



FMCV Newsletter

First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -
Stay-At-Home to stop the spread of the coronavirus

SOCIAL DISTANCING—
A distance of 6' between you and the other person.

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Needs Assessment Conducted at Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa Villages on First Mesa

The FMCV Office conducted a Needs Assessment to see how the coronavirus pandemic had affected the livelihood of Villagers on the Mesa at Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa Villages.

It was found that a number of households were significantly impacted by loss of income. Most villagers rely on arts & craft sales, from Tourism, as their sole source of income. Now that Tours have shut down, business sales for Craftsmen and Artisans

have completely stopped. The owner of a small snack shop also closed business.

Artisans are self-employed and do not qualify for unemployment insurance; thus, no means of financial support for families.

Currently, there are 38 traditional inhabited homes on the mesa; with a total resident population of 87 persons.

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Supplies donated to FMCV for Mesa Residents



Wood supply for a homeowner

Food Gift Certificates delivered to First Mesa Elderly

The FMCV office staff delivered 150 Gift Certificates to Resident elders 65+ at Tewa, Walpi, Sichomovi Villages and communities of Polacca, Keams Canyon and Spider Mound, to assist during the emergency crisis.

Elderly were very grateful as they received their Gift Certificates on April 23.

“Thank you, thank you, for helping us,” said an elder. “This will help us buy things we really need. We only get a check once



a month and have to stretch our money for the whole month. We really need our own village store where we can shop locally. Something like the ‘old burned store.’ That was our community store where we traded pottery and crafts for groceries. Tell Mr. Sidney, ‘Please!’ Thank you for helping us.”

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Needs Assessment – from Page 1

Most of the 38 homes have electricity and indoor plumbing; except for Walpi Village and a few homes who choose to have homes remain traditional as their ancestors lived.

Heads of Households willingly participated in the Survey and one individual declined to participate. Households were happy and said they were glad someone was checking on them. They offered to help where they could.

ASSESSMENT:

1. Household Composition: # family, elderly, children
2. Utilities: Electricity, water, propane, gas
- 3) Heating Source: wood, propane, electricity
- 4) Food/Drinking Water

EMERGENCY NEEDS:

1. **Food & Drinking Water**
\$40 Gift Certificates were issued to families in need of food & water
2. **Wood for heating/cooking:**
Wood has been donated

ed and needs cutting. Will deliver next week.

3. Running Water Access

Keys for outdoor spigots were issued to residents with no indoor plumbing and portable toilets requested. Hve (Sidney instructed Staff to prioritize water emergencies and waive any fees)

4. Toilet Paper, towel handwipes, disinfectant

Toilet paper & cleaning supplies were delivered.

5. Masks and gloves

1000 masks were donated by the Baptist Church. Nuvayestewa's from Tewa Village will also donate face masks.

Outreach Worker Judy Youvella will have emergency supplies for Mesa residents, at Ponsi Hall, beginning April 29. A Hot to-go meal will be served to residents by Missionary Eunhee Lim at noon Wednesday.

First Mesa Youth Help Village Residents

Jacob Chan Lim, 2019 Hopi High School (HHS) graduate and son of Pastor Taelim Lim, notified FMCV that he and his brother Daniel had started a campaign to help "their village members on the Mesa with food supplies."

Jacob and Daniel are also offering free online tutoring for K-12 students as well as an on-line Reading challenge. Contact FMCV for scheduling.

The Lim's both graduated as Valedictorians from HHS and are now attending College. Jacob, a freshman at the University of Arizona and Daniel a Junior at Dartmouth, returned home after campuses closed due to the pandemic.

The Lim's are Korean, but identify as *Hopi Rez Kids* since they were raised among the Hopi/Tewa people, since they were small children.

First Mesa is their home and as Daniel would say, when he was at college missing home, "you can get a kid out of the Rez, but you can't get the Rez out of a kid."

As a thank you to First Mesa villagers, they will purchase and deliver groceries to residents on the Mesa. Their mother Eunhee will provide a hot meal Wednesday.

Hopi Community Members Succumb to Coronavirus

With great sadness, we report the passing of two Hopi Community members from the coronavirus.

The Hopi Emergency Response Team issued a report on April 27, confirming two members succumbed to COVID-19.

The FMCV traditional leadership sends its condolences to the families and encourages everyone to take care and Be Safe!

Elder Food Gift Certificates— from Page 1

FMCV partnered with Hopi Traders -Keams Canyon Market for elder shopping. 150 Elders received a \$30 voucher to purchase any food items of their choice and a \$10 voucher for two 4lb. bags of pinto beans and two 5lb. bags of potatoes, a \$40 value.

As reported in the April 20 edition of the *Village Newsletter* Gift Certificates were made possible through donations from United Rain LLC, Marriott Hotels and FMCV.

Village Elder Coordinators were asked to submit names of elderly; however, some names were submitted late after funds depleted. Elders continue to request Food Vouchers.

FMCV received a check donation from the Hopi Foundation Emergency Assistance Fund, which might support a second distribution. *Eligibility: Must be a current resident and age 65+ or disabled.*

FMCV does not actively ask for do-

nations, unless funds have been specifically identified for an emergency purpose.

“It is disheartening to hear of the hardships and despairs of our elders, youth and single parents,” said Sidney. “Most were not prepared and don’t know how to respond. It should not be hard to help our people through donations received; however, even during a crisis, politics is still prevalent. We are all in this together and need to help our people.”



What Impact does remote learning have on a child's learning?

Residents Demand to Know When Village Members Test Positive

There is an outcry across the Hopi Reservation, demanding villages and residents be informed when someone in their respective communities, test positive.

They are not asking for names. All they want is to be notified when someone *tests positive in their community.*

With the increased number of phone calls to his office, FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney placed a telephone call to Phoenix Area IHS Director Ty Reidhead on Thursday, April 23 to inform him of the growing concerns.

Current protocol is: the Hopi Health Care

Center send reports to the Hopi Emergency Response Team with the number of negative/positive test results, with no demographics.

The outcry is that communities be informed when someone in their respective areas test positive—no names.

Patients recovering from coronavirus

A village member from First Mesa who tested positive for the coronavirus, is recovering and discharged to home.

The other person is still in the hospital but doing well and feeling better each day. He thanks everyone for their prayers

This is an aggressive virus and should not be taken lightly. No one is immune to Covid-19. Remember to wear your masks and remain at home to help stop the spread.

Food for Thought - There is Strength and Power in Unity

Once upon a time, there was an old man who lived in a village with his children. Although his children were good people, they quarreled all the time. The old man tried to unite them but failed.

Months passed by and the old man became sick and knew his time was nearing an end. He asked his children to remain united, but they failed to listen to him. At that moment, the old man decided to teach them a lesson; to forget their differences and come together in unity.

The old man summoned his children, then pro-

ceeded to tell them, "I will provide you with a bundle of sticks. I want you to separate the sticks and then break each stick into two. The one who finishes first will be rewarded more than the other."

And so, they agreed. The old man provided them with a bundle of ten sticks each, and then asked them to break each stick into pieces. They quickly broke the sticks within minutes, then proceeded to quarrel among themselves again.

The old man said, "My dear children, the game is not over yet. I will now give you another bundle

of sticks. Only this time, you will have to break them together as a bundle, not separately."

They readily agreed and then tried to break the bundle of sticks. But, despite trying their best, they could not break the sticks. They told the father of their failed attempts.

The old man said, "My dear children, see! Breaking every single stick individually was easy for you, but breaking them in a bundle, you could not do.

By staying united, nobody or nothing can harm or break you. If you

continue to fight and argue among yourselves, you are divided and anyone can quickly defeat you."

The old man continued, "I ask that you stay united my children. My days are coming to an end and my wish for you is to be united in strength and power.

His children then understood that there is strength and power in unity. They promised their father they would work together and not quarrel with each other.

Moral of the Story: There is Strength and Power in Unity.

FREE TUTORING
available for k-12 students

Call FMCV for scheduling.

Tutors: Daniel & Jacob Lim
former HHS students

THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to post news or information in the paper, send articles to the FMCV Office. During this time of social distancing, we will publish your shout-outs: Birthdays, Congratulations, etc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEO

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- WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK**
- WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY FOR 20 SECS.**