After one year from having the first confirmed case of COVID-19 reported on the Navajo Nation, Navajo United Way (NUW) continues its services to empower and support human care organizations on the reservation. One way of achieving its mission was made possible through the Navajo Transitional Energy Company’s (NTEC) Community Benefit Fund. NUW was a grant recipient in which funds were used to purchase cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment in response to working through the COVID-19 pandemic. To support organizations that had an influx of clients, NUW coordinated a distribution of cleaning kits and PPE to partner organizations in need to sustain them for a few months.

Navigating the Navajo Nation Emergency Public Health Orders, which included closures, curfews, and mandates restricting services to curbside or drive-thru, took a toll on businesses and nonprofit organizations such as NUW. In effect, staff had to remain vigilant and exercise extra caution and care when serving members of the Navajo Nation. NTEC’s grant fund was beneficial to NUW and partner organizations in ordering and purchasing essential items that were hard to find in local retail stores.

This is not the first time NTEC came to NUW’s aid, though. In previous years, NTEC has sponsored NUW’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program which has become an NUW staple for individuals and families who are low-income and do not have the resources to prepare and file their personal income taxes. NTEC has also sponsored Holiday Turkey Drives so partner organizations can have turkey and ham dinners prepared for their clients. NUW has also received donations of furniture, household goods, computer hardware, and other donations that can benefit those in need.

NUW is grateful to NTEC and the generosity they have displayed over the years, especially during this global crisis. With their help and support, NUW has served hundreds of Navajo communities, and we anticipate continuing our services in future collaborations with NTEC.
Thank you so much for helping families, children, elderly and homelessness in our Diné communities. Your help has been invaluable to every community member, programs, non-profit agencies and schools who received Food, Water, Cleaning Supplies and PPE. NTEC’s Community Benefit Fund Grant was beneficial to NUW and many partner organizations across Navajo Nation and Boarder Towns.

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