

Meet people of all ages in a supportive environment

Park City, Utah Annual Rug Show

Participate in the only 3-day event like this that respects, celebrates and honors the sacred tradition of Navajo weaving. Held every November, you can help with the Rug Show set-up, rug sales or events.

Salt Lake City Warehouse Days

Volunteer Days are every Tuesday and Friday from 9:00am to 11:30am. Come on either or both days. You will help to pack food for Food Runs, prepare items for giveaways or check orders. Everyday is different. Expect to smile. A lot.

Volunteers offer Elder support through the following activities:



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VolunTourism: Spring & Fall Food Runs A Journey Of The Heart

Each spring and fall the Program delivers boxes of food, clothing and simple medicines to many different areas of the Navajo reservation. The Program provides many options for support people to participate in these food runs.

You will be enriched by your experiences on the reservation and with the Navajo people as much as the Elders benefit from you. It is truly a cross-cultural meeting of hearts and hands.



Spring & Fall Food Runs to the Reservation

Please Join Us
In Support
Of Traditional
Navajo Elders

If you'd like to make a real difference in the lives of Traditional Elders, you can do it here. Call us, send us an email, or visit our website for more information or to make a cash donation to an Elder.

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Adopt-A-Native-Elder





Many traditional Elders live without plumbing. Many have no electricity, haul water from miles away, and use wood for heat and to cook. Many Elders do not speak English and did not have the opportunity of a formal education.

Adopt-A-Native-Elder (ANE) provides the Elders with basic food, firewood, traditional clothing, yarn for weaving, and simple medical supplies. We strive to fill significant gaps in reservation Elder care.

Another important way that we support traditional Elders is by facilitating a market for their weavings. For many weavers this has been their sole means of supporting their families. Our annual rug show in Park City, Utah as well as online rug sales via our web site provide weavers with additional resources for food, shelter, and transportation.



Support for Traditional Elders on Sacred Land

Adopt A Native Elder focuses on helping traditional Elders live on the Land in the traditional ways of the The People. Elders in our program range from 70 to 108 years of age. Director Linda Myer's commitment from the outset was to provide what assistance she could for the Elder's basic survival as well as to honor and respect their traditional lifestyle.

These are among some of the principal values that differentiate ANE from other humanitarian organizations. We wish to honor and respect the Elders as they are and have no agenda to try to change them in any way. These are resilient people. As long as their basic needs of food, heat, and shelter are met, they will survive as they have for hundreds of years.



It takes many sponsors and volunteers to provide food for over 500 Navajo Elders



The mission and activities of the Program are highly dependent on the hundreds of volunteers who donate thousands of hours throughout the year.

What we do for the Elders is based on the principal of the Native American Giveaway. We give our best and give it freely with no expectation of return. The Elders feel gratitude for these gifts, often expressing it through their shy smiles. Some give small gifts such as necklaces in return. Many are too poor to be able to make such a gift. Their gift is to touch our hands and our hearts and to offer their prayers. That is enough.



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Our mission is to mend the broken circle between Native Americans and other cultures and to honor and respect the land the Native Americans hold in sacred trust.