

The Kwek Society Receives Grant from Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation Providing operational support to help end period poverty

Arlington, VA (Sept. 18, 2024) – <u>The Kwek Society</u>, an indigenous-led and -focused nonprofit centered around ending period poverty in Indigenous communities, is excited to announce they are a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the <u>Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation</u>. The Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation is a non-profit publisher that uses philanthropy to challenge the funding disparity faced by Native American-led nonprofits. The grant awarded to The Kwek Society provides general operations support of \$10,000 for one year.

"We're thrilled to receive this funding support from a fellow Indigenous nonprofit," says Eva Marie Carney, Executive Director of The Kwek Society. "Period poverty and menstrual inequities are a very real problem across the country, including within Indigenous communities – receiving grant support from organizations like the Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation allows us to extend our zone of impact across more schools and community-focused partners."

The Kwek Society relies on donor funds to purchase period supplies and distribute these supplies to schools and community partners that are located all across the United States. Additionally, the organization works with volunteers to produce and stock its Moon Time Bags, which provide crucial period supplies to students..

"Native-led nonprofits face a large funding disparity within the United States, further exacerbating some of the issues these communities are dealing with," explains Cecelia LaPointe, Founder and Executive Director of the Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation. "By providing financial support to fellow Indigenous nonprofits through yearly grants, we're redistributing resources in a way that maximizes the positive impact we can have on our communities. We're excited to be able to support the important work The Kwek Society carries out in alleviating period poverty for Native students."

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About The Kwek Society

The Kwek Society was founded by Eva Marie Carney in early 2018. Eva is a dual citizen of the United States and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, an elected legislator for the Nation, and a human rights lawyer, and serves as The Kwek Society's Executive Director. The Kwek Society

works to end period poverty among Indigenous students and their peers and other community members, and to shed light on menstrual and other inequities faced by Indigenous people in the United States. Learn more about The Kwek Society at <u>www.kweksociety.org</u>.

About Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation

Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation is a non-profit publisher and we support the Native American community through scholarships and philanthropy. Our focus is on Michigan, the Great Lakes, the Midwest, and the Anishinaabe Nation. The organization is dedicated to cultural revitalization, advancing justice, supporting healing, and advocating for our broader community through our press, scholarships, and philanthropy. Learn more about the Waub Ajijaak Press & Foundation at <u>www.waubajijaak.org</u>.