

ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC.

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Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Initiates Donation Drive for Mescalero Apache Tribal Members Impacted by Devastating Fire

Albuquerque, NM – [June 20, 2024] – The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB) is launching an urgent donation drive to support the Mescalero Apache tribal members affected by the recent catastrophic fire. The fire has caused extensive damage, displacing families, and creating an immediate need for essential supplies and financial assistance.

Call for Community Support

In the spirit of solidarity and community, AAIHB is calling on individuals, organizations, and businesses to contribute generously to aid those impacted. The Mescalero Apache Tribe has faced significant losses, and your support can make a substantial difference in helping them rebuild and recover.

Donations Needed

We are accepting the following donations:

- Non-perishable food items
- Bottled water
- New pillows and blankets
- Hygiene products
- Baby supplies (diapers, formula, etc.)
- Dog/cat food

Donation Drop-off Locations

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

1. Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Headquarters 7001 Prospect Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are crucial for addressing the immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts. Contributions can be made through a Go Fund Me account set up by the Mescalero Apache Tribe at <u>https://gofund.me/1b828d91</u>. All funds will be directed towards providing relief and support to the Mescalero Apache tribal members.

About Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of American Indian communities. We are committed to providing comprehensive health services and advocating for the needs of our tribal nations. Our response to this disaster is part of our ongoing mission to support and uplift our community members in times of need.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact: Ayn N. Whyte, Executive Director Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Phone: (505) 764-0036 Email: awhyte@aaihb.org

We extend our deepest gratitude for your support and generosity during this challenging time. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by this tragedy.