



Days for Girls Foundation and Kwek Society provide mask and feminine care donations to the Navajo Nation

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PHOTO: On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, the Kwek Society made a delivery of masks and feminine care products to Shiprock that will be distributed throughout the Navajo Nation in the coming weeks.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Days for Girls foundation announced Wednesday that they would be sending face masks and feminine kits to the Navajo Nation to aid in COVID-19 prevention efforts. Through coordination between Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty, the Kwek Society and the Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund effort, the items will be distributed throughout the Navajo Nation in the coming weeks.

Delegate Crotty expressed thanks to the Days for Girls Foundation and the Kwek Society for reaching out to the Nation to offer support and donations, stating that partnerships are vital to COVID-19 awareness, prevention, and protection of Navajo citizens.

The Days for Girls Foundation established the Mask4Millions initiative that provides masks to marginalized communities and health care workers affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, the foundation provides increased access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that reduce stigmas and limitations for women and girls worldwide.

“I want to thank both these organizations for the support and love they have expressed to the Navajo Nation and her people. We are all in this together and I am grateful to them for stepping up to help our people during the pandemic. We have to make sure our relatives who utilize feminine care products have adequate access to these essential items,” said Delegate Crotty.

The Kwek Society is a non-profit organization that supplies Native American girls attending rural schools with menstrual care products who may have limited to no access to these items. They work to ensure that Native American girls receive free access to period products and suitable support to aid in their health and academic success within their schools.

Delegate Crotty also conveyed her gratitude to the Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund effort for working nonstop since the pandemic began. The group is delivering food and supplies to communities that may not have access to services. The group also serves Navajo people who are elderly, immunocompromised, or have chronic health conditions.

“It is through our grassroots organizations that the bulk of mutual aid and relief efforts are happening. These volunteers selflessly donate their time, personal resources, and their health safety to make sure our vulnerable relatives throughout Navajo land are taken care of and not forgotten. This is the true spirit of *k'é*, family, that brings us together and reminds systems that our peoples voices are greater than this pandemic and we will get through it together,” said Delegate Crotty.

For more information on Masks4Millions, to request assistance, or volunteer to sew masks, please visit their website at www.daysforgirls.org/masks4millions.

The Kwek Society can be reached for more information at their website www.kweksociety.org.

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