

THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COURT
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION

SS. IN TRIBAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

HOBART SPOTTED BEAR
INDIAN CUSTOM ADOPTION OF:
KATHLEEN M. PRICE

INDIAN CUSTOM ADOPTION


Pursuant to SUBCHAPTER VIII Adoption, Section: 8.05 CUSTOM AND TRADITION. Mr. Hobart Spotted Bear has stated his intention of adopting KATHLEEN M. PRICE. As his Hunka Mother, Kathleen M. Price has been a blessing to the members of the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE as the founder and director of MISSION OF LOVE FOUNDATION. The Mission of Love Foundation and Kathleen M. Price have built many homes for the homeless for tribal members. She has a deep love for our Lakota members and likewise the people love and respect her very much.

Wherefore it is hereby Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed:

That, the Oglala Sioux Tribe does hereby recognize the Indian Custom Adoption of Kathleen M. Price.

That, KATHLEEN M. PRICE is hereby recognized as the Adopted (Hunka) Mother of Hobart Spotted Bear, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Done this 8th day of December, 2010


Clerk of Court
Oglala Sioux Tribal Court


Judge, OST Court



Mission of Love News

"You are not here to save
the world,
but to touch the hands
that are
within your reach."

*Catch
the
Spirit
of Good News!*

LOVE is patient and kind, LOVE is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. LOVE bears ALL things, believes ALL things, endures ALL things.

ESTABLISHED 1989

Thank you for the opportunity to facilitate the fact that via our Mission of Love, we all can partake in making a huge difference in our world via love and compassion, unconditionally!

Our Mission of Love is patient and kind. We are not jealous or boastful; We are not arrogant or rude. And know that WE have seen ALL things, have believed ALL things, and yes we have endured ALL things. With our Mission of Love, Christmas is everyday in our world, because we are serving and creating love and compassion to communities that are lacking even the basic notion of hope of any kind, let alone basic human rights. Over twenty years, "We" have created this spirit of volunteerism throughout our world with only like minded spirits who know, that to be of service is the one and only reason we are here on this earth. Somewhere along the line, society has forgotten the concept of LOVE thy Neighbor. Just who are we talking about when we say "love thy neighbor?" Is it the child next door, is it the child on a Indian Reservation, is it a child who was born with a deformity at birth thousands of miles away, is it a homeless family left without a shirt on their back because of a hurricane, is it a woman in the bush of Africa who is about to give birth to a baby knowing that the mortality rate of her child will be 50% at childbirth or is it the local hundreds of homeless who will have a turkey dinner, because you accepted them as their neighbor via our Mission of Love.

At this time of year there is lots of giving and sharing going around. Our Mission of Love knows, no time frame to do our daily work of love, it is everyday of the year. Know that we are in competition with all of the animal lovers of the world. We saw this first hand when we were in the running with thousands of country wide NGO's. NGO's were requesting votes from their face-book viewers to maintain the first 100 slot to obtain a \$25,000 grant. Everyday notes were sent out to ask our friends for a vote for our Mission of Love so that our work of love will continue into 2012. The children lost Chase's campaign due to Orangutan's, frogs, red wolf's, raptors, blind dogs, bats and many other peaceful paws and wings. These top 100 NGO's won \$25,000 for their efforts for the animals that they represent. Our Mission of Love represents the greatest gift that God can bestow upon us, and that is the children. Are we not ALL children of God? We obtained 383 votes and we placed in #213. Our plan was, if we were to win to build a Mayan Children's Hospice Home in Tec Pan, Guatemala and homes for the Lakota Native American children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with all Mission of Love volunteers. These projects could have been accomplished if we had obtained this grant from Chase. To say the least, I was devastated to think that our world would turn their backs to our sacred children in need. Our world is upside down when we as a society vote animals over children.

In our Mission of Love yearly newsletter you will read the letters written by our volunteers and the recipient's of our work this year in, Japan, Uganda, Honduras, Guatemala, Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, and locally. This work was able to be accomplished because of you having faith, love and compassion in your heart to make a difference in our world. I thank you for your unconditionally support for the last twenty three years. My heart and soul has been healed repeatedly just knowing that we were able to accomplish so many leaps of faith for the children in need throughout our world. Thank you for the opportunity to facilitate the fact that via our Mission of Love, we all can partake in making a huge difference in our world via love and compassion, unconditionally. Please consider donating to our Mission of Love so that our work of love can and will continue into 2012.

Kathleen Price
Mission of Love Founder / Director * 1989



Written by Mission of Love Volunteers • Winter • 2011

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL • GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

October 19, 2011



This October 14, we said goodbye to our brothers and sisters of Mission of Love, with tears in our eyes and gratitude in the hearts and with the expectation of meeting once again.

On October 7, after some time of preparation... between Mission of Love and Metropolitan Hospital, we began a week of MIR-ACLES, via physical transformation on children that allowed the gifts of Michael and Rick, that would not be possible without the help of Kathy, Peg, Chuck, Bob, and Bob, Amy, Todd, Dominick, Carla, and Kendra.

Thank you very much, know that there is a major transformation that comes with all of us, and our soul rejoices with the children in the opportunity to approach our brothers, this time children and youth with cleft lip and cleft palate.

A total of 27 patients underwent surgery, and we have witnessed the gratitude and happiness of ALL of the parents and patients. The children now can have the hope of a better life, a new confidence in man and GOD through the good news that these messengers of love have brought into their lives, and know that we at Metropolitan Hospital in Guatemala City have had the privilege of participating in!



Thanks Kathy, thanks Mission of Love, and each of the volunteer collaborators who have made this day, this week. Thanks to the parents and patients who have trusted in us and now are sowing the joy that we have all have harvested.

We send many blessings to all of you.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL



Another successful mission accomplished

By J.T. Whitehouse - Town Crier

Kathleen Price and 13 volunteers of Mission of Love headed to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota last week to bump off a list of projects aimed at making the Lakota Native Americans more self sufficient. The trip began Sept. 11 and wrapped up with a trip to see the Crazy Horse monument in Custer National Park, Sept. 17.

While there, volunteers built a greenhouse and farmers’ market, created a new lodge sign, completed a community house and restored electricity to a Lakota mother, Rosebud, with five children. On last week’s trip, Eric Broviak and his wife Debbie Sams from Poland had the mission of bringing light back to Rosebud’s home. As an AT&T engineer, Broviak located part of the problem in a poorly wrapped underground wire coming into the home. The wire was sealed using duct tape, which could carry electrical current. The tape was removed and the proper connections were made. Inside the home, Broviak was able to restore power to all but one room. When Rosebud returned with her children, they were all very grateful. The following day they saw Broviak and Rosebud’s youngest child, about 2 years old, reached into her mom’s purse and offered Broviak a piece of gum. She wasn’t told to do it, but seemed to have a natural giving spirit. It was a touching moment for Broviak who realized that a simple thing like having an electric light was so precious to the Lakota’s everyday life.

Another precious item was clothing. On the reservation, there is close to an 85 percent unemployment rate and those who can make it past the normal life expectancy of 54 eagerly await the day they can get Social Security. Having warm clothes to wear in the harsh prairie winters is often only accomplished through the Mission of Love donations. On board a large semi that met the volunteers on Monday was thousands of pounds of warm winter clothing. The clothing was sorted at a warehouse by volunteers that included Nancy Schrader of Austintown. Schrader said she found out about Mission of Love at last year’s Awesome-Town fall festival. “I really just met Kathy a year ago after reading about her in the Town Crier,” she said. “Our church pulled together and donated supplies that went to the Mission of Love warehouse.” Schrader spent two days sorting through the clothes that eventually went to the new community center at Kiza Park on the reservation. The center serves 1,200 Lakota men, women and children. The clothing was laid out in chairs and canned food was organized on tables. Even while Schrader and several others set the items out, Lakota men came in to obtain food and clothing. They all offered a big thanks before they departed.

Plumbing at the center was handled by Mike Studer and his daughter Karen, both of Hubbard. It included a new toilet, shower, sink, hot water heater and water pump. When the volunteer crews left, the water system was up and running. Back at the hotel in Kyle, S.D., brothers Bill and Dick Trigg worked on closing the ends of a large greenhouse. Both men were not new to mission trips. “I’ve been on several,” said Bill from Canfield. His brother, a 1966 Boardman graduate now living in Arizona said this was not new, but was a first. “I’ve been on 15 mission trips,” he said. “This is my first time with Mission of Love.” The two men drove out and brought carpenter’s tools to handle the work. They were successful in framing both ends for doors and windows and Broviak joined in to add the electrical service. The greenhouse can now be used into late fall and early spring to help young Lakota learn how to grow their own food and the science behind it. The greenhouse is part of Mission of Love volunteer (and South Dakota connection) Jane Goodall and her Roots and Shoots program, which serves as a teaching tool for young Lakota. The farm market building that went up on Saturday was the final push and would give the Lakota a place to bring and sell the produce they raise. It is similar to Ohio’s buy local efforts. Each day of the trip was a full schedule, but there was always a little time in the evening to reflect on what the trip was all about.

“It is amazing what can be accomplished in just five days,” Schrader said. “And the Lakota people are even more amazing. No matter what hardships the face, they are good at adapting.” Schrader was referring to the poverty that exists on the reservation and in spite of living in rundown shacks that barely met the basic needs of the average person, the Lakota still smile and try to help each other. Price said the Lakota have a lot of value to offer and that the way of life needs to be preserved. “We are on the verge of losing the Lakota culture,” she said. “We build homes. That builds families, which in turn build communities.”

To learn more about the recent trip, visit www.missionoflove.org in the coming weeks. Price did say there will be many more trips to South Dakota and that the mission there was far from complete. “I got involved after hearing Kathy (Price) speak at a Poland Rotary meeting,” Schrader said. “I learned a lot of Mission of Love and was impressed.”

He was impressed enough to schedule a week’s vacation with his wife Debbie Sams. When asked about returning someday, every volunteer said they wanted to come back and continue the mission to preserve a rich culture of the Lakota.

Lt. Col Jeanne Bisesi, Kathy Price and MSgt. Kevin Massie overlooking the KC-10 load of humanitarian supplies to be airlifted to Honduras

Mission continues as another airlift takes off - 2nd one this year.

By J.T. Whitehouse - Town Crier

The Mission of Love in Austintown is a non-stop effort that is constantly meeting the needs of the poor and indigenous peoples around the globe. No sooner was a shipment of quilts delivered to the Japanese earthquake victims than Director Kathleen Price was already on top of another shipment to Honduras.

On Monday, an Air Force KC-10 cargo plane was loaded at the Youngstown Airbase bound for Saint Rita, Honduras. Mission of Love prepared 22 pallets weighing 61,000 pounds that included supplies destined for schools, health centers, nursing homes and residents of the poorest communities in Saint Rita and nearby Progreso, both in Yoro, Honduras. "The humanitarian aid that is being sent by the Mission of Love will be used for the children, widows and the elderly in the poorest municipality's of Progreso, Yoro and Santa Rita Yoro," said Julio de Galdemez Perez, Mission of Love consignee. "Your donations will benefit schools, health centers, nursing homes and the residents of poor communities, housing projects, and medical brigades. We are all waiting for your help and will always keep you informed with documents and photos in regard to the distribution plan." The KC-10 aircraft flew into Youngstown out of the 514th Air Mobility Wing in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The cargo will be flown to Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina where another transport plane will take the shipment direct to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. At that base, a Mission of Love ground team will take receipt of the cargo and handle the distribution in the poverty-stricken areas.

Price said her organization has long passed the 50 flight mark under the Denton Program. This program allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to utilize space on U.S. military cargo planes to ship humanitarian aid throughout the world. The



program is jointly administered by a government agency known as USAID, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense. While it moves much-needed supplies to poverty-stricken areas, it also provides a training activity for the cargo plane flight crews who partake in a "live mission."

For Price, the mission is never ending. The real reward of the work, she said, is when the little child in the jungles of Guatemala smiles because he has his first pair of shoes, or maybe paper and a pencil that will help him in school and eventually, through education, will raise him out of poverty. "It is a never-ending Mission of Love," Price said. "This is truly a team effort to service those in need and to build diplomacy together."

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MY MISSION OF LOVE TO GUATEMALA CITY...

I am Amy Bush and I just spent a miraculous week with Kathy Price and the "Mission of Love" at the Hospital Metropolitano in Guatemala City, Guatemala. For you to understand my experience there, you need to know a few details of my background. I grew up in a farming community and worked as a registered nurse in a small community hospital. I was fortunate enough to have both the drive and the assistance of great mentors to earn my bachelor's degree in nursing, and a MBA from the Fisher college of Business at The Ohio State University while spending three years planning and implementing the opening of a new community hospital in Dublin, Ohio. I recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Surgical Services at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital, including overseeing 42 operating rooms, pre-operative care, post-operative care, sterile processing and an amazing team of nurses, techs, surgeons and anesthesia providers.

Why is this important to know? Of all my experiences in the world of medicine and nursing, the most gratifying and exhilarating time of my life happened recently when I volunteered for a week at the Hospital Metropolitano in Guatemala. I have been on 4 previous mission trips including China, Jamaica, and Haiti shortly after the earthquake, but the rewards of helping the children of Guatemala and the expression of thanks by their parents was beyond compare. These poor children with facial defects including cleft lips, cleft palates, fistulas from their mouths into their noses allowing food and liquids to pass from one to the other and disfigured noses came from all over the country by whatever means possible to be treated by our varied team from the United States. They were examined all in one day and triaged for surgery. Some had to be turned away as the equipment or facilities to treat them were not available at this visit. Many had no place to stay but the hospital. All were eager to have surgery to correct their problems. You could see their desire to be better, to eliminate the stigma of their problems and the hope in the eyes of their parents to help their children.

With only 2 operating rooms to work with on an intermittent basis, 2 teams were formed each with a surgeon (one a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, one an oral and maxillofacial surgeon) to provide as much care as possible for the 27 children who were selected as potential candidates. The assistance of Dr Edgar Moran, the chief general surgeon at the hospital was invaluable. The equipment was not the best, but the skill of the anesthesia, general surgical and nursing staff teams were as good as any I had worked with, and provided excellent care for the children of their country, often donating their own time to care for these children. The relationship between the surgeons, anesthesia and the nursing staff of the Guatemalan and United States teams was the strongest I have ever experienced. I had the opportunity to provide many services I frequently oversee...scrub nurse, circulator, sterile processing, etc. Much of the supplies, equipment and instruments were provided by UPMC, CareFusion/V.Mueller, Global Links, and Dr. Richard Scheetz, which facilitated optimal care. Our interpreter, Dr Todd Bolitin, was an outstanding asset as he could explain to the families in comforting words the successes of the surgeries, and the tears were evidence of their joy. Other volunteers such as Bob and Peggy, and Chuck provided assistance as needed without having medical backgrounds. They frequently made long statements of gratitude that would break your heart and make you cry. The experience of helping these poor people was beyond compare.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincerest gratitude to Rick and Chuck Scheetz for introducing me to the Mission of Love and to Kathy for welcoming me with open arms to this life changing opportunity. Thank you for helping my heart grown bigger than ever before.

I can't wait for another opportunity to go back. Although all of the volunteers pay their own way to participate, there are costs associated with caring for the children that must be born somehow. Please support the "Mission of Love" so that they can continue to bring a smile to the faces of children in Guatemala and elsewhere.



Mission trip helps suffering children

By J.T. Whitehouse

October brought about another Mission of Love trip, this time to Guatemala where 27 surgeries were performed to help children born with a deformed cleft palate. For local volunteers, it was an eye-opening experience.

Among the team that traveled to Metropolitan Hospital, Guatemala City, Guatemala was Chuck Scheetz, a local businessman and Boardman High School class of 1974 graduate. He accompanied Mission of Love founder Kathy Price of Austintown along with a team of 10 volunteers who were on a medical mission to bring hope to suffering children.

“I first met Kathy (Price) when she was looking for used medical equipment over 20 years ago,” Scheetz said. “Since then I have been on three trips.” Scheetz has been in the medical field for 31 years, of which the past 17 were in his own medical supply business called Source Products, which he runs along with his brother, Dr. Richard Scheetz of Columbus.

On Oct. 7, the team left Ohio and headed to the jungles of Guatemala. After landing at a local airport, the team took a long ride to get to the hospital where 30 families awaited an opportunity to change their children’s lives for the better. “Some had traveled eight hours by bus to get there,” Scheetz said.

Over that weekend, a medical team that included several local surgeons and Scheetz’ brother, looked over the children and assessed what could be done. As Monday rolled around, the surgical teams began their work and by week’s end, 27 children had their cleft lip and cleft palates repaired. One young girl named Catherine also underwent surgery to separate her webbed fingers.

The medical team took brief breaks during the day, but basically worked from sun up to sundown. The time went fast, they said, and before anyone knew it, Friday (Oct. 14) arrived and it was time to return home.

“It was all like a blur,” Scheetz said. “Each day started at 7 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. at the hospital.” Scheetz said when they first arrived, he recalled 30 families with children awaiting the Mission of Love team. “I had to go into a back room and cry for 10 minutes,” Scheetz admitted.

Like others on the trip, seeing what the children have to go through was very touching. Scheetz took the brief moment, pulled himself together and got focused on the mission. When Scheetz returned home, he had a new-found appreciation for just what Mission of Love is all about.

“Mission of Love is the most under-publicized nonprofit around,” he said. People have no idea what Kathy does. She has the drive of 10 people and if it wasn’t for her, there would be no Mission of Love.” He said when so many non-profits have huge overhead and salaries to pay, every dime Mission of Love receives goes into the trips. No one, not even Kathy, gets a penny of the donations. On the trips, everyone pays their own way and no one gets a dime. “That is impressive,” Scheetz said. “As for going on more trips, I definitely will.”

Scheetz has been on three trips with his recent experience included. The prior two trips were to Pine Ridge, S.D., to help the Native Americans on the reservation who are suffering with 85-percent unemployment and horrid living conditions. Scheetz said he is looking forward to returning to Pine Ridge to help any way he can. As for Guatemala, Price is already planning the next trip in 2012.

“Mission of Love will send an airlift of medical supplies and equipment to Metropolitan Hospital early in 2012,” Price said. “That airlift will also have the supplies to build a children’s hospice in Tec Pan, Guatemala. The name of the hospital will be Way-bi, which means House of Dreams.”

Price said there are also many more cleft palate surgeries to be performed as she tries to get to all the children in need.

For information on the Mission of Love, visit www.missionoflove.org.

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Photo special to the Town Crier
Posing in the Metropolitan Hospital, Guatemala City, Guatemala, are Chuck Scheetz of North Lima and Kathy Price from Austintown with young Catherine, a Mayan girl who underwent two surgeries to correct a cleft palate and webbed fingers. The trip was the latest Mission of Love mission to help children that are suffering in the poorest regions of South America.

August 11, 2011 Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation

Dear Kathy,

I am writing to ask you for your help. For five years we have packed our truck with fresh, organic, locally grown produce to offer the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Every year we have had to purchase canopies to set up the Farmers Market. We don’t have the capabilities to bring extra for other vendors.

We need the Mission of Love to help us build permanent market stalls. This will enable gardeners and traditional gatherers and artist/crafters the opportunity to set up their market alongside us. By building these structures, together we can provide communities with fresh, healthy foods in a permanent sustainable setting. Vendors will be able to earn an income for their families, as there are very few jobs available on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

By building these structures, we hope that it will encourage people to grow food for their families and sell the extra produce for a source of income as well as provide other families who are not able to garden, with fresh local food.

Kathy we are asking for your help to build a 5 simple farmers market stalls. We would need lumber, hardware, shelving, tables, burlap cloth and wooden boxes or baskets. We are also trying to build a storage shed with electricity with refrigerator to store the produce.

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you so much!

Patricia Hammond



In photo; Sieglinde Warren and Patricia Hammond in front of Jason’s and Patricia’s Farmers Outdoor Market on the Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation. 9/11/11

Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation September 11. 2011

Dear Mission of Love,

It’s difficult to put into words the appreciation we both feel towards Kathy Price and the Mission of Love Volunteers who’ve all come from so far away to Patricia and I to finish the Roots and Shoots Greenhouse end walls and to build a permanent building to house the farmers market in order to give us a place to do our work of providing local people with access to fresh, locally grown produce, traditional products and a fresh cup of coffee.

In the last five years the Mission of Love and their stalwait friend Rusty Puckett have provided us with a Roots and Shoots office, tools and equipment, and now they’ve helped us finish the greenhouse and farmers market building, thus fulfilling dreams of ours.

To you Kathy and all your wonderful, hardworking and committed volunteers, know that you’re changing lives for the better everyday and we thank you for it.

Jason Schock and Patricia Hammond



Jason Patricia giving their thanks to our Mission of Love volunteers 9.11.11.

Volunteer Vacations Across America

Community Projects, Pine Ridge Reservation, S.D. Mission of Love { Kathleen Price, Director and Founder, Mission of Love, Youngstown, Ohio; www.missionoflove.org; kathy@missionoflove.org.

Mission of Love (MOL) is a nonprofit humanitarian relief organization, tax exempt since 1995, that supports indigenous efforts on a grassroots level. MOL responds to needs identified as important by indigenous peoples involving education, health, homes, and other programs. It supports initiatives for medical and educational facilities, nutritional programs, and child survival programs.

Volunteer your vacation time on a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation, located in the southwest corner of South Dakota and into North Dakota, near the Nebraska border, and home to the Oglala Lakota. With an estimated population of 40,000, its needs are immense. It is the eight-largest reservation in the United States, and most of its land lies within two of the poorest counties. Unemployment is high, and about half the population lives below the federal poverty level. Residents have one of the shortest life expectancies of any group in the Western Hemisphere, and the infant mortality rate is five times the national average.

Donate your time and skills to assist with the building of homes, schools, and other much needed facilities. along with helping to rebuild the community and improve living conditions, you will learn about the history of indigenous peoples and experience their culture and traditions.

Marta’s Building Story;
When Kathy Price first told me about Pine Ridge Reservation, she described it as America’s own third-world country, with the lowest per-capita income in the United States.. I remember hearing the story that President Clinton was shocked when he toured the reservation. There are many disparities between life on the reservation and the rest of America. Unemployment far exceeds that in other communities, and the eye-opening, shocking poverty is horrible, with people living in burned-out trailers. The prices in the stores are astronomically high compared to groceries off the reservation, but the people have no transportation to shop elsewhere. They’ve had many issues and I knew, as a volunteer, I had to deal with these issues too while I was there.

For over a hundred years, the Lakota people have had a lot of tragedy, poverty, and a great deal of need. Our mission was to help create a traditional building that would be a central place where children and elders could gather to share meals and learn about their own culture. The Pine Ridge reservation had contacted Mission of Love with their request, and Kathy Price went to the reservation to speak with the elders. The elders and young people in the community joined together with the Mission of Love Volunteers building something the people felt was most important to accomplish. We worked and ate together, shared, and learned about the culture of the Lakota Indians in a true bonding experience.

About 25 volunteers arrived from all over the country. What’s really amazing is you never know who is going to come, but somehow there’s all the right talent to get the work done. I put varnish on things and helped build windows, tasks I had never done in normal life. The volunteers do what they need to do and somehow magic happens.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS to PINE RIDGE

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Email for information or call Kathy if interested in going to Pine Ridge

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The Old One’s Prayer

The Old One’s Prayer
The old man praying and holding in his hand an eagle feather represents the calling for the return of our old spiritual ways. The circle represents our creator. The burning of sage, cedar and tobacco is the cleansing process of this ceremony.

Pipes and medicine bundles are never used in my paintings for spiritual and ceremonial reasons.

TO: Kathleen Price and the Mission of Love
FR: Debra White Plume, Owe Aku, Bring Back the Way, Manderson, SD 57756-0325
DT: 11 October 2011
RE: Wopila Tanka (A big thank you)

I am writing this letter of Wopila (thank you) for all of the support and assistance you have given to us in many different ways.

First of all, we are very thankful and appreciate the help and assistance you have given to us in continuing the construction of our Community House at Kiza Park. With all of the plumbing and electrical work, we are now in the modern times! No more outhouse and no more hauling water! The carpentry work in the kitchen is awesome, we now have cupboards, a door, and countertops along with the sink and other appliances, we have had several gatherings and events there, including birthday parties, meetings, a film forum, and planning sessions. With the extreme lack of facilities available having a Community House has already so greatly impacted our goals and dreams in a positive manner. I look forward to sharing more with you about this in the future. We have many events planned for the fall and winter, which can now be held for sure, as we have this building! No more “Location To Be Announced” section on our flyers and posters! With your help, we have moved further along in our construction and can now focus on getting resources to gravel the parking area, make porches, get a permanent floor covering, and maybe a small playground nearby, inside a fence we hope to construct before the snow flies! We are excited that now the youth led Lakota Media Project has a place to make documentary films for our people and our issues. We are working to raise more support for LMP to get video cameras, computers, etc to further that work along. Especially in the face of the exploitative 20/20 ABC Special by Diane Sawyer, although she probably meant well, I was seriously dissatisfied with the program. It gave incorrect statistics (80% of us are alcoholics!! No way is that true.) Anyway, with our Community House, the LMP now has a work space and will continue with their work as we go along doing our best to get them what they need. LMP can our voice to tell our own stories to the world, which is really needed as we continue our work to preserve our Lakota culture and to work with our allies to protect our water, land, and air from the extractive mining corporations who are lurking around us.

The assistance in preparing the trailer house to make it safe for the young parents with 5 children moves them closer to having a real home that will be warm in the winter and a safe dwelling with no more electrical problems! You all have no idea of how much this means to them and to the relatives who had taken turns hosting them, as it takes up to 5 years or longer to get a house to rent from the tribal housing program. They are working to get the rest of their windows replaced, and to purchase copper tubing for their propane tank so they will have a reliable heat-

ing source for the winter. Our need for houses seriously overwhelms the government housing program, which estimates 4,000 homes to meet the needs of families with no house of their own, who live with relatives or in such sub-standard homes, that in a city, would be acknowledged as condemned. **You have truly impacted this young family in our community through your brief time here this past summer, and I know with more funding and resources you could do so much more, as you know the people here and what the real needs are!** Even employed people can rarely get financing to purchase a home, with the federal Indian policies governing our every move in such a bureaucratic way that nothing ever gets done! **No other people in America have more government rules than Indian tribes. We even have a Prisoner of War number that other Americans do not have to have. No other people are measured by their blood degree. These policies demean our identity and sometimes I think they are made in order to make us feel bad about being Lakota, but we rise above those feelings and are proud of our ancestry and who we are and who our generations will become!** All these rules are Acts of Congress, so changing the rules takes decades, but we have changed some rules in my lifetime, including our children’s right to speak our Lakota language (1978), and the de-criminalization of our spiritual way of life (1968).

The vehicle that you donated has already provided a way for us to do so much more as the travel distances between villages are so great on the Pine Ridge. Just to go check mail at the post office is a 10 mile round trip for us. To go do business in the Village is an 80 mile round trip. The nearest city to conduct business, shop for supplies and office needs is a 200 mile round trip from here. Now that we have access to a vehicle that runs well, has license and tags, and can be insured we know the coming sea -

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Nancy Schrader, Joy McKee, Peg Elston, Debra White Plume and Sieglinde Warren sharing our Mission of Love with our friends at Kiza Park, Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, S.D. 9/11/11.

My children and I will be warm this winter, and I will continue to look forward to the Mission of Love coming to Pine Ridge, SD

Kathy Price has come to the Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation and is always a inspiration to us all, each and every time she visits. As usual we meet new friends whom we now consider as family of the Mission of Love. This brings a positive impact to my family and I.

My name is Harry Yazzie Jr, and I've been part of the Mission of Love for five wonderful years. I don't consider myself anyone special. I'm an average person who struggles with employment problems and everyday life here on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I acquire skills useful to all of us. We are all different people with different professions but when we all meet together and we do our best to make a difference on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

For the past eight years I lived in a two bedroom trailer with no inside running water, thin single glass windows, our source for the bathroom was an outdoor outhouse. My total family is eight, ranging from 18 years of age to 18 months of age. I lived one mile off the main road and had to deal with rain, snow and blizzards. About 18 months ago I became a proud father of my new son Kennedy Yazzie. He was born in the month of January when we were at our peak during our winter season. The snow at that time was knee high as we struggled to do our best to survive. The Arctic air went as low as negative 20* F.

One month after my son was born, I attempted to carry two five gallon buckets of water from my mother-in- laws house back to my trailer. It was below freezing weather at that time. My mother-in-law has her own well water and we were depending on her water all of the time. As I was walking back with the water I was walking on drifted snow then my right leg sunk in, I fell forward and shattered my ankle. My house was 1/4 a mile away, it was windy and very cold and I yelled for help while I was in extreme pain and I realized no one could heard me. I crawled hands and knees back to my trailer and I was sent to the hospital in Pine Ridge then was sent to Rapid City Regional Hospital. I underwent surgery and couldn't walk for 3 months.

I didn't know what to do. I was losing hope, I cried because I didn't feel like a man. I got word of encouragement from my children. I realized I couldn't be helpless and I needed to do something. I went against doctors orders. I forced myself to walk again despite my pain. I was now in a cast and I struggled to wobble around but I was chopping wood, washing dishes, and keeping the trailer house warm. I was recovering and despite my pain Mission of Love came in April of 2010 and I still worked with them.

We relied on rural Water, a water truck comes out twice a week to fill our two 65 gallon containers. As the snow drifted over the road, the water truck was unable to meet our demands. We have a propane stove which we cook on and the propane truck was in the same predicament. Fortunately we had wood. A vendor has brought out a load of wood before the snow drifted over our road.

I always hauled my own wood every year, but one year I went to work and came home and my truck was stolen right in front of my own house. I owned an old 1995 ford F - 150 4 by 4 pick - up and it was stolen. Its been over a year since they stole my truck and I still don't know who could be cold hearted to do this to me. After this ordeal I just keep my head high. I think of this as one of the obstacles in life and I pray for the person or persons who took my truck, they probably needed it more then I did.

To this day I have had a lot of obstacles and I have learned from them. I have a new house now, I live closer to the road and this would have never happened without the MISSION OF LOVE. My children and I will be warm this winter, and I will continue to look forward to the Mission of Love when they come and work for the Lakota people.



Rusty Puckett and Alex White Plume

*With Lots of Love,
Sincerely,*

*Harry Yazzie - Pine Ridge Native
American Indian Reservation. 9/11/11*

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TO: Kathleen Price and the Mission of Love
FR: Debra White Plume, Owe Aku, Bring Back the Way, Manderson, SD 57756-0325
DT: 11 October 2011
RE: Wopila Tanka (A big thank you)

sons will be very productive, and we will be safe in the winter temperatures as we travel these distances.

There are many families here who have enjoyed the clothing, shoes, winter coats and other items needed by family members of all ages. The items you brought were useful, clean, and thoughtful. Often times the items sent here, although well-meant, are so old and used, we wonder why folks would even bother to give away such items! Especially the boots and jackets went out quickly to the young men in high school and the grade school boys who are a bit larger in size! With the lack of jobs here on the Rez, these are much appreciated items that are too costly for folks to purchase. There are 16,000 employable, but with only 4,000 jobs, that leaves 12,000 of us with no place to work. I went to a job interview a couple of years ago, there were 80 of us applying! So I know from personal experience, even having earned a few college degrees and with 25 years of work history, there is no guarantee that one can get a job!!

I look forward to doing more good work together to impact the lives of our people and spending time with the volunteer groups that come with you. **I have rarely met volunteers who have such great respect and compassion for our situation, who understand what it is to help someone, as one never knows when one may be the person who has no where to turn, no office that can help, who just gets tired of “being on the list” to be able to rent a house or get a job. It is easy for our people to be happy, function well, and achieve the needs of the family, most times all folks need to just get over that hump is a little help and compassion from friends who do not make a judgment on “how those people should be”. We so recognize in you a true friend, and ally!**

I just wanted to write a quick little thank you letter, and let you know how much we all appreciate everything you, your friends, volunteers and supporters have done for us! Lila wopila iciciyape. I will close here, and wish the best for you all and send my best greetings to you and the Mission of Love! Toksa ake. (We will see each other again.)

A Spiritual Conspiracy

On the surface of the Earth exactly now there is war and violence and everything looks horrible. But, simultaneously, something quiet, calm and hidden is happening and certain people are being called by a higher light. A quiet revolution is settling from the inside out. From bottom to top. It is a global operation. A spiritual conspiracy. There are cells from this operation in every nation on the planet.

You will not watch us on TV. Or read about us in newspapers. Or hear our words on radios. We do not seek glory. We do not use uniforms. We arrive in several different shapes and sizes. We have costumes and different colors. Most work anonymously. Silently we work out of the scene. In every culture in the world. In large and small cities, in the mountains and valleys. In the farms, villages, tribes and remote islands.

We might cross paths on the streets. And not realize ... We follow in disguise. We are behind the scenes. And we do not care about who wins the gold of the result, and Yes, that the work gets performed. And once in a while we will cross paths on the streets. We exchange looks of recognition and continue following our path. During the day many are disguised in their normal jobs. But at night behind the scenes, the real work begins.

Some call us army of consciousness. Slowly we are building a new world. With the power of our hearts and minds. We follow with joy and passion. Our orders reach us from the Central Spiritual Intelligence. We're throwing soft bombs of love without anyone noticing; poems, Hugs, songs, photos, movies, fond words, meditations and prayers, dances, social activism, websites, blogs, acts of kindness.

We express ourselves in a unique and personal way. With our talents and gifts. Being the change we want to see in the world. This is the force that moves our hearts. We know that this is the only way to accomplish the transformation. We know that with the silence and humbleness we have the power of all oceans together. Our work is slow and meticulous. As in the formation of mountains.

LOVE will be the religion of the 21 century. Without educational prerequisites. Without ordering an exceptional knowledge for your understanding. Because it is born of the intelligence of the heart. Hidden for eternity in the evolutionary pulse of every human being.

Be the change you want to see happen in the world. Nobody else can make this work for you. We're recruiting. Perhaps you will join us. Or maybe you have already joined. All are welcome. The door is open. --- A MISSION OF LOVE

VOLUNTEERS - *Pine Ridge*



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Kathleen Price
Mission of Love

Greetings Kathleen and Mission of Love:

This letter is to express our happiness for the generosity and alliance demonstrated to us through action in your work to help us complete the construction of our Kiza Park Community House. As you know, this project has been years in the making. On the Pine Ridge Reservation there are inadequate facilities that the community has access to for use to have meetings, film forums, etc. The Community House will be utilized quite often and regularly by Owe Aku in our work to create social change, preserve our Lakota Way of Life, and keep our community informed on issues impacting our people and environment.

We held an Environmental Film Forum there just last month, and even though we had no plumbing and very little electricity (one plug in!) many people came to learn about the impact to our waters and lands by mining corporations, and they all used the outhouse with no complaints! The people attending brought pot luck food, and we had a great time. Now, with the Community House further along in its completion, we can move forward to create the kind of space we need to do our work.

It is with the true generosity and organizations and people working together that good things happen, we all know that we need good things to happen in this land of 85% unemployment, inadequate housing and medical care, high youth suicide rates, high diabetes sickness, etc. So this is a very positive outcome from our alliance and we wish to say "Wopila" (thank you) and hope we can continue to work together.

Wopila, to you all, hecetuyelo. (Thank you, it is so.)

Alex White Plume
Alex White Plume, Naca
Owe Aku, Bring Back the Way

THIS TIME IN 2011

- Patricia Catches The Enemy, Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation

They have been here for the past week and I am amazed at what I saw. I lost count of how many people they have helped in just a week. Can you imagine seeing strangers coming from Ohio, to California and all parts in - between, to VOLUNTEER to assemble and install a water system for a family who has been waiting five years for one of these agencies here on the Pine Ridge Reservation to assist them of their plumbing? And what of an Elder who has a house but can not move it on to her land-site because of lack of funds? Not to mention a family who lost everything in a house fire and it was strangers who came afar to build and restore that family to normalcy? And the list goes on! These agencies on the reservation that get federal dollars to assist the aforementioned families never get there. The two elders who have houses but cannot move them because of lack of finances were promised by the Partnership for Housing, well, that never happened.

The Mission of Love is a MIRACLE to many people, many families; whether abroad or right here on our homeland, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. People are poor. Some can not even go into Pine Ridge to do business because of lack of money to buy gas or food. We cannot say enough. Its ACTION, not words or promises that brings peace and happiness. It is an OLD, OLD value that people need to remember. HELPING OTHERS, or simply put, unselfishness.

Catherine Crawford hails from Austintown, Ohio. Catherine works full time but took her vacation time, paid for her own expenses to Pine Ridge to volunteer herself to help the people in need. Jim Dudley, also retired, from Austintown, Ohio who just enjoys working and meeting the people knowing that his work is a labor much appreciated. And then, there is Bob & Peg Elston, whom I had the privilege to stay at their home in New Middletown, Ohio; Peg is a retired Nurse and Bob, a retired scientist who keep coming back year after year to work on peoples’ houses. Tom Wilson flies in from Santa Barbara, California whenever the boss calls. A good hearted soul who just loves working whether its gardening (community) and leaves not a nail go to waste. And of course, we have our own Mission of Love volunteers right here on the homeland. There is Donnie Schockey, (who has received a Mission of Love Home) comes from Red Shirt Table with his son Maza. He too, has volunteered for many years and can tell you many of the barriers, experiences or crisis that Mission of Love people have to go through in order to get these houses up, repaired and delivered. And another one of our own, Hobart Spotted Bear, A Wounded Knee native, with his jokes and laughter; he keeps close to his “Hunka Mother,” the founder/director of Mission of Love, Kathy Price. (Mission of Love built Hobart and Rose Spotted Bear’s home in 1999.

Kathy lives and operates all of her projects out of her Austintown, Ohio home. She truly is a living example. Never gets paid for any of the projects she does but does them anyway. In this past year alone, she has gone to Guatemala to build a school for the Mayan orphans and directed a medical mission for the Mayan children with cleft palates. Mission of Love airlifted over 100,000 pounds of AID to the Mesquite Indians of Honduras which included educational, medical supplies, and basic human AID to the poor through the Denton Program for the less fortunate. Kathy mostly certainly was sent here by someone up there and WE as people of Pine Ridge need to realize that, this is what we have lost. Kathy Price and her crew of volunteer laborers has built the Sacred Circle School, a language immersion school founded by Leonard Little Finger which is located in Oglala, S.D.

Hi all ~ thank you so much for an inspiring project. I’m attaching a photo of the kindergarteners and 8th graders at our school in Southern California, who’ve come together to make 4 quilts for Japan. We try to teach the children “Tikkun Olam” which means, “HEAL the WORLD” ~ very much in line with Mission of Love’s mantra, so this was a fantastic opportunity to reach out.



MISSION OF LOVE SHIPPING 2,155 QUILTS TO JAPAN

By J.T. Whitehouse - Town Crier

The Mission of Love in Austintown is ready to ship quilts to Japan after roughly a month of collecting from quilters around the globe. The collection exceeded expectations after teaming with eQuilter.com. After the earthquake and devastation that struck Japan, Mission of Love Director Kathy Price jumped into action to help those who lost everything. Her intent was to provide a means of warmth to those who found themselves homeless. Price contacted eQuilter.com and a post went up calling for quilts. The goal was set to obtain 1,000 quilts to ship this month.

Word spread fast and for the past few weeks, Price has been receiving box upon box via UPS, Fed-Ex and the U.S. mail. She had to make near-daily trips to the Mission warehouse in Ravenna as she was running out of room. “My garage was so full, I couldn’t move around in it,” Price said. The quilts came from nearly every state as well as foreign countries like Belgian, France and Italy. Some included notes of compassion, letters and some even had the quilter’s message placed on a patch and sewn onto the quilt. A quilt that came from Alaska included a note that said, “My mom and I made this quilt and have been waiting on the perfect person to give it to. We found Mission of Love via eQuilter.com and knew that it was the right time to let go and give. This quilt is ’Love and is made with love and prayers’.”

“She was waiting for the right moment to give it, and this was the right moment,” said Mission of Love volunteer Sieglinde Warren of Poland. As the quilts continued to arrive, Price said she was ooverwhelmed. Not only had Mission of Love doubled its goal, but now the quilts had to be repacked and prepared for this month’s flight. Price needed some extra hands and the managers of GFS in Boardman and Niles offered their assistance. Last week, GFS managers Marion Bridegam and Mary Lynch and assistant managers Debbie Nestor and Janet Rule, all accompanied Price to the warehouse to lend a hand. They worked hard and put together 1,200 packages. “Mary (from Niles) and I were teaming up for some community service,” said Bridegam from GFS in Boardman. “We’ve worked with Kathy in the past and we found out she needed work done. We want to give back to the community and its one of those things where we can build a rapport and touch a lot of lives around the world. It’s a great win-win.” For Price it is another mission accomplished. She had just come off a local project to give Felix Rivera of Youngstown a handicapped-accessible deck on his home. Felix had suffered a crippling accident that left him in a wheelchair, but he couldn’t maneuver around his small home.

Price will now see the blankets on their way, then will be back home in time to prepare for a trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to built a home for a Native American artist, also in a wheelchair. A second trip is being planned for Sept. 11 to build a greenhouse on the reservation. In mid-June, Mission of Love will be shipping 45,000 pounds of aid to Honduras and on Aug. 13, there will be another medical trip to Guatemala with local surgeons donating their time to perform cleft palate surgery on a number of young children. A 40-foot cargo container will also be heading to Nebbi, Uganda, that will help supply a hospital in an area where the infant mortality rate is around 50 percent.

It is a lot to keep track of, but for now, the focus is on the quilts. It won’t be the first time that Mission of Love has sent the warm helping hand. More than 3,000 quilts were sent to the victims of Katrina and over 600 to the Haitian orphans after another ddevastating earthquake. While Price’s dedication to help those who are often forgotten is a full-time task, her efforts do not go unnoticed. She was notified that the Ogala Sioux Tribal Court on the reservation in Pine Ridge had approved her adoption recently. She has been adopted by Hobart Spotted Bear as “Hunka Mother” (adopted mother) and is now officially a member of the Ogala Sioux Tribe with all the rights of a Native American. “It is a real honor,” Price said.

In a letter of congratulations, Joe American Horse (grandson of the chief) wrote,”If we have more people like Mission of Love Foundation, there will be no conflicts, no wars. Everyone will live in peace.” Mission of Love will continue its work around the world and locally. Wherever there is a need, Price will be there, especially when children and orphans are involved. Recently, Mission of Love has developed an easy way to donate by visiting ewww.missionoflove.org and using PayPal.



“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.”

– His Holiness the Dalai Lama