

UTAH NAVAJO COVID-19 RELIEF UPDATES



NEW FACES, AS THE TURNOUT OF THE DRIVE THROUGH STAYS THE SAME

The line wrapped around the corner and to the gas station to receive a food care package. New recipients from the Montezuma Creek, Aneth, and Red Mesa communities waited patiently as the check-in and food delivery process ensured that everyone was counted. Volunteers maintained good social distancing and safety measures were followed.

We'd like to thank our Drive Through volunteers for assisting in assembling the packages, delivering to the curb side service, and documenting the recipients.: Terri Silas, Sage Yazzie, Martha Whitehorse, Pfawnn Eskee, Sahar Khadjenoury, Timorie Harvey.

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The Utah Navajo COVID-19 Relief Program receives large contribution from Navajo Nation Oil and Gas

To assist with the continuation of the Utah Navajo COVID-19 Relief Program, Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company has presented Utah Navajo Health System with a \$25,000 check. NNOGC representative, Wynona Begay delivered the check in person to the administrative team and Halbert Pete.

The funds will be utilized to continue the program and expanding the delivery services to include water. Many on the Utah Navajo residents reside in remote locations without water and rely on hauling water and plastic water jugs.

NNOGC "was established as a federally chartered Section 17 Corporation under authority granted by the Navajo Nation Council and began operations in 1998. The company contributed \$1.2 million in direct and indirect payments to the Navajo Nation economy in 2013. The company supports numerous charitable organizations in the Navajo Nation and has contributed more than \$1.4 million in scholarships since 2003." - NNOGC.com

ADDITIONAL DONORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

This relief program has been made possible by the support from within UNHS and organizations that have donated and contributed to the well being of the elders of the Utah Navajo community. Benefactors include: NNOGC, Gordon Charter of Charity Anywhere, Cortez Wal-Mart, Associated Foods, Black Feather, Dig Deep, and UNHS.

These donations include groceries, hygiene items, and toiletries. We would also like to thank Theresa Frazier for the 2 ply, 100% cotton, handmade masks she made for volunteers, staff, and community members. We'd like to thank Gordon Carter's Charity Anywhere for the second supply of adult and child incontinence products as we will be making these available through the Aneth Chapter Senior Center liaison, Gladina Yanito. Gladina's work has allowed to identify the many elders currently residing in outlying areas and are the focus of our efforts.





FIREWOOD DELIVERIES

Project by Halbert Pete

With an increasing demand for firewood as the winter season tapers out but the cold front lingers, Pete's self funded firewood project grows. Volunteers help unloading and loading trucks, splitting logs, and stack wood.

The continued need for firewood will be based on the weather, however, the man power is available and the demand is still present. This week the program delivered a truckload of wood to 12 homes

FOOD DELIVERIES TO HOMES

Remote location deliveries

this week the list has grown by 30 names for at home food deliveries from Ismay to Navajo Mountain.

Because of the risk of contamination from shopping in public stores the increase in demand has required the Relief program to request the aid of delivery drivers from transport.

Upcoming weeks will include possible deliveries for additional organizations/partnerships.

Many Utah Navajo elders rely on wood burning stoves as their primary source of heat

