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# 2010 Tewa Holiday Project



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# IT'S A RECORD!

## \$12,175.00 for 2010

It is very difficult for me to believe that in spite of the economy you set a record for the most donations received in a year for the Tewa Holiday Project. That speaks for the generosity, heart and giving spirit that resides in each and everyone of us and exhibited by you. I am so proud to be a part of this, you are to be commended!

As a result of your efforts we were once again able to provide 75 “baskets “ to the Tewa Elders and their families, along with an untold amount of used clothing and bedding.



About half of the elders were on hand to pick up their “baskets”. Over the next several days the rest of the “baskets” were either picked up at the community center or hand delivered to those who could not get out. I would venture to guess that each basket weighed close to a hundred pounds! It took a small army to get each elder out the door. Each elder received a 12-14 lb ham, 10 lbs of apples, 10lbs of oranges, 5 lbs of potatoes, 2 lbs of carrots, 5 lbs of flour, 5 lbs of sugar, dressing mix, canned soups, chicken broth, canned peaches, cranberry sauce, canned olives, oatmeal, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot sauce, mac and cheese, apple juice, sparkling cider, nuts, candy canes, peanut brittle, pancake mix, sugar cookie mix, Boysenberry syrup, hominy, Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cookies, cereal, canned vegetables, raisins, jam, tortilla chips and salsa. In addition they received personal items of shampoo, lotion, razors, shaving cream, tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss, bar soap, liquid soap, flash lights, batteries, screw driver set, gloves and a blanket.

# Many Hands Making the Baskets.....

## Camaraderie

On a gray, cold, wet winter day 20 or 30 brave souls made quick work of putting together 150 boxes and 150 bags of goods for the trip to First Mesa and we were done by Noon. Extra special thanks to Bob and Nackey Scagliotti for the use of their home and garage for staging this year's event.



# The Delivery .....

a "taking part" with the heart....



From Upper left to right: David Reggall, Tonita Hamilton, Laura Van House, Zack Duran, Peter Fagan, Roger Crewse, Kerri Petrazack, Jack Morley, Emily Stallings, Emma Koopee, Sue McGuinness, Loren Ami, Wil Gaseoma, Jeannine Gaseoma, Luella Enote, Nancy and David Reggall, Pat Whitfield, Ruth Johnson, Linda Krumrie, Peter and Janet Fagan, Denny Elliot



# The Delivery ..... Appreciation

Spiritual

Rewarding



From Upper Left to Right: Emma Koopee, Rich and Judy Skovlin, Emily Stallings, Anne Holmes, Lila Youvella, Denny Elliot, Barbara Dibble, Lila Youvella, Judy Skovlin, Edmond Mutz, Dana Sakowicz, Jaydan Gaseoma, Herman Sahnuyah, Regina Naha



Hospitality

# New Friends and more....

Gratitude

Uplifting



From upper left to Right: Brandon Gaseoma, Delbert Fritz, Kenneth and Lydia Huma, Vivian Shula, Wilford Honie, Jean, Nyla, Rachel and Bonnie Sahmie

# Heartwarming New Friends and more....

Fun and fulfilling

Gratifying



From Upper Left to right:  
Deb Ehlers, Vivian Shula,  
Elizabeth Grover, Tewa Man, Zack Duran, Jack  
Morley, Lila Youvella, Pam Klauser, Geneva  
Pavatea, Bill Klauser, Aloma Kern, Sammy  
Townsend, Lydia Huma



Family

# New Friends and more....

Joy

Gratefulness



Upper Left to Right: Sue McGuinness, Fermina Tewa, Brandon, Jayden, Wil, Jeannine, Twila Gaseoma, Mike Pavatea, Darlene James, Randy Crewse, Jean Sahmie, Laura VanHouse



# My Trip to Tewa

Greg Ruland

**M**y friends Randy and Milton Crewse inspire by example. For them, performing good deeds is a lifestyle. Also, as a recruiting tool, they frequently wear tie-dye T shirts that knock your eyes out. Try as you might, it's really hard to resist their enthusiastic altruism.

So it was that my partner, Zach, and I learned about Randy's annual Tewa Holiday Project and decided to take part. Like any invasion of a third world country, a tremendous amount of planning and coordination is required. Randy and Milton, officers in an army of volunteers, pull most of the springs with a supporting cast of patient, dedicated laborers.



The heavy work was done by the time I showed up Friday afternoon to stuff my 2001 Buick Century Ltd. with boxes and bags of food and clothing. The maneuver was so efficient it took less than five minutes to load.

Despite clear instructions, I got lost in the wrong neighborhood and showed up 30 minutes late. Would I be able to find Tewa?



The next morning, Zach and I pulled out of our driveway shortly after 6 a.m. and immedi-

ately noticed a slight wobbling in the handling of the vehicle. The problem was a flat tire, which flopped and steamed as we pulled into the nearest gas station. Fortunately, a worker at a nearby tire store not officially open for business agreed to help after polite begging and the brisk waving of a \$20 bill.

Because of the delay, we missed the start in Sedona. We decided we could probably meet up with the caravan at Little America in Flagstaff, but high-tailed it up I-17 just to make sure. For reasons not entirely clear, there seemed to be a lot of accidents taking place behind us.

We somehow arrived ten minutes ahead of the rest of the group despite a long stretch of thick, milky fog that allowed us less than ten feet of visibility in some spots. We were relieved to see our comrades arrive.

When we finally turned off I-40 at Winslow, we imagined the mesas before us a new frontier to explore. We imagined the response of the Tewa people to our gestures of goodwill. We marveled at the parade of Tewa Holiday cars stretching out across the desert both ahead and behind us in true caravan style.

Pulling into the parking area of the Tewa Community Center, also known as Mud Flats, many of Sedona's finest-dressed do-gooders

stepped out of their cars and into the brown, yellow swill without batting an eye. We splashed and stomped our way into the center's big meeting room, which, thanks to a smart pre-arrival team, was the picture of organization.



It was amazing to watch the food and clothes pile up and the cars rise slowly from the ground as they were unloaded.



Next, it was time to meet the elders, some of whom shuffled into the room leaning on canes or on shoulders of relatives who showed up to help. The Tewa people were shy but not without humor. It could have been uncomfortable, this transfer of goods that acknowledges one side's neediness and the other's abundance, but it wasn't.

Instead, compassion and gratitude combined, joining givers and receivers in a ritual that honored both the spirits of Christ and the Tewa people.



What a pleasure: Delicious Indian fry bread, beans, cheese and vegetables eaten at a long table headed by Mrs. Ruth James, matriarch of the Corn Clan. Light, golden-brown, pastry-like flat bread spread with beans, corn salsa and fresh vegetables made a meal. It made two meals, in fact. Two Helpings were required.

Our party included a comfortable mix of James family and friends. Talk was of Tewa Holiday Projects of the past, when the spacious James household could comfortably contain all the travelers from Sedona. We learned what started with fewer than 10 had grown to more than 60 volunteers in the six years since the Crewse family started this tradition.

After lunch, a trip to the First Mesa was an adventure into another world that whet the appetite for a return visit to view the petroglyphs

and Walpi. Barging into homes of the Hopi people, many in traditional dress, their arts and crafts spread out across a bed or couch in the living area, took some time getting used to, but it was soon obvious they really wanted us there. The economy has been tough on both the Tewa and the Hopi. To them, every purchase made a difference.



All this would have been enough to make for a perfect Christmas, but there was more. Our Saturday night at La Posada was spent toasting each other with Tequila and enjoying more delicious food. I can't wait to share this artful, historic hotel with my family.



On reflection, it was heartwarming to hear the thank yous from the Tewa people, but Zach and I felt it was we who owed thanks, to the Tewa people, to our fellow volunteers and to Randy and Milton Crewse, who have a special place saved up for them in heaven. Thanks guys for making Christmas 2010 one of the best holidays we've experienced in many years.



# Thank you... for caring for giving

For making the 2010 Tewa Holiday Project a Success

Mary Kay Bernardo  
Gregory Brackett  
Stephanie Brand  
Tom Brandvold  
Patsy Bratter  
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Lee Congdon  
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Barbara Dibble  
Judith Diller  
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Dan Garland  
James Graif  
Chuck and Elaine Gunderson  
Gail Gunterman  
Barb and Jim Haggerty  
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Bill and Pamela Klauser  
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Krumrie Linda  
Konnie and John Laufersweiler  
Barbara Litrell  
Steve Livanavage  
Joan Markey  
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Marjorie Miller  
Ron Mohney  
John and Gail Moore  
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Diane and George Petrusich  
Diane Phelps and Chuck Budden  
Ed Quarnstrom  
Lew and Darlene Reilly  
Marilyn and David Reynolds

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Rick Rosenzweig  
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Dana Sakowicz  
Sands Jill  
Jeannette Sassmor  
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Carol Sharp  
Meredith Shay  
Morrey and Renae Shifman  
David Shryock  
Judy and Rich Skovlin  
Andy Smoak and Mary Barry  
Amy Sommer  
Emily Stallings  
Dale and Rosemary Stellick  
Jill Suydam  
Lorie Thomas  
Meri Thomason  
Joan Tonyan  
Leroy and Sammy Townsend  
Laura VanHouse  
James Watcher  
Mary Wiffen  
Pat Whitfield  
Mike Wise  
Shelley and Ralph Woellmer  
Serge and Kathy Wright  
Jean Zimmer  
Ken and Nancy Zoll



# La Posada....

Rich with blessings and memories....



Upper Left to Right: Ed Baron, Lee Congdon, Mike Crewse, Kristen Johnson, Lee Congdon, Ed Baron, Deb and Steve Ehlers, Pam and Bill Klausner, David and Nancy Rigall, Denny and Sally Elliot, Roy and Becky Talahaftewa, Laura VanHouse



# Holiday "Spirits"

## La Posada....

Reflection

Love



From Upper Left to right:  
Leroy and Sammy Townsend,  
Fermina Tewa,  
Mac McGuiness,  
Emily Stallings,  
Sue McGuiness,  
Ralph and Ruth Johnson,  
Pat Whitfield,  
Ellen Brooks,  
Dana and Ann Sakowicz,  
Dale and Rosemary Stellick,  
Marilyn and Jack Morley,  
Jill Suydam,  
Gail Gunterman

Friendship

La Posada....

Revelry

Satisfaction



From upper left to right: Janet Fagan, Lelia Schoenberg, Jeannette Sassmor, Ann Sakowicz, Lydia Huma, Ed Baron ,Lee Congdon, Mac McGuinness, Linda Krumrie, Zack Duran, Greg Ruland



# From the Village of Tewa.....

"May you be blessed this coming year and I look forward to see all of you again in 2011. Thank you for making my Holiday"  
Kathy Sahmie, Village of Tewa

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*Greetings Randy, Milton and friends,*

*I hope that this message finds its way into your hands. I would like to once again "voice" my many THANK YOU's for your time and commitment with the Tewa Holiday Project. Each and everyone one of you have once again blessed many homes with a wonderful meal and a beautiful memory.*

*I looked forward to Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> with anticipation of another wonderful day. I had the opportunity to have community members to help with the whole day. The feed back was great. We got to visit with family members and friends that we seldom see. The gratification of giving back during the Holidays is very satisfying.*

*I hope that the others that were involved with this past Tewa Holiday Project will be back next year and know that they are playing a small part of a bigger picture and truly be giving back to the community.*

*May you all be blessed this coming year and I look forward to see all of you again in 2011, Thank you for making my Holiday.*

*My best & heartfelt thanks --"Kuna-ah"*

*Kathy*

# Your Thoughts.....

"To say I was truly moved by the whole experience would be a gross understatement, but I don't have words to describe the feelings". Chuck Budden

As a first time participant I found it very rewarding. Regarding feedback from the elders - it was difficult to talk with them as they went through the line with so many people involved in helping them. There were 4 or 5 of us for every elder that came through which was great for them in getting out the door to their car, but did not allow any real time for conversation, other than thank you. The additional Hopi help provided by the community center staff seemed to be handling most of the communication as we moved through the line with each elder. Our lunch with the family of Rachel Nampeyo was incredible. I am sure Laura has already told you the 3 sisters who are all famous potters/artists spent a great deal of time sharing the intricate details of how they make their pottery and the history of their famous grandmother who they learned their craft from. They were very gracious and made us all feel so welcome in their home. Wonderful - Wonderful experience and so thankful you provided the opportunity. Bless you and your wife. Barbara Dibble

First I want to say Thank You. Thank you for caring, planning, organizing, fund raising, and orchestrating this selfless event. Please extend my gratitude to Laura for her wonderful job as trail boss. I will be processing my feelings about this experience for some time to come, but I'd like to share my initial thoughts. This was my first trip and I wasn't sure what to expect. What would the Tewa people think about a bunch of white people coming up from Sedona, dropping off some small tokens and leaving? What I found were a people who were welcoming, genuine, sincere, and thankful. If that was the extent of the trip that would have been more than enough but, what followed was almost indescribable. We went to the host families for lunch. Four sisters were gracious enough to open their home to strangers and they had spent countless hours preparing a meal that was made from the heart. Then the sisters explained each step in their traditional pottery making. I had been a casual admirer of Native American pottery, but I had no idea as to the tremendous amount of labor and painstaking attention to tradition and creative artistic detail that went into each piece they made. To say I was truly moved by the whole experience would be a gross understatement, but I don't have words to describe the feelings. Thank you again for allowing us to join you in a journey that I know did more for us they we did for them. Warmest regards. Chuck Budden

It was a very rewarding experience for both of us to be able to pack boxes, deliver them and sense the appreciation of those receiving them. It was also a special time to be hosted for lunch by Ruth, Darrel, Darlene and Lillian in their home. Thank you for allowing us to participate in this project. Sally and Denny Elliott

Judy and I thought the Tewa Trip went very well. The unloading and elder pickup at the Community Center was much better organized and the process went quicker. The lunch went well and it is great for us to experience how the tribe members live and to experience some of their culture. Rich and Judy Skovlin

Thanks so much, Randy, for all you do and did. Highlights of the trip for me were the lunch and the pottery-making demonstration, but I loved it all. Gail Gunterman

Both Chuck and I were very touched by the Tewas we met. The whole experience was so nicely done. I was so pleased that a Tewa family would allow us in their house like good friends and then feed us so good! On top of that we had the good fortune to lunch with the Nampayo's and saw and learned how they produce their wonderful pots. This has been the first experience I have had with Native Americans that allowed me to participate in meaningful conversation. I don't really have opportunities to meet up in this fashion with Native Americans, only as a tourist or in the course of going to Flagstaff for various services. Not the same thing. I have to congratulate you for organizing this program, to the benefit of the Tewas and those of us who participated. I want to participate next year again if I can. Diane Phelps

Had a fantastic trip-best yet! Especially enjoyed the demonstrations on the Kachina dolls and the pottery. The stories behind the designs and symbols are very enlightening. Sorry more people couldn't attend. Dinner was even better than last year and the company equally enjoyable. Ellen Brooks

# Your Thoughts.....

"An amazing adventure from beginning to end. Every single moment a joy and a revelation."  
Kristen Johnson

Once again our trip to provide food, clothing and blankets to the Hopi Tewa elders was a meaningful Holiday event. We are convinced that this activity would not be available if it were not for your spirit of giving and work to "get 'er done!" The experience to meet and help Emma get her food to the car was such a joy. To share this commitment with our daughter, Emily, is an added joy. We thank you, Randy, for this opportunity. Sue & Mac McGuinness

This was my first experience with the Tewa, and I thought it was fantastic! All of the tribal members were so helpful and informative re. their culture, farming methods, crafts and also their problems trying to improve their lives without losing their culture or history. As far as I could tell, the Tewa elders were very grateful for the help. One of our lunch hostesses was excited because it was the first year she could receive supplies. Thanks for a great job. I'm looking forward to participating next year! Jill Sudyam

I would like to say how much we enjoyed our visit with the Huma family. Lydia, Kenneth and their daughter, Zondra were so kind to invite us, along with Earl and Aloma Kern, for lunch and a visit. When we left we only regretted that we didn't have longer to visit. Sammy and Leroy Townsend

Dear Randy- As always, it was a fabulous experience. The elders seemed so grateful, although there were not as many as in the past. I understand that many folks went to either Flagstaff or Gallup for last minute Christmas shopping and would show up on Monday to pick up their boxes and other items. I think it was well organized at their end, with each recipient having a form to verify their role, and signoffs all along the way. Pat Whitfield

First, as you have heard from others, you did an outstanding job of planning and implementing the project. I know you are inclined to share the accolades with all the volunteers but if it were not for you, I seriously doubt it would have been as big as it was. I was at the sign-in table and got to meet most of the elders coming in... The dinner at La Posada was outstanding. No questions, only praise!!! Jeannette Sassmor

An amazing adventure from beginning to end. Every single moment a joy and a revelation. I will be forever grateful to you for thinking to include me in the caravan of happy souls making their way up the Canyon in the snow on a mission of fun and fulfillment. Fun and fulfillment best describe the unloading of the provisions and the escorting of the Elders through the line. I was so rewarded by the unabashed welcome and a kind of instantaneous recognition by the Elders and the Tewa helpers at the Center. This part of the project was to me a "taking part" with the heart .. I will be forever blessed by Ginger's Tewa prayer of thanks and for our safe journey home following our warm and good lunch at her home. I will be forever grateful for the unplanned and unexpected visit with Ruth and Darlene Nampayo to see the pottery starting to fire on the smoldering kiln and watch Darlene's small and smooth hands paint a razor- thin line with a razor- thin brush and mold an unfired vase- to sit at the table with Darryl and feel the welcome of the family in the room. I am still trying to remember all of Gary Tso's quick and intense history of the Hopi & the Tewa cultures as he swooped us up the jagged cliffside to the Mesa. You told me that my Christmas would never be the same again and you were right. My quiet no -plans kind of Christmas this year will be Rich with blessings and memories of my first Tewa caravan.

Kristen Johnson

Another good year under our belt! It is always good to have the project completed and have things run smoothly. The Tewa community made such a good effort to organize their people and make our job easier. They are so appreciative and I hope we are able to express how much these few days before Christmas enrich our lives as we share what we can with these special dear people only three hours North of Sedona.

A group of us went to the family home of the Sahmie sisters on the way up to First Mesa. They had a wonderful meal for us including homemade Christmas cookies. Jean, Nyla, Rachel and Bonnie Sahmie are all potters and they had many of their exquisite pots for sale. I purchased one of Jeans and another women purchased a baby rattle that was perfectly made.

# Your Thoughts.....

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Sammy and Leroy Townsend

From there we collected a new group and went to Roy Talahaftewa's Gallery, Joseph and Janice Day's Gallery and the Village of Tewa Gallery at the Cultural Center. Roy and his wife Becky joined us for dinner that evening at the Turquoise Room at La Posada in Winslow. All of the participants from Sedona did their part to make this a successful trip and very rich experience. Let's all be proud of a good job done and keep our eye focused on next year's Tewa Holiday Project. It just gets better and better.  
Laura Van House

# My Thoughts.....

I have had quite a bit of time to reflect on the Tewa Holiday Project since I began to put this wrap up together. Being grateful continues to come to the forefront of my thoughts. I will come back to that.

First I have to say "Thank You" to so many people. Laura Van House, Peter and Janet Fagan, Earl Kern, Bob and Nackey Scagliotti, who really helped carry some of the heavy load, and especially to my wife Milton, who without her support there would be no Tewa Holiday Project. I also want to thank Sammy Townsend, Ellen Brooks, Laura Van House, Sue McGuinness and Milton Crewse for providing me with the great photos, Thank you ladies!

"Thank You" to each and every one of you that supported the Tewa Holiday Project financially and physically. In spite of the challenging economy you supported the Tewa Holiday Project with over \$12,000.00 in cash donations and a huge amount of clothing and bedding. Thank you so much. We really do have an impact on the Tewa Community that is seen first hand for the almost 60 "Tewa Travelers" that made the trip to First Mesa this year.

This year was especially fun for me. My brother Mike came down from Spokane to participate and my son Roger and his significant other Kerri also made the trip to First Mesa. This brings me back to being grateful. I am so grateful to have shared this experience with my family, and the many friends that I have made through the Tewa Holiday Project. I truly believe that if every person reflected a little each day on being grateful for all that we have we would have a better planet to live on.

We already have a date for this year December 17, 2011, so mark your calendars. Next year will be even better.

Randy Crewse