



## Kin Dah Łichíí' community served with sixth regional food distribution with St. Mary's, Council Delegate Vince James' help

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PHOTO: Council Delegate Vince James delivers diapers and baby wipes from his truck to a Kinlichee resident at the St. Mary's distribution on Monday, Jun. 22. Essential baby supplies were provided to James on behalf of John's Hopkins University.

**KINLICHEE, Ariz.** — Council Delegate Vince R. James (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat) teamed up with St. Mary's Food Bank, Johns Hopkins University and Steamboat resident Glenda Wheeler and to deliver food, water, and essential supplies to sustain approximately 700 families around the Kin Dah Łichíí' (Kinlichee) community on Monday, Jun. 22.

"It is my goal to ensure that our community members are fed for at least the next few weeks. This is important because the Navajo Nation weekend curfews are now back into effect," said Delegate James.

St. Mary's Food Bank, based in Phoenix, has expanded their donated food distribution operations on the Navajo Nation in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Delegate James thanked St. Mary's Food Bank for the sixth large food in his district. Each family received food boxes that included water, juice, fresh produce, and meat. The drive-up distribution was located in front of the Kinlichee Chapter House.

Volunteers also distributed diapers and baby wipes to families from the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. The supplies were part of John Hopkin’s goal of improving the health and well-being of the 140 tribal communities they serve.

“This is the third time I’ve worked with Delegate James, and it means everything to know he has my back,” said distribution organizer Glenda Wheeler. “He cares about his people in the communities he is from.”

The 24th Navajo Nation Council and the Office of the Speaker encourage able volunteers to reach out to front line coordinators via phone or email to find out how they can safely assist their fellow community members.

Navajo citizens are also reminded that front line workers are first responders and to be mindful of Navajo Nation curfews aimed at protecting the Navajo People from the spread of COVID-19.

Delegate James represents the communities of Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat on the 24th Navajo Nation Council. The Council carries out legislative oversight and related functions on behalf of 110 Navajo Nation chapter communities.

More information about the current COVID-19 pandemic on the Navajo Nation can be found at [www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/covid-19](http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/covid-19).



PHOTO: Local residents line up outside Kinlichee Chapter house to receive food, water, and essential items.

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