It’s a beautiful autumn day as I head to the land. I always look forward to the desert and the beauty of open land. The rains have nurtured and blessed the lands. The desert, no longer dry and parched, is green. The rain comes and goes all around me. My first two days on the land I do home visits to check on the Elders. Mask wearing is still required on the Reservation.

We start early to visit homes. I know many of the elders are waiting for me to come see them.

Due to the rains, the washes are full and it takes us longer to go around them. A vehicle sits in the wash buried in the mud. So, it’s not a day to risk plowing through the river washes. Most elders are home and are still isolated due to the pandemic. It’s nice to have the time to visit the homebound elders who are bedridden and to spend time with their family members who take care of them. I call the caretakers “saints”.

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We spend about six hours driving to different homes and seeing if the elders have special medical needs that the program can provide. Many elders are home by themselves. We check to see if they have wood. They are happy for the visit. When we arrive at Louise Tabaha’s home, her door is open and she’s sitting on her mattress swatting flies. The skirts she washed by hand are hanging on her loom to dry. She says she hasn’t woven rugs because her son-in-law has been drinking and other people come to the house to drink as well. Louise says she had to leave her home and run down through the wash to get away. She then walked a mile to her clan sisters’ small trailer and stayed there for a while. She walked back home because she knew I was coming to visit. Louise is dependent on her son and daughter to help her get wood and food. Her face is a road map of all the challenges she has faced. When Louise arrives at the Food Run several days later, a lady from the local church brings her. The woman tells me she tries to help her when she can.

After we visited many elders over three days, the volunteers arrive for the Food Runs. One of the new volunteers asked me, “What’s a perfect day for you on the Food Runs?” Many things go through the mind. “When Elders have firewood, food certificates, no one has been left without help and elders aren’t abused, those are good days,” I respond. The volunteer looks at me and asks, “Does this happen?” “Sadly, yes,” I tell her. But I assure her that there are many families that stay home and feed their elders, dress them, help them to walk. These family members are never seen. It’s an honor to assist them when they ask us for help. At this special time of giving and sharing, I appreciate all the donations and support for these old ones.

Merry Keshmesh to all of you,

Linda Myers
Adopt-A-Native-Elder Receives Prestigious Daniels Fund Utah Ethical Leadership Award

Adopt-A-Native-Elder is honored to receive the 2022 Bill Daniels Utah Ethical Leadership Award for Non-Profits. The Utah Ethical Leadership Awards are designed to recognize organizations that embody the spirit of ethical leadership exhibited by Bill Daniels, a founder of the modern cable industry and former owner of the Utah Stars. Bill Daniels believed deeply in ethics and integrity and in the importance of absolute ethical principles, which earned him great respect throughout the business community.

Bill Daniels was devoted to helping his community’s most vulnerable and disadvantaged achieve happier, healthier, and more productive lives. The Daniels Fund continues Bill’s legacy of compassion and generosity across Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through the Daniels Fund Grants Program, and the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative.

Their goal is to recognize Utah businesses, nonprofit organizations and government entities that embody best practices in ethical behaviors. One organization from each sector was recognized with a Utah Ethical Leadership Award based on the entity that conducts themselves within the ethical standard of this award and meet their eligibility requirements.

Nominees for the Utah Ethical Leadership Awards are judged against the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Principles:

- **Integrity:** Act with honesty in all situations
- **Trust:** Build trust in all stakeholder relationships
- **Accountability:** Accept responsibility for all decisions
- **Transparency:** Maintain open and truthful communications
- **Fairness:** Engage in fair competition and create equitable and just relationships
- **Respect:** Honor the rights, freedoms, views, and property of others
- **Rule of Law:** Comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations
- **Viability:** Create long-term value for all relevant stakeholders

Linda Myers, Caroline Murdock, CJ Robb with the Utah Ethical Leadership Award.
To All Of Our Amazing Volunteers For Your Service To The Elders
Covering the 70 sets of Rainbow Food Boxes and Gift Boxes is a necessary protection from the rain.

CJ Robb, Director of Business, is all smiles, even in the rain at Big Mountain.

Pam Lund and Theresa McCollum are prepared for the rain at Big Mountain.

Brian Haig at Big Mountain. The rain is a blessing when it has been so dry in the desert.

Janet Kelly and Rebecca Crutchfield are prepared to hand giveaways to the Elders.

Elders line up to have Linda Myers intake their rugs into the Program.

John Burrow begins to put boxes in the Rainbow Circle at Big Mountain.
Ray Coleman puts two bags of Blue Corn for each of the Elder’s boxes at Dilkon.

Program Assistant Bobbie Ikegami directs volunteers at Many Farms in packing Giveaway Bags for each Elder.

Karen Liles unpacks a box of Giveaways she brought for the Elders.

Linda Myers with Ruby Hoskie at Forest Lake. Linda takes time with each Elder to explain what their sponsor has given them.

Warehouse Manager Jeff Dillon and Director of Business CJ Robb push pallets of drinking water at Navajo Mountain. Each Elder receives two cases.

It takes a lot of hands to help get everything ready for the Elders at the Food Runs.

It takes a great team of guys to set up all the Food and Gift Boxes and load them into vehicles at Tsaile.
$10,000 worth of yarn was given out to weavers to help carry on the tradition of weaving

Glenna Begay at Forest Lake is an older weaver. She chooses the Traditional Yarn Bundle.

Betty Nelson from Oljato chooses two bundles of Old Style yarns to weave her rugs.

Jane Baloo from Forest Lake chooses the Chief Bundle for weaving a rug.

Joe Lee from Tsaile, AZ chooses a Traditional Bundle.

Maggie Jodie from Forest Lake looks over all the different yarn bundles.

Janet Hathaley from Tsaile is an older weaver who chooses the Old Style Bundle.
Medical Giveaways

Medical supplies are very important. New wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and incontinent products are greatly needed.

An Elder at Forest Lake gets a new wheelchair.

Agnes Benally from Many Farms gets a new wheelchair.

Roy James has waited to get a wheelchair that he really needed.

Alec Allen, Bud Pride, and Derek Allen put together wheelchairs and walkers at Big Mountain.

Virginia Aldrich is ready to assist Elders with their needs at Teesto.
It’s good to see the Elder’s strength now.
So many of them lost family during the pandemic.
Thank you to all of the sponsors, donors, foundations, and volunteers who made our fall 2022 Food Runs possible. Thanks to your generosity, dedication, and hard work, we were able to provide more support to more Elders before winter than ever before. In total with the help of more than 347 volunteers, we transported and delivered more than 840,000 pounds of food, clothing, medical supplies, and everyday necessities in 2022!

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made multiple Food Runs this year to help transport all of the boxes to the Elders, the volunteers who helped pack for many months in the warehouse, and another big thank you to the Warner Mercedes Van Center for providing extra cargo vans to help us sustain the Elders we cherish!

Fall 2022 Food Run Support

- 432 x 120LB. Rainbow Food box Sets
- 1004 x $150 Rainbow Food Certificates
- 724 x Food Certificates
- 918 x Firewood Vouchers
- 703 x 40 Medical Boxes
- 521 x Grandma Boxes
- 82 x Grandpa Boxes = $2,870.00
- 229 x Forgotten Feather Boxes = $8,015.00
- Incontinence Supplies x 82 Elders
- 418 x Yarn Bundles
- 100 x Backpacks For School Children
- Everyday Necessities (shampoo, lotion, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies) x 670 Elders
- Mobility Equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc.) x 117 Elders
Large boxes with children’s backpacks filled with school supplies are donated for the older children and Kits for Kids are given to the younger children. Thank you for your donations for the children!

Very special hand-made sock monkeys by Anita Pabst were a fun gift for the children who attended the Food Runs. Thank you!
In-Person Rug Show Coming This February To Scottsdale, AZ!

The Adopt-A-Native-Elder Program’s 1st
NAVAJO RUG SHOW & SALE in Scottsdale
February 17-19, 2023
Sponsored by The Holland Community Center
34250 N 60th St. Scottsdale, AZ

Authentic Navajo Rugs & Jewelry • 100% Rug Sale Proceeds Go Directly To The Weaver

FRIDAY VIP PREVIEW & SALE
FEB 17: 5 pm - 8 pm
AT DOOR & ONLINE TICKETS: $40
WWW.HOLLANDCENTER.ORG
* Preview & sale of traditional handwoven Navajo rugs, jewelry & crafts
* Featured Navajo Master Weaver: Rena Robertson
* Navajo weavers will be in attendance
* Hors d’oeuvres, Native music
* Raffle of a Navajo rug

SATURDAY FEB 18: 10 am - 5 pm
FREE ADMISSION
* Sale of traditional handwoven Navajo rugs, jewelry & crafts
* 1:00 pm: Weavers’ stories
* 2 pm: Weaving demonstrations by Navajo weavers
* 3 pm: Cultural Teachings

SUNDAY FEB 19: 12 pm - 4 pm
FREE ADMISSION
* Sale of traditional handwoven Navajo rugs, jewelry & crafts
* 1:00 pm: Weavers’ stories
* 2 pm: Weaving demonstrations by Navajo weavers
* Cultural teachings
* Raffle of a Navajo rug

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Over 800 Navajo Elders living in poverty on the Navajo reservation recieve our support for food, firewood, yarn for weaving, and medical supplies. Your purchase of Navajo rugs and jewelry helps ease the hardships faced by the elders. 100% of your rug purchases go to the weaver. Thank you! Adopt-A-Native-Elder is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organization.
GIFT IDEAS for YOUR ELDER

Gift Certificates: You may wish to purchase gift certificates from WalMart in your local area. The Elders can purchase clothing, tools and other necessities with the WalMart certificates.

Non-Perishable Items:
The Elders may not frequently check their mailbox, especially if the weather is bad. Batteries for lanterns (6 volt) are always needed. Items must be mailed directly to your Elder via the US Postal System. UPS and FedEx do not make deliveries to the reservation.

Yarn color combinations are:
• Chiefs: Red, black, blue, grey and white colors
• Crystal: Beige, coffee, olive, bronze and cream
• Ganado: Black, red, white, charcoal, and silver grey
• Greyhills: Heather grey, sable brown, cream, rust brown and oatmeal
• Old Style: Sunburst gold, charcoal, sable brown, cream, and oatmeal
• Traditional: Medieval red, charcoal, white, black and light grey

Give the gift that keeps on giving: A yarn bundle so a weaver can make a rug to sell.

Each box contains six skeins of wool and one warp to weave a two-foot by three-foot rug. The cost for each yarn box is $50. That includes shipping and insurance. Our goal is to make it easier for the Elders who depend on family for transportation to be able to receive their yarns at their post office box.

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Your Letters and Christmas Cards:
Some support people hesitate to write to their Elders because the Elder doesn’t read or write. However, the Elders always love to receive letters. They have younger family members translate for them. They especially enjoy photos from where you live, family pictures, and cards of all kinds.

Mail to: Adopt-A-Native-Elder Program, 328 W Gregson Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84115
   or Order Online: www.AnElder.org
$50.00 each box
TOTAL ENCLOSED: $___________

Elder’s Name:______________________________________ OR Please Provide To a Weaver in Need
Your Name:_________________________________________________
Phone:____________________________
Address:____________________________________________________________________________________
number and Color of Boxes:
____ CHIEFS   ____CRYSTAL   ____GANADO   ____GREYHILLS   ____OLD STYLE   ____TRADITIONAL

Most of our Elders weave their rugs during the colder winter months.
Memorial Donations

Patti Dennis donated in memory of Russell K Dennis
Stephanie Smith donated in memory of Mishka Smith
Diana Fredlund donated in memory of Elizabeth Rose
Joyce Eaton donated in memory of her mother, Harriett Raymond
Edwin Iversen donated in honor and memory of Zonnie Tsinjinnie
Linda Myers made a donation in loving memory of Devoice Medford
Julia Egan donated in memory of her late elder Sandra Black
Allan Pressley of Canton, NC donated in memory of Devoice Medford
Lisa & David Savage donated in memory of Devoice Medford
Emily Butler donated with love in memory from Tlingit Aani
James & Marilyn Martin donated in memory of Ed Kulsick
Ann Pole made a memorial donation on behalf of Rick Pole
Berry Ann Greer made a memorial donation in honor of Devoice Medford
Long’s Chapel Methodist Church donated in memory of Devoice Medford
Kevin Morrow donated in memory of Devoice of Devoice Medford
Suzanne Litwornia donated in memory & honor of her late father’s heavenly 100th birthday
Keld & Trish Olsen and Mike & Connie Daily donated in memory of friend Richard Gill
and also donated in memory of Mother Dora Allen Vigil,
   Aunt’s Lucy E Vigil, Julia V Garcia, & Winnie Allen
The McGuire Family of Columbia, Ohio donated in memory of Edmund Kulsick
Patricia Frederick, granddaughter, donated in memory of Wilbert & Johnnie Lewis
Phyllis Hoovler donated in memory of her late beloved grandson who had a gentle,
caring soul and would love that that he is remembered this way.

Honor Donations

Dan McCarron donated and adopted in honor of Dan and Cynthia Nelson
Jeffrey Lazar donated and adopted in honor of Pierre Joseph Albert Mialon
Jan Prideaux donated memorial blankets to honor Lynn Speck and Wick Prideaux
Joan Reid donated honoring Gene Barry Keane for taking good care of her
Robin Jacobs donated in honor of her mother, Eleanor Jacobs
John Del Campo made an honor donation on behalf of Stryder’s 21st birthday and great achievements
Nancy Powell donated in appreciation of Russ and Charline Station of Salem, SC
Jennifer Phelps Tempest donated in honor of Rita Marsh
Diane Nofs donated in honor an appreciation to Linda Myers
The Elisabeth Barry Charitable Giving Fund donated on behalf of
   of Jann Bryant for her birthday
WHEN EAGLES FLY
In Special Remembrance Of The Elders We Loved

OLJATO
Sandra Black
Emma Valentine
Grace White
Kee J. Holiday

KAYENTA
Everett Greyeyes

NAVAJO MOUNTAIN
Rose Laughter
Willie King
Buck Navajo

FOREST LAKE
Jane Lilly
Kee Antone
Benale

SANDERS
Guy Yazzie

MANY FARMS
Dorothy Curley
Danny Curley
Betty Hardy
Leonard Singer Sr

DILKON
Scott Long
Fannie Freaman

LEUPP
Victor McCabe
Sally McCabe
Delores McCabe
On behalf of the Elders and all of us at A.N.E., we thank you for your generous support in 2022.

May you walk in beauty.

The Elders need fires going all of the time during the winter.

If you would like to make a donation of firewood or food certificates for your Elder, please go online and place an order today.

The Adopt-A-Native-Elder office will be closed from December 21-January 3. Please place Elder holiday orders by December 15 so they arrive on time.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyful season.

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