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Uta Halee Academy’s Student Government Association—or, as they are known on campus, GROWL (Girls Reshaping Our World through Leadership)—understands and values the importance of giving back to the community. When it was recently brought to their attention that a local Indian Reservation was struggling, our young student-leaders enlisted the help of the entire campus to quickly mobilize resources to help this community.

The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of Nebraska and South Dakota is in the top five of the poorest communities in the nation. With 98% of residents living below the federal poverty level and 80% of the community unemployed, life expectancy rates are 38% lower than the national average. GROWL students and the entire Uta Halee staff worked hard to campaign for donations that would help meet the needs of this community. GROWL students organized and hosted a huge bake sale to raise funds; students’ families, Uta Halee staff, and community members donated items such as nonperishable food, feminine products, clothing, and infant care items; and students on campus crocheted around the clock creating clothing and blankets to donate.

Uta Halee’s whole campus came together to help this community and the turnout was amazing! As a result of the many donations, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was able to stock their shelves with a plethora of food and basic care items. Uta Halee students and staff feel extremely grateful to have been part of this beautiful project and to have witnessed their own little community come together, to help a community in need.
