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Serving the Next
Seven Generations

2016 Annual Report to the Cherokee People



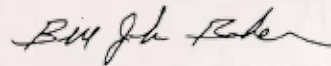
ᏌᏍᏉ Osiyo!

It's such an honor to work as your Principal Chief and Deputy Principal Chief, helping provide services to our people day in and day out across our great Nation. These past 12 months represent another unprecedented year of growth and success for the Cherokee Nation. Our accomplishments have been large and small, but it's also been a year of extraordinary milestones. Here are just a few:

- We issued the first Cherokee Nation hunting and fishing licenses to our citizens, reinforcing our inherent sovereign right to hunt and fish in all 77 counties across Oklahoma, not just inside the Cherokee Nation. We have now issued nearly 120,000 hunting and fishing licenses to our citizens.
- We signed the largest joint venture agreement in history with Indian Health Service. The agreement ensures the federal government will provide more than \$80 million annually to staff an expansion of the W.W. Hastings Health Campus.
- We appointed the first ever Cherokee Nation Secretary of Natural Resources, a cabinet-level position that prioritizes conservation and finds better ways to preserve our clean water, air and land for future generations.

As you'll see in this report, our accomplishments aren't limited to certain parts of the Cherokee Nation. Our programs and services are everywhere. Please take the time to read this annual report in full to learn more about our award-winning programs and services and where to find them. You'll see maps, photos and examples of your tribal dollars working for you. As the financial data reflects, we have proven to be successful, responsible stewards of the tribe's fiscal resources. I would like to especially thank our employees for their hard work making that goal a reality.

It is an honor to work for the Cherokee people, and we are proud to make the Cherokee Nation an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family. Today's Cherokee Nation is a strong, secure place, and we are poised to leave it a better place for the next seven generations and beyond. Please enjoy this report.



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief



S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief



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Executive Branch

The executive branch of the Cherokee Nation is charged with the execution of the laws of the Cherokee Nation, establishment of tribal policy and delegation of authority as necessary for the day-to-day operations of all programs and enterprises administered by the Cherokee Nation tribal government. These leaders include the Principal Chief, Deputy Principal Chief and six cabinet positions.



Principal Chief
Bill John Baker



Deputy Principal Chief
S. Joe Crittenden



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Chuck Hoskin Jr.



Treasurer
Lacey Horn



Chief of Staff
Chuck Hoskin



Marshal
Shannon Buhl



Attorney General
Todd Hembree



Secretary of Natural
Resources Sara Hill

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Legislative Branch

The legislative branch consists of a 17-member Tribal Council. The council is elected by popular vote to four-year terms. There are 15 councilors elected to represent the districts within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries and two at-large councilors elected to represent those citizens who live outside the boundaries. The Tribal Council establishes laws necessary and proper for the good of Cherokee Nation, and conducts other business to further the interests of the Cherokee Nation and its citizens. An elected speaker presides over the council as its president.



L to R seated: Dist. 4: Don Garvin, At Large: Wanda Claphan Hatfield, Dist. 7: Secretary Frankie Hargis, Dist. 2: Speaker Joe Byrd, Dist. 11: Deputy Speaker Victoria Vazquez, Dist. 15: Janees Taylor, Dist. 9: Curtis G. Snell. **Back row:** Dist. 14: Keith Austin, Dist. 1: Rex Jordan, Dist. 13: Buel Anglen, At Large: Jack D. Baker, Dist. 10: Harley Buzzard, Dist. 6: Bryan Warner, Dist. 3: David Walkingstick, Dist. 12: Dick Lay, Dist. 8: Shawn Crittenden and Dist. 5: David Thornton Sr.

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Judicial Branch

The judicial branch includes the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, which primarily hears appeals from district courts and the Cherokee Nation's boards and commissions. The Supreme Court consists of five justices who are Cherokee Nation citizens, licensed attorneys and nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the Tribal Council. The justices serve staggered 10-year terms. The district courts serve citizens by providing a forum and having general jurisdiction over disputes arising under the laws and constitution of Cherokee Nation. District court judges are selected in the same manner as the justices and serve four-year terms.



L to R: Justice Angela Jones, Justice John C. Garrett, Chief Justice Troy Wayne Poteete, Justice James G. Wilcoxon and Justice Lynn Burris.

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Serving the Next Seven Generations

In Cherokee traditional belief, seven is the most sacred of numbers. It shows up again and again in stories and ceremonies. Today, as a modern nation, we strive to bridge our traditions with our future, ensuring that Cherokee Nation will remain a vital entity with the ability to serve and strengthen our citizens for years to come. We realize that stewardship as a guiding principle must be embraced at every level and that the decisions we make now will impact whether our resources are sustainable for the next seven generations to come.



The seven clans of the Cherokee people include Bird, Deer, Wolf, Longhair, Wild Potato, Blue and Paint clans. Traditional beliefs forbade intermarrying with others of your same clan. Clanship descends from one's mother. A man traditionally became part of his wife's clan after marriage.



Traditional Cherokee beliefs tell us that there are seven directions: north, south, east and west, as well as up, down and the center where you are.



The seven-pointed star was first designated by Chief Lewis Downing in 1869 to be included in the creation of an official government seal for the Cherokee Nation. Downing signed an executive act specifying the seal would include a wreath of oak leaves, a seven-pointed star, "Cherokee Nation" written in syllabary and the date September 6, 1839, recognizing the Act of Union joining eastern and western Cherokee bands as one tribe again after the forced removals.



During the world's creation, the plants and animals all were told to keep awake for seven nights. Only the owl and panther and a handful of others succeeded. As a reward for their steadfastness, the Creator bestowed them the power to see and hunt in the dark.



People were created after the animals and plants. Only a brother and sister existed until the boy struck his sister with a fish and told her to multiply. In seven days a child was born and another every seven days after, until there was danger that the world would overpopulate. The Creator determined a woman should have only one child in a year, and it has been so ever since.



There once were seven Cherokee boys who would not do their chores and wanted only to play. Although their mothers fussed at them, they ran around and around the ceremonial ball court in a circle so fast that they rose up into the sky. Six of the boys made it to the sky; the seventh was caught by his mother and fell to the ground so hard that he sank right into the ground and eventually a pine tree grew over his resting place. The six boy stars became what is known in astronomy as the Pleiades.



Many Cherokees share a belief in a group of spiritual beings known as the Little People. They cannot be seen unless they choose to reveal themselves. If one of the Little People is accidentally seen, or if he or she chooses to reveal itself, it is not to be talked of for at least seven years. It is also common practice to not speak about the Little People after nightfall. They are known to be mischievous and can cause problems for those who disturb them.

By the numbers

The Cherokee Nation invested more than \$25 million in city and county roads, bridges, water lines and other infrastructure improvements throughout northeastern Oklahoma in fiscal year 2016.

In January, the tribe helped add an 8-mile waterline serving 20 tribal families along Highway 82 in the communities of Peggs and Moodys. The Cherokee Nation chipped in \$300,000 in a partnership with Cherokee County commissioners and a rural water department for the more than half-a-million-dollar total project.

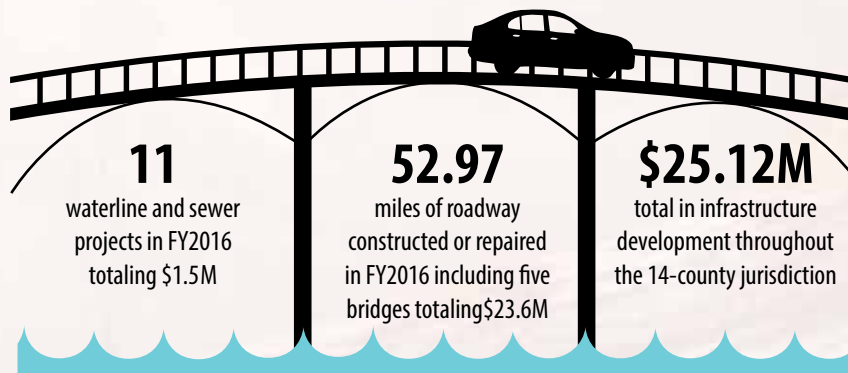
When bridges near Salina and Locust Grove didn't meet adequate safety inspections, the Cherokee Nation stepped in to help make upgrades.

Four structurally deficient bridges on Kenwood Road in Delaware County were repaired using \$5.6 million from the tribal transportation program budget. In Mayes County, Wickliffe bridge got a \$1.7 million improvement.

For the first time, 32 solar-powered streetlights were installed near U.S. Hwy. 59 in Stilwell. The project is estimated to save \$50,000 in lighting costs over 10 years.

In Tulsa County, 2 miles of roadway at 66th Street North was freshly paved, as well as the main roadway to Braggs School in Muskogee County.

Citizen safety is a priority. When bridges and roads are durable and residents have clean water, the Cherokee Nation not only helps out our neighbors, but the partnerships also alleviate more expenses for city and county governments.



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Road Projects



Waterline/Sewer Projects



Sequoyah, Muskogee & McIntosh counties

In Fiscal Year 2016:



24,109 citizens living within the jurisdiction in Sequoyah, Muskogee and McIntosh counties



568 scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Sequoyah, Muskogee and McIntosh counties



\$501,000 in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines



1,609 citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program



274,650 patient visits at Redbird Smith Health Center and Three Rivers Health Center*



\$866,000 in donations to public schools in Sequoyah, Muskogee and McIntosh counties



\$206,000 in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Cherokee National Park and Equestrian Trail - Sallisaw

Cherokee Nation Tag Office - Sallisaw

Career Services/GED - Sallisaw and Muldrow

Education Services

Head Start - Brushy and Webbers Falls

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Porum and Sallisaw

Health Services

Redbird Smith Health Center - Sallisaw

Three Rivers Health Center - Muskogee

Cherokee Elder Care (serves ZIP codes 74401, 74402, 74403, 74423, 74434 and 74439)

EMS (serves northern Sequoyah County)

Human Services

Child Support Services - Sallisaw

Family Assistance - Warner

Food Distribution Center - Sallisaw

Senior Nutrition sites - Belfonte, Evening Shade, Marble City, Porum and Sallisaw



Cherokee Nation donated \$30,000 to the town of Braggs for road upgrades.



In June 2016, Cherokee Nation donated \$30,000 to Porum Elementary School to replace a 20-year-old playground.



Cherokee Nation broke ground in March 2016 on 30 new homes in Vian. The tribe also built an additional 23 homes in Roland through the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation's New Home Construction Program. **Cherokee Nation has assisted more than 7,000 citizens through housing programs in FY2016.**



Adair County

In Fiscal Year 2016:



13,821 citizens living within the jurisdiction in Adair County



208 scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Adair county



\$2.7M in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines



1,030 citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program



113,172 patient visits at Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center*



\$412,000 in donations to public schools in Adair County



\$93,000 in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Career Services/GED - Stilwell and Westville

Education Services

Head Start - Maryetta, Rocky Mountain and Zion
Early Head Start - Cherry Tree and Redbird

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Stilwell and Westville

Health Services

Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center - Stilwell
Cherokee Elder Care (serves ZIP codes 74457, 74960, 74964 and 74965)
EMS (serves western Adair County)

Human Services

Child Development Center - Stilwell
Indian Child Welfare - Stilwell
Food Distribution Center - Stilwell
Senior Nutrition Site - Greasy
Family Assistance -Stilwell



Cherokee Nation donated \$20,000 to the town of Watts to help restore the town's aging fire station.



Cherokee Nation donated \$15,000 to New Life Church in Stilwell for their backpack program. New Life Church uses tribal funding to give away more than 300 backpacks and partners with four rural schools to provide weekend snacks to about 100 students. **In June 2016, Cherokee Nation donated \$75,000 to several backpack programs in the 14 counties.**



Cherokee Nation opened the \$10 million Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center expansion in October 2015. The expansion doubled the size of the existing health facility.



Cherokee & Wagoner counties

In Fiscal Year 2016:



22,435 citizens living within the jurisdiction in Cherokee and Wagoner counties



647 scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Cherokee and Wagoner counties



\$896,000 in donations to public schools in Cherokee and Wagoner counties



\$4.3M in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines



1,791 citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program



360,638 patient visits at W.W. Hastings Hospital*



\$143,000 in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Career Services - Tahlequah
Vocational Rehabilitation/GED
Talking Leaves Job Corps Center
Cherokee Nation TERO

Cherokee Nation Attorney General - Tahlequah

Cherokee Nation Election Commission - Tahlequah
Voter Registration

Cherokee Nation EMS (serves Cherokee County)

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Tahlequah

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service Office
(serves entire 14 counties)

Cherokee Nation Supreme Court and District Court/Judicial Branch - Tahlequah

Cherokee Nation Tag Office - Tahlequah

Cherokee Nation Tax Commission - Tahlequah
Vehicle Tags
Hunting and Fishing License Program

Cherokee Phoenix Newspaper - Tahlequah

Commerce - Tahlequah
Small Business Assistance Center
Cherokee Arts Center
Spider Gallery

Education Services - Tahlequah
Sequoyah Schools (includes Immersion School)
College Resource Center
Head Start - Tahlequah and Shady Grove

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Tahlequah, Hulbert
Home Rehabilitation
New Home Construction
Mortgage Assistance Program

Health Services - Tahlequah
W.W. Hastings Hospital
Jack Brown Regional Treatment Center
Male Seminary Recreation Center
Cherokee Elder Care (serves ZIP codes 74427, 74441, 74446, 74444, 74451, 74452, 74464, 74465 and 74471)

Human Services - Tahlequah
John A. Ketcher Youth Shelter
Indian Child Welfare
Foster Care/Adoption Program
Food Distribution Center
Child Care Resource Center
Child Support Services
Veterans Center
Senior Nutrition Sites - Tahlequah, Caney/Tailholt and Dry Creek

Human Resources/Employment - Tahlequah

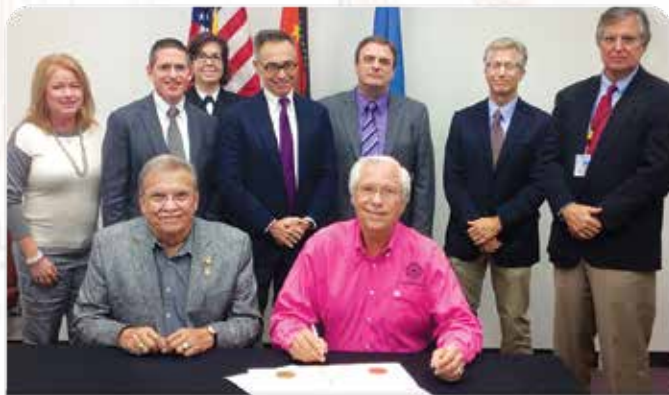
ONE FIRE Victim Services - Tahlequah

Tourism - Tahlequah
John Ross Museum
Cherokee National Prison Museum
Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Museum
Cherokee Nation Gift Shop
Cherokee Heritage Center

W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex - Tahlequah
Administration/Executive Branch
Tribal Council/Legislative Branch



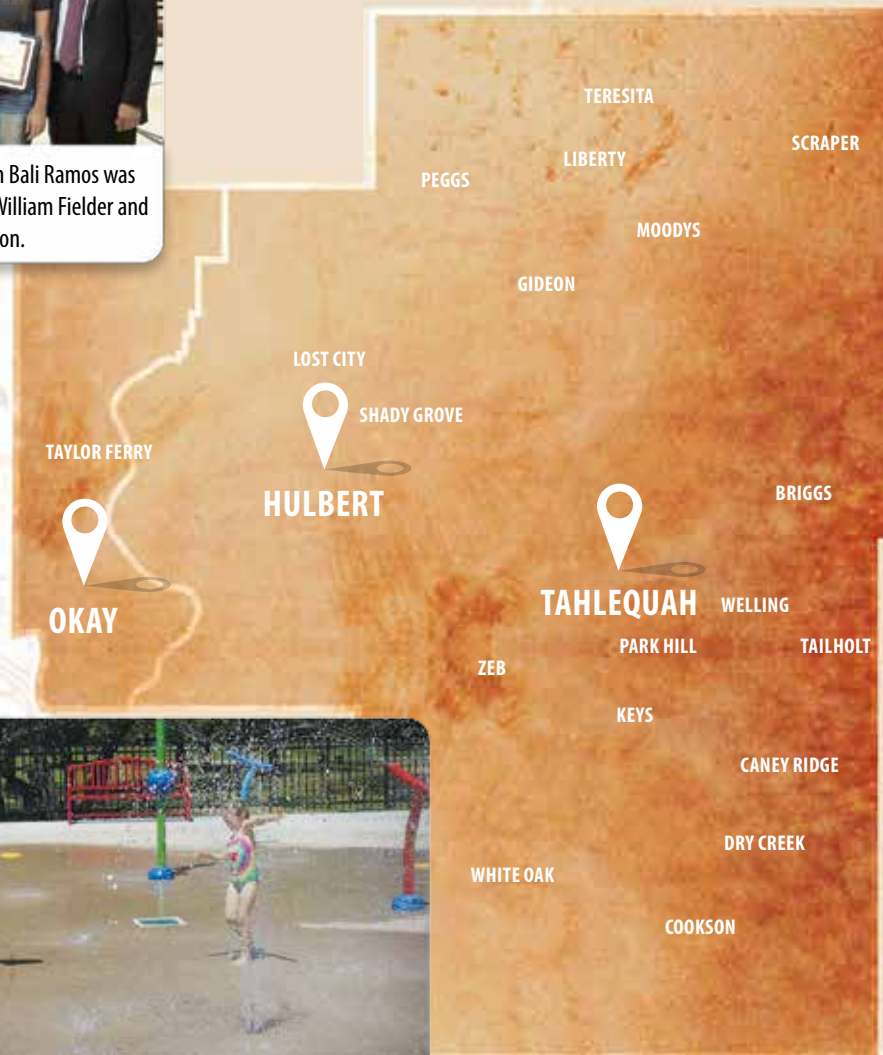
In Wagoner County, Okay High School valedictorian Bali Ramos was presented a \$1,000 scholarship and salutatorians William Fielder and Jacie Westbrook \$750 each from the Cherokee Nation.



The Cherokee Nation received a \$1.5 million grant from Gilead Sciences. With the funding and support of fellow health agencies, nearly 300 patients at Cherokee Nation's W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah were identified with hepatitis C and have been treated with medication. Doctors say for 90 percent it was effective for curing the illness.



The Cherokee Nation donated more than \$50,000 over two years to the town of Hulbert for park improvements, which includes building of the new splash pad and road paving to the park entrance.



Delaware & Ottawa counties

In Fiscal Year 2016:



14,137 citizens living within the jurisdiction in Delaware and Ottawa counties



268 scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Delaware and Ottawa counties



\$411,000 in donations to public schools in Delaware and Ottawa counties



\$13.6M in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines



723 citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program



77,614 patient visits at Sam Hider Health Center*



\$116,000 in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Career Services/GED Offices - Kansas and Jay

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Cherokee Nation Bison Ranch - Bull Hollow

Education Services

Head Start - Kenwood

Early Head Start - Jay

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Jay and Grove

Health Services

Sam Hider Health Center - Jay

Cherokee Elder Care (serves ZIP codes 74347, 74364 and 74368)

EMS (serves southern Delaware County)

Human Services

Food Distribution - Jay

Family Assistance - Jay

Senior Nutrition Sites - Kenwood, Oaks and Spavinaw

Tag Office - Jay

Welcome Center - Kansas



The Cherokee Nation opened its new \$14 million Sam Hider Health Center in Jay. The 42,000-square-foot health center replaces an aging 26,000-square-foot facility that the tribe operated out of since 1989.



The Cherokee Nation received a second surplus of bison from the InterTribal Buffalo Council. **With the addition of these 50 and newborn calves, the tribe now has 110 total bison at the Cherokee Nation Bison Ranch near Bull Hollow.**



In April 2016, Cherokee Nation replaced four structurally deficient bridges on Kenwood Road in Delaware County. The tribe's roads program completed the bridge projects using \$5.6 million from the tribal transportation program budget.



Craig & Mayes counties

In Fiscal Year 2016:



17,086 citizens living within the jurisdiction in Craig and Mayes counties



278 scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Craig and Mayes counties



\$549,000 in donations to public schools in Craig and Mayes counties



\$1.7M in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines



726 citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program



179,841 patient visits at Vinita Health Center and A-Mo Health Center*



\$104,000 in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Career Services/GED - Pryor

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Cherokee Nation Tag Office - Adair

Education

Early Head Start - Pryor, Salina

Head Start - Salina

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Pryor and Vinita

Health Services

A-Mo Health Center - Salina

Vinita Health Center

Cherokee Elder Care (serves ZIP codes 74352 and 74365)

Human Services

Family Assistance Office - Locust Grove and Vinita

Food Distribution Center - Salina and White Oak



In May 2016, the Cherokee Nation donated \$57,273 to the Native American Association of Ketchum for the first playground to be built in the community of Ketchum in Craig County.



Cherokee Nation donated \$3,000 to Vinita Public Schools in April 2016 to purchase 24 Chromebooks at Hall Halsell Elementary School. The Chromebooks allow students to increase their reading and math scores by having the new technology and software.



The Cherokee Nation replaced Wickliffe Creek Bridge in March 2016 on Kenwood Road in Mayes County. The tribe completed the \$1.7M bridge project, located about 3 miles east of Salina, using funds from the Tribal Transportation Program budget.



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In Fiscal Year 2016:

- ★ **24,934** citizens living within the jurisdiction in Nowata and Rogers counties
- ★ **387** scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Nowata and Rogers counties
- ★ **\$549,000** in donations to public schools in Nowata and Rogers counties
- ★ **\$150,000** in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines
- ★ **762** citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program
- ★ **53,074** patient visits at Will Rogers Health Center*
- ★ **\$106,000** in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Career Services/GED - Claremore

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Education Services

Head Start - Inola and Nowata

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Claremore and Nowata

Health Services

Will Rogers Health Center - Nowata

Human Services

Food Distribution Center - Claremore and Nowata

Senior Nutrition Sites - Foyil and Nowata

Tribal Services Field Office - Catoosa

*Figures reflect from Oct. 1, 2015 - July 1, 2016 unless otherwise noted
See page 23 for Cherokee Nation Directory*



The Cherokee Nation funded the construction of a new No-we-ta Cherokee Community Foundation community building. The 2,800-square-foot facility is located across from Cherokee Nation's Will Rogers Health Center and food distribution center. **Cherokee Nation has 33 community buildings within the 14-county jurisdiction.**



The Cherokee Nation donated \$10,000 to the Oologah Community Foundation to help with the completion a new playground from the tribe's special projects fund. Donations from the special projects fund allow the tribe to partner with communities and organizations on projects that benefit both Cherokee Nation citizens and non-Cherokees alike.



In January 2016, Cherokee Nation Marshal Service surprised five high school students at their schools with new desktop computers to have for college, including Chelsea High School senior Jacey Phillips. The Cherokee Nation Marshal Service receives five computers to present to five deserving students identified by their school leaders each year through the North Pole Project.



Washington & Tulsa counties

In Fiscal Year 2016:

- ★ **17,180** citizens living within the jurisdiction in Washington and Tulsa counties
- ★ **688** scholarships to Cherokee Nation citizens from Washington and Tulsa counties
- ★ **\$512,000** in donations to public schools in Washington and Tulsa counties
- ★ **\$313,000** in infrastructure development including roads, water and sewer lines
- ★ **395** citizens assisted with housing including new home construction and the mortgage assistance program
- ★ **23,382** patient visits at Cooweescoowee Health Center*
- ★ **\$84,000** in donations to local fire departments, police stations and EMS

*Patient visits reflect FY2015 figures

Here's how to find us in YOUR area:

Career Services/GED - Collinsville and Tulsa

Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (serves entire 14 counties)

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation - Bartlesville and Collinsville

Health Services

Cooweescoowee Health Center - Ochelata

Human Services

Family Assistance Office - Bartlesville

Food Distribution Center - Collinsville

Tribal Field Office - Collinsville

Tag Office - Collinsville and Tulsa

Welcome Center - Tulsa



Cherokee Nation donated \$195,000 to local Boys & Girls Clubs within the tribe's 14 counties in May 2016, including a \$21,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Bartlesville. **The tribe has contributed more than \$2 million since 2008 to the local clubs.**



Fast track iron workers received training and certification through a Cherokee Nation Career Services program. Career Services offers a variety of programs to citizens seeking training and employment.



Cherokee Nation citizens Rhonda Haviland, human resources training specialist, and Rick Teehee, operations manager, are two of thousands of people to receive jobs at the Macy's Distribution Center in Owasso. The Cherokee Nation provided incentives and administrative support to retail giant Macy's, to help the company locate a direct-to-consumer fulfillment center in northeast Oklahoma.


BARTLESVILLE

OCHELATA

RAMONA

VERA

SKIATOOK

COLLINSVILLE

SPERRY


OWASSO


TULSA

At-large citizens

In Fiscal Year 2016:



More than **210,000** Cherokee Nation citizens live at-large around the world



20 countries around the world are home to Cherokee Nation citizens



There are **22** official Cherokee Nation at-large satellite communities across the United States



761 scholarships to at-large Cherokee Nation citizens in FY2016



47,405 citizens at-large living in Oklahoma have received their Oklahoma hunting and fishing license in FY2016



3,001 citizens at-large living in Oklahoma have received a new Cherokee Nation motor vehicle tag in FY2016



\$481,000 in donations to at-large public schools in FY2016

The Cherokee Nation recently launched a new website dedicated exclusively to connecting its Cherokee Nation citizens residing beyond the tribe's 14-county jurisdiction with information on available federal and tribal services.

The website, **www.cherokeesatlarge.org**, features information on home loans, health care services, education scholarships and more.



At-large citizens can subscribe to an email list for updates on community events and Cherokee Nation information. An interactive map displaying all the Indian Health Service facilities available to Native Americans are also featured on the new website.

More than 210,000 of the Cherokee Nation's 340,000 citizens live outside the tribe's jurisdiction. Many of these citizens belong to one of the nearly two

dozen at-large Cherokee community organizations across the country.

In Oklahoma alone, there are more than 95,000 Cherokee Nation citizens who reside inside the state but outside the tribe's 14-county tribal boundary. Through negotiated state compacts, all Cherokee Nation citizens in Oklahoma are eligible for a Cherokee Nation hunting and fishing license and Cherokee vehicle tags. The new website has information on both of these opportunities.

All official Cherokee community organizations are members of the Cherokee Nation Community Association, which is operated by the tribe's Community and Cultural Outreach department. For more information on Cherokee Nation Community and Cultural Outreach, visit www.cherokee.org/Services/Community/CommunityAndCulture.



Cherokee Nation Official At-Large Community Organizations:

Capital City Cherokee Community - *Washington, D.C. area*
Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance - *Oklahoma City, OK area*
Central Texas Cherokee Township - *Austin, TX area*
Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas - *Houston, TX area*
Cherokee Community of Central California - *Bakersfield, CA area*
Cherokee Community of North Texas - *Dallas/Ft. Worth area*
Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire - *Southern Central CA area*
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area - *San Francisco, CA area*
Cherokee Township of San Antonio - *San Antonio, TX area*
Cherokee Community of Puget Sound - *Seattle/Tacoma, WA area*
Cherokees of Central Florida - *Central FL area*
Cherokees of Northern Central Valley - *Northern CA area*
Cherokees of Orange County - *Orange County, CA area*
Colorado Cherokee Circle - *Denver, CO area*
Desert Cherokees - *Tucson, AZ area*
Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community - *Wichita, KS area*
Kansas City Cherokee Community - *Kansas City, KS/MO area*
Mt. Hood Cherokees - *Portland, OR area*
San Diego Cherokee Communities - *San Diego, CA area*
Tsalagi LA - *Los Angeles, CA area*
Valley of the Sun Cherokees - *Phoenix, AZ area*
Willamette TsaLaGi Community - *Northern OR area*

At-Large Health Care Options for Cherokee Nation Citizens

As a tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation, you are eligible to receive care at any health facility funded by the Indian Health Service system, regardless of where you live. Visit <https://www.ihs.gov/findhealthcare/> to find the Indian Health Service facility nearest you. The provision of health services to citizens of federally recognized tribes is set by the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes. This relationship, established in 1787, is based on Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, and is supported by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions and executive orders.

Home Loans for Cherokee Nation Citizens through HUD

At-large Cherokee Nation citizens who reside in a HUD-designated area may be eligible to apply for Section 184 Native American Home Loans through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program was designed to increase lending to Native American and Alaskan Native communities that were traditionally underserved by financial institutions.

For information, visit portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD (search for Section 184 Indian Home Loan in the search box).

Tornado Shelters for At-Large Citizens



Through a partnership between the Cherokee Nation and the American Red Cross, more than 40 Cherokee families living in Oklahoma but outside the tribe's 14-county jurisdiction have received a new storm shelter. Cherokee Nation citizen Michelle Ayers, of Shawnee, received a shelter in fiscal year 2016.



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Future Developments

Cherokee Springs Plaza

New facility at W.W. Hastings Hospital campus

W.W. Keeler Complex expansion

New Election Commission office

Cherokee National Capitol Museum



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Administration

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Career Services

918-453-5555

Cherokee FIRST Information Center

918-207-3936

Commerce/Small Business Assistance

918-453-5534

Communications/PR/Web

918-453-5541

Community Services

918-207-3879

Cultural Tourism

918-384-7787

Education Services

918-453-5341

Financial Resources

918-453-5402

Health Services

918-453-5657

Human Services

918-453-5422

Human Resources

918-453-5292

Main Operator

918-207-3865

Marshal Service

918-207-3800

Tax Commission (Vehicle Tags)

918-453-5100

Tribal Council

918-207-3900 or 800-995-9465

Tribal Registration (Enrollment)

918-458-6980

Veterans Office

918-453-5695

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www.cherokee.org



Cherokee Nation Comprehensive
Annual Financial Report



Cherokee Nation Popular
Annual Financial Report



Cherokee Nation
interactive map

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