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## Welcome to the New AT&T

There was an historic merger between AT&T and SBC. Below you will find more information about the two companies. (more info at <http://sbc.merger-news.com/index.html>).

SBC Communications Inc. (NYSE: SBC), the nation's leader in telecommunications, is a Fortune 50 company with its headquarters in San Antonio, TX. It owns 60 percent of Cingular Wireless, offering the nation's largest wireless digital voice and data network. Its subsidiaries are the No. 1 providers of DSL (high-speed) Internet and the second-largest provider of long distance service.

For more than 125 years, AT&T (NYSE: T) has been known for unparalleled quality and reliability in communications. Headquartered in Bedminster, New Jersey, AT&T has created innovative networks that connect customers to the world. With breakthroughs that span from the telephone to fiber-optic networking, AT&T has continued to set the standard across the communications industry.

With the two companies now merged customers have a better choice in total communications services. The combined company has kept the AT&T name. AT&T is a name with a proud heritage known and respected around the globe. AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation have announced an agreement to combine the two companies to create a more effective and efficient provider in the wireless, broadband, video, voice and data markets.

In other Merger News AT&T to acquire Bellsouth! (<http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=7659>)

AT&T Inc. and Bellsouth Corporation have announced an agreement to combine the two companies to create a more effective and efficient provider in the wireless, broadband, video, voice and data market.

The companies have received approval from stockholders of both AT&T and BellSouth and are awaiting final regulatory clearance. Closing is expected this fall.

The acquisition will streamline the ownership and operations of Cingular Wireless, which is jointly owned by AT&T and BellSouth. The new AT&T will be more innovative, nimble and efficient, providing benefits to customers by combining the Cingular, BellSouth and AT&T networks into a single fully integrated wireless and wireline Internet Protocol network offering a full range of advanced solutions.

As a result, AT&T will be better able to speed the convergence of new and improved services for consumers and businesses, and embrace the industry's shift to Internet Protocol network-based technologies. Information obtained @ <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=7659>

The National Society for American Indian Elderly was founded in 1987 by a consortium of American Indian individuals who provided service to the elderly living on tribal lands. In response to a great need for assistance the Society provides small grants to tribal member organizations to support a variety of programs. To date, there are 237 tribal

senior programs in the United States. The mission of the NSAIE is to assist tribal elder programs, both on reservation and off, to improve the quality of life for American Indian elders. Their oath " Nothing but good shall come from it." The goal of the NSAIE is to provide resources to assist tribal elder programs to have access to

services that will support the elders in their homes, as respected members of their communities and ask keepers of their traditions. ICAE has partnered with this organization to help the Native American Elderly in many different aspects. (See accomplishments on page 2) (Story Continued on page 2, Elderly)

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### Special points of interest:

- ICAE is a 501© non profit organization
- ICAE is represented by 5 councils across the country
- Checkout information about Native Americans at <http://www.nativepeoples.com>
- Find out more information about Native American Advocacy by visiting the Native American Rights Fund at <http://www.narf.org/>





## Operation Morning Star

Operation Morning Star is a non-profit 501-3c charitable organization that identifies and focuses on the most important needs of poverty affected Native Americans located on the Cheyenne River, Rosebud, Pine Ridge, and Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Indian Nations.

OMS seeks to address the critical need for housing, food, and non-contaminated water due to historical and current economic conditions that are prevalent on these Indian Reservations located in North and South Dakota. The 90% average unemployment rate and family average annual income of less than \$4,000, affects the three poorest Indian Reservations in the United States. Operation Morning Star strives to provide economic development programs that will address these needs by supplying food, propane, and opportunities for employment on a direct basis by use of private, public, business, church, and foundation donations. Operation Morning Star's mission is to: Establish a educational and vocational school program for the construction of housing and employing and training Native American youth to both construct and earn an income in so doing and in so doing, provide much

needed housing to replace the hundreds of condemned homes that are contaminated with "Black Mold" and are in most cases, sub-standard because of poor construction and the resulting rapid deterioration and dilapidation. Energy efficient, low cost, and ease to construct Geodesic dome truss design homes will be constructed to replace these homes and will also be marketed to off reservation entities, providing employment for Native American youth on a continual basis, as well as continue to provide needed homes to elders, families and the homeless.

Operation Morning Star will work put in place water production systems that will produce water that is safe and healthy to drink. This system eliminates cancer causing contaminants found in water sources throughout Indian Reservations and which are known to contain cancer causing agents which contribute to the 800% above the national average cancer rate found among Native Americans in North and South Dakota. Bottled water, using this system, will be made available to Tribal members and bottled water plants will be put in place to generate revenues and jobs for Reservation Residents. Marketing bottled water outside the Reservation will be a part of the strategy to maintain the water production systems on the reservations

Operation Morning Star's mission also includes

the restoration and implementation of food production programs that focus on traditional foods such as the raising of deer and elk herds and increasing the population of buffalo herds. These are part of the Native American culture. Operation Morning Star will also put in place "aqua-ponic" food and fish systems for families in need and will provide fish and vegetables for a family of four year round. Marketing deer, elk, and buffalo will also provide an income source to those working to sustain these programs.

Operation Morning Star will also continue to solicit for and distribute needed food, monies, and other needed items that are directly donated to the families in need using the media, grants, fund-raising events, direct mailing, and educational program.

You can make a donation via pay-pay to purchase stoves, turkey's and other general fund items by visiting the Operation Morning Star website at <http://www.opereationmorningstar.com>

Please feel free to tell your friends and family about this organization or check out the website for more information. There are lots of ongoing projects with OMS and many ways to help out.

*Information provided via the OMS website listed above.*

## Get out and volunteer

We all know the importance of getting out and volunteering whether it be donating time to your local Indian Center or helping out with local drives, collections, and fundraisers. There are many websites that are available to help you determine what you can do. For our members in the Midwest you can always give your time for projects by visiting The American Indian Relief

Council. This is a great organization setup to get you where the need is the greatest. You can find out more information about The American Indian Relief Council by visiting <http://www.airc.org>. There is another organization called "Global Volunteers" they show you how you can help volunteer for the Lakota Indians in South Dakota. Find out more information by

visiting: [http://www.globalvolunteers.org/lmain/southdakota/volunteer\\_sdakota.htm](http://www.globalvolunteers.org/lmain/southdakota/volunteer_sdakota.htm). There is a museum based out of Phoenix called the Heard Museum. It is a non-profit museum founded in 1929 by Dwight B. and Maie Bartlett Heard to house their personal collection of cultural and fine art. They are always in need of volunteers. You can find out more information about volunteer opportunities at the Heard museum by visiting: <http://>

*As children of Earth  
Mother, we honor, love  
and respect her, we know  
all of her children as  
brothers and sisters, and  
shall respect them as  
such. Our conduct shall  
be honorable to the Native  
American People, our  
ancestors, Mother Earth,  
and the Great Spirit, our  
Creator"*

## Making a voice for ICAE in communities

Way to go Children of the Red Feather. They have been busy this year. Below you will find a list of what they have been up to. In Alabama (Birmingham) they were working with the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama. They are raising money to send donor recipients to the U.S. Transplant Games that were held on June 15-21 in Louisville, KY. The mother of a 6 year old recipient gave the information and cook books to sell to help raise the funds. They

really strive to get people to realize the importance of signing up to be an organ donor. In Georgia (Augusta) they put up an information display about the American Indian during November which included a display and samples of fry bread and pumpkin bread (recipes from the cookbooks that were sold). They also partnered with Relay for Life for fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

The Prairie winds council has donated \$110.00 for fuel costs and setup a toy donation drive to help benefit the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe on Christmas eve .to help a local person in kc to deliver supplies. The Sacramento Sequoia council took donations and provided Christmas presents for two Indian families in the Sacramento area. They also provided a Thanksgiving meal to an Indian family.

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(we are all related)*

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## ICAE Mission

To establish a common interest Native American organization open to all employees, active and retired, committed to the cultural development, career advancement, education, understanding and the general well-being of all employees and more specifically Native Americans.

## ICAE Goals

- To become actively directly involved in civic, educational and cultural programs to enhance both the Native American communities and the image of AT&T.
- To promote a climate that stimulates positive multi-cultural relations conducive to achieving corporate and individual goals.
- To establish a strong national network for the purpose of sharing information and participating in community activities in support of Our Common Bond as AT&T employees.
- To provide a forum for exchange of information, concerns, ideas, experiences, resources and questions.
- To sponsor conferences and workshops to further the knowledge and advancement of the members of the organization.
- To support, encourage and participate with other Employee Resource Groups in the development and implementation of our common goals.

