated thousands of people through in-person and virtual presentations at national conferences and various events. On a much larger national and international scale, public education on advocacy efforts has included articles through major media, such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Indian Country Today*. As NABS's public education and advocacy has grown, more than 1,200 Tribal members, organizations, and allies have joined the coalition membership.



In September, NABS hosted a virtual conversation on the need for a U.S. Truth and Healing Commission with special guests Rep. Sharice Davids and cast and crew from *Reservation Dogs*. NABS has received more than 30 resolutions calling for a Truth and Healing Commission from Tribal nations, regional, national and international organizations, religious organizations, and public entities.



In July, Ruth Anna Buffalo, 1st Vice President of NABS's board of directors, represented the coalition at the United Nations 16th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples held in Geneva, Switzerland. NABS's expanded presence nationally is extended to the international level as U.S. boarding school policy is a human rights issue and is included in our strategic plan.





RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Compiling research conducted over three years, NABS refreshed our Indian boarding school list which now includes 523 institutions. This information contributed greatly to the launch of a long-term project and partnership with the *National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation* (NCTR) of Canada to produce an international interactive digital map. The *National Indian Boarding School Digital Map* includes all known locations of Indian boarding schools in the United States, and all known Indian residential schools in Canada. This historic project has allowed for the visualization of boarding school institutions such as their location, years of operation, who operated it, and a historical note. The digital map will continue to be updated and edited as new research becomes available. Incorporating this new tool and the research contained therein, NABS updated the *Truth and Healing Curriculum* to accommodate three separate age-levels.



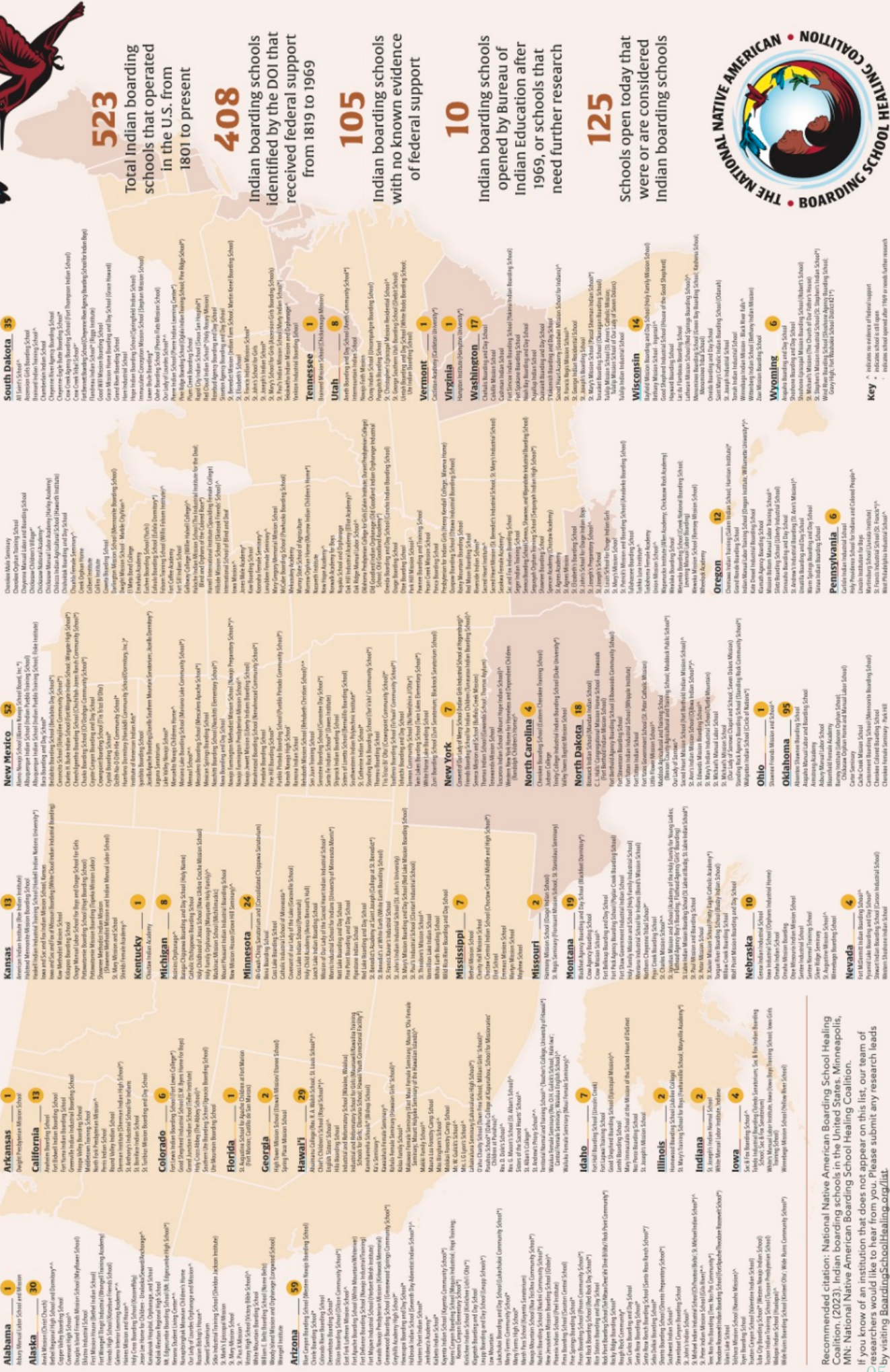
NABS expanded our reach by continuing to deliver both in-person and virtual presentations. NABS staff and Board members continue to be sought after for presentations, panels, and interviews at extremely high rates, framing opportunities for engagement with specific calls to action to advocate for community-wide healing from Indian boarding schools.

The *National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive* (NIBSDA) continues to be developed after a constructive year of scanning, processing, and collaborating with other archives that have already digitized boarding school materials. With a release date of early 2024, the preparations being made to NIBSDA in the past year continue to support the scalability and sustainability of the platform as digitized collections grow in the system.

In partnership with the American Indian College Fund, NABS provided support to twenty-seven students who are descendants of Indian boarding school attendees. Each student received a \$3,000 scholarship award.

Indian Boarding Schools in the United States

This list represents ongoing research from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, August 2023.



523 Total Indian boarding schools that operated in the U.S. from 1801 to present

408 Indian boarding schools identified by the DOI that received federal support from 1819 to 1969

105 Indian boarding schools with no known evidence of federal support

10 Indian boarding schools opened by Bureau of Indian Education after 1969, or schools that need further research

125 Schools open today that were or are considered Indian boarding schools



BoardschoolHealing.org

PROGRAMS

2023 EVENTS



APRIL: NABS attends the DOI's Road to Healing tour in Tulalip, WA



MAY: NABS attends a screening of *Yellowstone* episode "1923" alongside members of the cast



JULY: NABS Board & Staff travel to DC to advocate for S. 1723



AUGUST: NABS staff attends Santa Fe Indian Market



SEPTEMBER: NABS cohosts a night of Remembrance alongside Anishinabe Academy for survivors of Indian boarding schools



SEPTEMBER: NABS hosts a virtual legislative briefing on S. 1723 featuring *Reservation Dogs* cast members



2023 SNAPSHOT



41

SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS



425

"WE LOVE
YOU" CARE
PACAKGES
DELIVERED TO
SURVIVORS.

36

INTERVIEWS
CONDUCTED WITH
INDIAN BOARDING
SCHOOL SURVIVORS IN
TULALIP, WA



10

NATIONAL
TABLING
EVENTS
WHERE WE
SHARED NABS
INFORMATION

8,700

PEOPLE REACHED AT
SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS
NATIONALLY



320

HOURS SPENT BY 4
INTERNS AT TAKODA
PREPORATORY HIGH
SCHOOL WORKING
WITH NABS

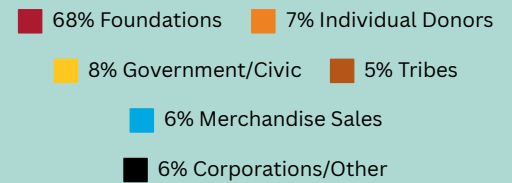


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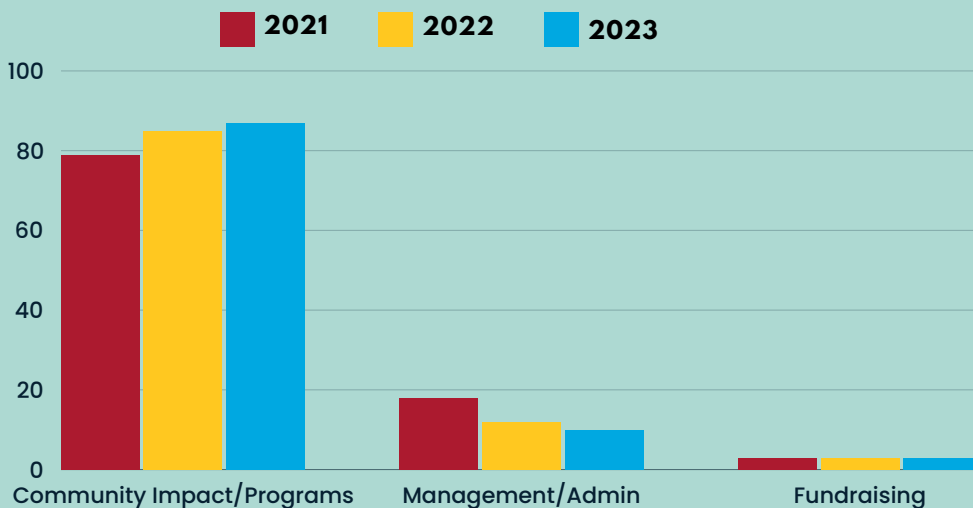
FISCAL YEAR-END SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expenses for FY22-23 totaled \$2,396,324 compared to \$1,810,817 in FY21-22, showing a growth of 32%. NABS has excelled at managing administrative costs to keep them low.

FY21-22 SOURCE OF FUNDS



PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,220,400
Contributions Receivable, net	4,704,968
Prepaid Expenses	<u>102,200</u>
Total current assets	8,027,568
Contributions Receivable, long-term, net	270,000
Right of use asset, net of accumulated amortization of \$27,216	88,623
Equipment, net	<u>41,699</u>
Total assets	\$8,427,890

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 28,256
Accrued Expenses	53,864
Refundable Advances	982,762
Lease Liability	<u>30,924</u>
Total current liabilities	1,095,806
Lease liability, long-term portion	<u>59,076</u>
Total liabilities	1,154,882
Net assets:	
Net assets without donor restrictions	2,249,343
Net assets with donor restrictions:	<u>5,023,665</u>
Total net assets	7,272,008
Total liabilities and net assets	\$8,427,890

Source: NABS FY 22-23 Audited Financial Statements, Statement of Activities and Statement of Financial Position.

FY22-23 FUNDERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Foundations and Charitable Funds

AmazonSmile Foundation
American Endowment Foundation (Betty Baker Alexander Charitable Fund, Linton Charitable Fund, Jason-Westberg Charitable Fund)
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Benevity Online Giving Fund
Better Way Foundation
Community Foundation of Snohomish County
Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
Fidelity Charitable (Yield Giving Open Call Fund, Equity and Empowerment Fund - Katy Backes Kozhimannil Foundation, Johnson-Lundblad Gift Fund, Ted and Grace Benson Fund, Newport Charitable Trust)
Givinga Foundation
Give Lively Foundation
Group Health Foundation
Fidelity Charitable
Herbert and Marian Weston Foundation
Liberated Capital Decolonizing Wealth Fund, Indigenous Circle of Giving
Merck Foundation
National Park Foundation
National Philanthropic Trust, J.P Morgan Charitable Foundation
Native Voices Rising
New Venture Fund, IllumiNative
NoVo Foundation
NDN Collective
Philanthropic Charitable (Politsch Family Fund, DMP Do Good Fund)
Pride Foundation
Schwab Charitable (Lee and Judith Hardy Charitable Fund, Ufford-Chase Giving Fund, Lisa R. Bornstein Fund, Kerr Family Charitable Fund, Ways of Peace Fund)
St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation
The Kendeda Fund
TisBest Philanthropy
W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Corporations

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Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC
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I Got It, Inc
LaxStraps
Liker Lean Advisors, LLC
National Medical Reviews, Inc
Morgan Stanley
PC Training & Consulting
PwC US and Mexico
Sony Pictures
The Standard
Touchmark at Harwood Groves
Audio Visual Services Group, LLC
Whitmore Rare Books, Inc.

Civic/Nonprofit

Apache Behavioral Health Services, Inc
Brad LLC
Brooke Charter School
Carleton College
Council on Library Information Resources
Desert Archeology Society
Frontier Public School Indian Education
GFWC Women's Club of Port Charlotte
Inter-Tribal Council of AT&T Employees
Lake Shore Central Teachers Association
National Congress of American Indians
Network For Good
The Feather Project at Virginia Beach Art Center

Government

National Endowment for the Humanities
National Historical Publications of Records Commission
Department of the Interior

FY22-23 FUNDERS AND CONTRIBUTORS CONTINUED

Tribes

Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Oahu Intertribal Council
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Shawnee Tribe
Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Religious Organizations

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Atlanta Friends Meeting
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Boulder Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Diocese of Southern Ohio Christ Church Cathedral
Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Fullness of God Lutheran Church at Holden Village
OSF Sisters of St. Francis Mission Activities
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
Macalester Plymouth United Church
Native American Ministry Council of Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati
NY Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Quakers of Orlando
Schertz United Methodist Women
Shalom Mennonite Fellowship
Sisters of Divine Savior
Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine Dominicans, Class of 1960
Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
United Parish in Brookline
Unity Church-Unitarian of St. Paul



Thanks to the generous support from The Keneda Fund, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition is leading the movement for truth, justice, and healing for Indian boarding school survivors.

1,100 Individual Donors gave a total of \$93,521.84

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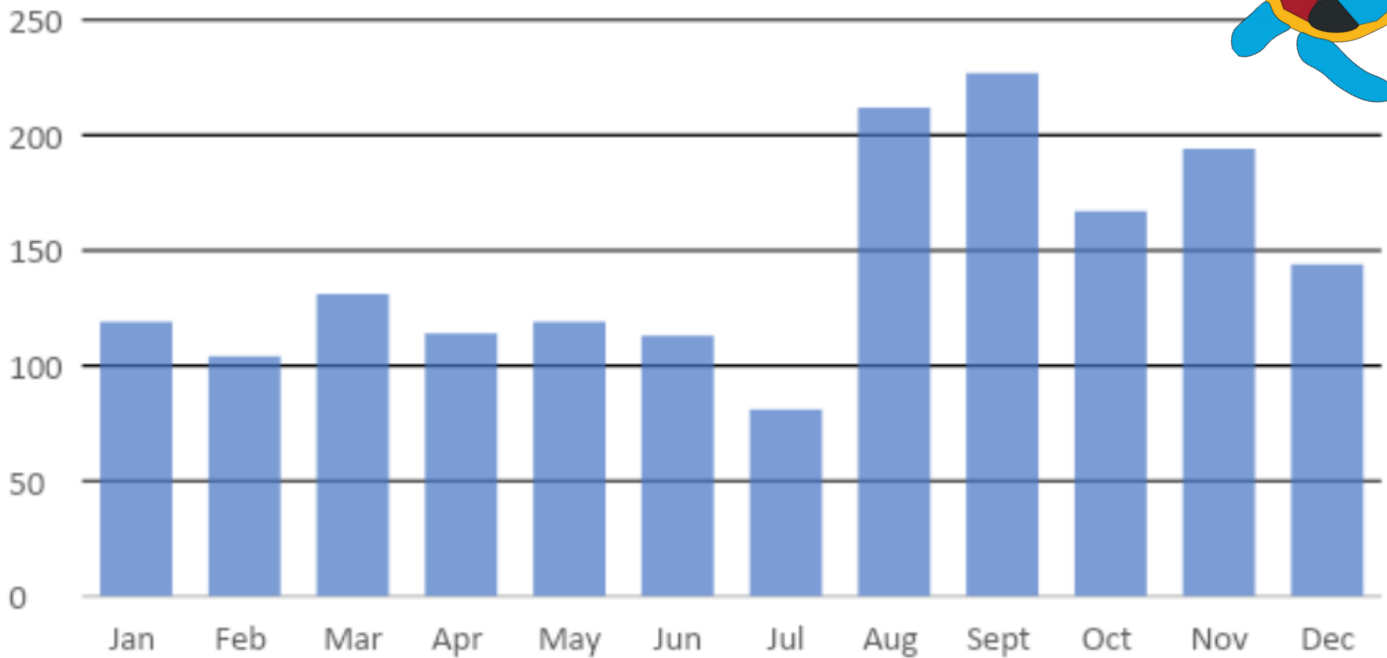
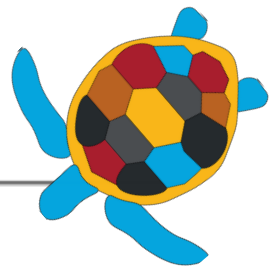


NABS ONLINE DONATION SUMMARY

In 2023, the main streams of donations came from individual contributions through recurring subscription payments and one-time donations through PayPal and Facebook fundraisers. Based on our monthly activity, the peak for contributions started in August and spanned through December.



2023 MONTHLY ONLINE DONATION ACTIVITY



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

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2023



Native Nonprofit Day

May 19, 2023

GIVINGTUESDAY



Every Child Matters



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