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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Receives Honor

(KNZA)--National recognition, and honors, for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Washington, D.C.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was awarded by United States Attorney General Eric Holder because its Tribal Victims Services program has created a healing arts program for sexual assault victims.

The recognition came April 24th, in the nation's capital, during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week awards ceremony.

Members of the Tribal Victims Services Staff and the Tribal Council were present to receive the Professional Innovation in Victim Services Award.

That honor is given to a program, organization or individual who helped expand the reach of victims' rights and services.

The Tribal Victim Services staff developed their program to encourage cultural healing through art to assist tribal crime victims in sharing their experiences, thoughts and fears. An artistic "tree" was created, known as the "Community Story Tree Project," which consists of 72 canvas panels representing the community's hopes and dreams for tribal families, survivors, children, service providers, professional elders and tribal leaders.

The Mayetta-based Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was one of 12 individuals and organizations from across the nation receiving recognition from Holder during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which was first proclaimed in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan.

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