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To: **Feed the Children**

From: Felma Joe, Outreach Coordinator, Thoreau Navajo Outreach

Re: Donation to Thoreau Navajo Outreach

Thoreau Navajo Outreach thanks Feed the Children for the detergent and cleaner's donation. The detergent and cleaners were sorted, packaged and distributed to various folks throughout various communities. There are many families that struggle to make ends meet as unemployment continues to be at an all-time low. Donations like yours helps out many families.

Eastern Navajo Agency consists of 31 Chapters. The Eastern Agency is located on approximately 1,039,210 acres and home to about 33,200 enrolled members. The Eastern Agency is a portion of the Navajo Nation which is made up of five agencies: Chinle, Eastern, Fort Defiance Agency, Shiprock and Tuba City Agency. In total, there are 110 chapters which make up the Navajo Nation.

There are many homes on the Navajo reservation that currently do not have electricity or running water largely due to the confusion over citizenship. Although some tribes were granted citizenship in 1924, most tribes were not afforded rights to vote until 1948. You can imagine that when water rights and electricity lines were being connected, the reservation was largely neglected and were never considered.

Today, most of our Navajo people who reside in rural areas on parts of the Navajo Reservation must continue to heat their homes with wood stoves, haul water and utilize generators to light their homes. You will find that a majority live below poverty levels and often rural locations can appear like homes in developing nations.

We have been blessed with your donation as it makes a difference in the lives for many. Thank you for your continual support to our Navajo families.

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