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# David Charles Cross Country Event

Written By: Elmer Yazzie, High School Art Teacher/Cross Country Coach

Introduction By: Elizabeth Lynch, Advanemcent Assistant

*The weekend of September 7th, the annual David Charles Cross Country Meet was held at Rehoboth Christian School. Thirty-three schools from New Mexico and Arizona, including 750 students participated. The event is held each Fall and is named in honor of former student and coach, David Charles who passed away in 1988. Family members including his parents, Ted and Evelyn Charles attended the meet. Cited by the Gallup Independent, Ted Charles said of his son, "Running was part of who he is as a Navajo. He was just at one with the environment he ran in and it made him a lot of friends. One of the things about him was that he was competitive but leaving it all on the course; after the race he'd go back to being friendly and lovable."*

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for his final year in high school and ran his heart out in both cross country and track. David placed third at the New Mexico State track meet.

After graduation in 1987, he attended a vocational technical school in Phoenix, AZ and received his certification in Diesel Mechanics September of 1988. David then returned to Gallup and was hired as a Diesel Mechanic at the 76 Truckstop. When David was nineteen years old on October 7, 1988 he was involved in a car accident five miles outside of Santa Fe, NM on his way to Denver, CO. David was everything a coach could ever ask for.

He was hard working and dedicated to his training, team, school, and friends. Above all, he was dedicated to the God he served.

David J Charles was born in California in 1969 and was raised in Gallup, New Mexico. He attended Rehoboth for all twelve years of his education. His love of running began at an early age and continued through his high school years. David played soccer and was on the track team at Rehoboth. In track, he participated in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meters events. He was a dedicated runner and participated in many of the surrounding 5k and 10k races. He also ran a half marathon in Albuquerque, NM. All this led to his desire to enter a full marathon in Long Beach, CA. Unfortunately, he suffered a setback when he collapsed in training. It was a big disappointment, but he still attended the opening day festivities where he met world class runners. After his setback, he trained



# Presidential Campaign 2020: Mark Charles

Written By: Bob Ippel, Executive Director

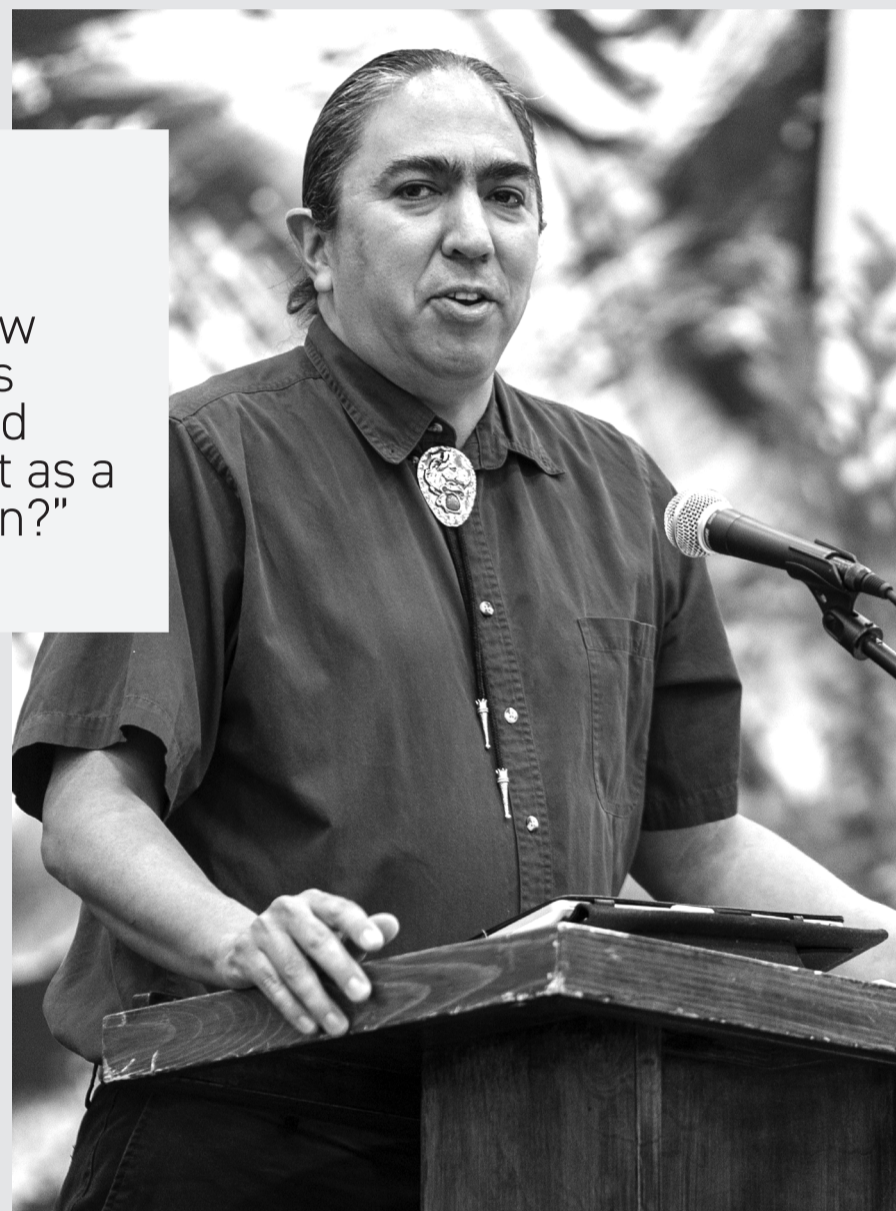
**Mark Charles**, Rehoboth alumnus of 1989, is running for the President of the United States. He recently participated in a presidential forum in Des Moines, Iowa. Following the two day event, Esquire Magazine shared an article entitled *Elizabeth Warren Was Well-Received at the Native American Presidential Forum. Mark Charles Was the Main Event*. Why is Mark running? In a recent interview with Jack Jenkins of Religious News Service Mark stated, "I've come to the conclusion that the United States of America needs a national dialogue on race, gender and class. But I didn't know how to make the nation talk about it. I concluded that the best way to get there is to use the presidential election cycle because every four years we have a dialogue about who we are and where we're going."

After graduating from Rehoboth Christian School and UCLA Mark and his family moved from Denver, CO to the Navajo Nation. Ever since he left for college and especially as he began raising a family he began to realize the importance of understanding who he was and where he came from. He wanted to understand and speak the Navajo language and to become familiar with Navajo culture and the traditional way of life. He wanted to reclaim what so many of his ancestors had been robbed of by the pressure to fit into western society.

His heart increasingly ached as he became more and more aware of the injustices towards the Native peoples in the past-- especially when so much was cloaked in 'Christianity' which seemed to have nothing to do with the Jesus Mark had learned to follow. He reflected on the pressure for converted Native Americans to transform not into Christ's likeness- but into an American likeness. He asks, *"What does it mean to be Native, to be Navajo and be Christian? What does it mean to follow Jesus? Not as an assimilated American, but as a Navajo person? ... It's what challenged me to begin to critique the teachings of the church and the things I had always assumed for so long. The question you have to ask is: We have this Doctrine of Discovery that says "invade, search out, capture, vanquish and subdue all Saracens and pagans whatsoever." How do you get to that from the teachings of Jesus?"* (Mark Charles and the Need for Creating Common Memory, Religious News Service, September 11, 2019)

Creating dialogue regarding the injustices against people of color has been part of Mark's calling during the past years. Whether through his blog, [wirelesshogan.com](http://wirelesshogan.com) or through his many speaking

engagements, Mark has consistently challenged Americans and particularly Christians to confess and repent of past wrongdoings regarding race, gender and class. Mark's challenge will continue with his upcoming book *Unsettling Truths- The Ongoing Dehumanizing Legacy of Doctrine of Discovery* which will be released in 2019. Mark will continue to challenge his audiences to understand the desperate need for the United States to include all people in the phrase *"We the people"* as used in the Constitution of the United States.



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**Mark Charles**  
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You can follow Mark's campaign at [www.markcharles2020.com](http://www.markcharles2020.com) or on his blog at [www.wirelesshogan.blogspot.com](http://www.wirelesshogan.blogspot.com)

# See the Story, Live the Story

During my life I have had the privilege of being in several plays or musicals. Usually sometime during the season of rehearsals leading up to the production I would have a dream in which I was ready to go on stage but could not remember my lines. Often I would not even know what the production was about- but I needed to step out in front of the crowd and be part of the story. I guess it was more of a nightmare than a dream.

“See the Story, Live the Story” is Rehoboth’s invitation for students to get to know God’s story and to help nurture and empower them as they take up their role in it. Students must understand the plot of what has already happened so that they can step into the ongoing acts of God’s drama. Christian theologian NT Wright suggests that we need to know God’s story well so that we can participate with “consistency and innovation.” The rich drama of God’s unfolding love, grace and restoration is something we want our students to both experience and be a part of as actors in God’s kingdom- not just upon graduation but in their living today. Our prayer is that students will be able to approach life with confidence instead of fear- because they know the Story of which they are a part.

Bob Ippel  
Executive Director



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## Dally Carlisle: Champion Showman

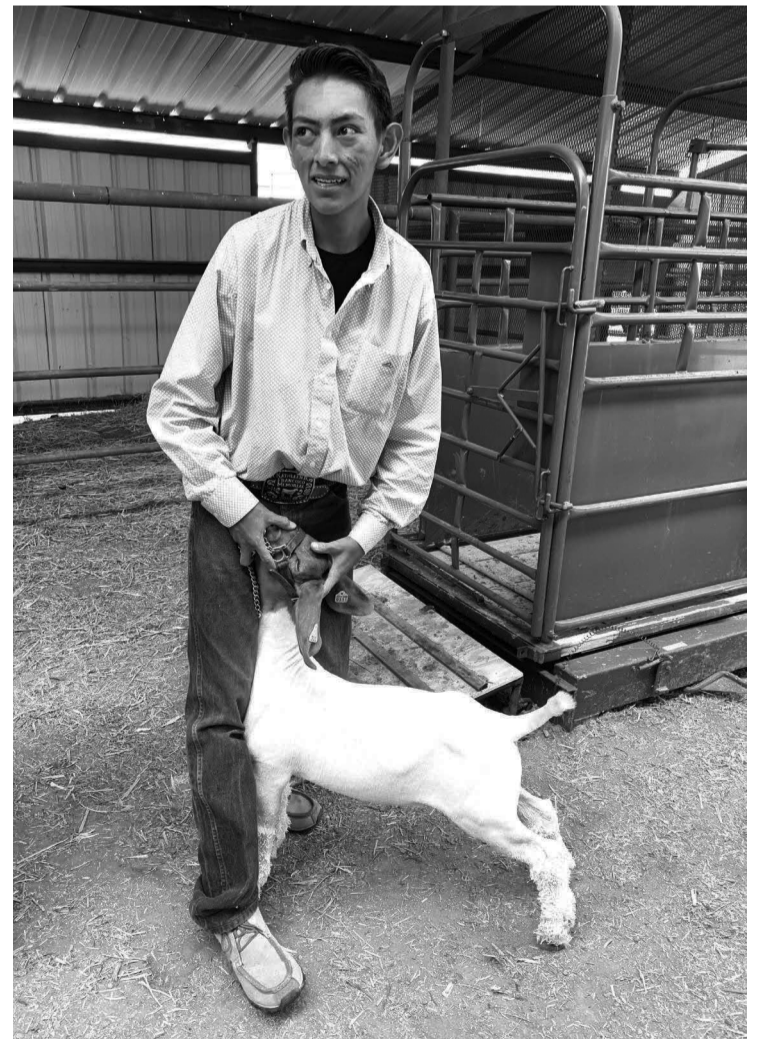
Written By: Charles Udeh, Advancement Officer

Meet Rehoboth student, Dally Carlisle, who in third grade began to dream about becoming an amazing sheep showman. He mapped out his goals and worked tirelessly towards achieving them. Dally invests himself in a lot of hard, competitive work.

His daily schedule starts with waking up at 4:00 am to wash, rinse, and blow-dry his lambs. He runs 1.5 miles with his lambs to keep them in shape, he feeds them, goes on another morning run with his dad, and comes home to clean the pens and check water buckets, all in good time to head out to school. Dally is passionate about his animals and he spends a lot of time on them when he’s not in school or working on an assignment. The multiple champion showman’s biggest support is his family. His mother, Audrey Carlisle and his father Donovan Carlisle, the maintenance supervisor at Rehoboth Christian School always set aside time to attend Dally’s competitions.

Following in his footsteps is his younger sister Dylane, who has also bagged several awards in the junior showmanship categories. She also makes time after school to train her lambs for the showmanship.

Dally loves to invest himself and his knowledge into growing younger children not only to be excellent showmen but also in how to properly care for the animals. Dally hopes to study Agricultural Extension Work at Allan Junior College and then proceed to Texas A&M University. His dream is to be a Navajo Livestock Judge.



# 2019–2020 Staff Update



## Alex DenBleyker

Alex is a Pre-K Assistant. He was raised in the Rehoboth community, while his father worked in maintenance at Rehoboth, his grandparents were Juke and Net DenBleyker. Alex loves motorcycles and enjoys working at Rehoboth because he thinks the staff members are awesome to work with.



## Michael Baldonado

Michael is a Sixth Grade Teacher and enjoys spending time with his family in the outdoors. He is very excited to be a part of the Rehoboth community and is looking forward to taking part in the place based education program, “High Desert Horizons” with Christ at its center.



## Elizabeth Nakai

Elizabeth is a Pre-K Assistant and enjoys spending time with her family, taking care of her livestock and riding her horses. She admires the culture and values of Rehoboth because it ensures growth and success in every person on campus. She applied to work at Rehoboth because of the welcoming atmosphere that the staff and students provide to the community.



## Howard Redhouse Jr

Howard is the high school Navajo Language Teacher. He loves music and playing the guitar. His expectations and desires for this year at Rehoboth is to teach Navajo culture through the sacred Navajo language. Howard was a student at Rehoboth in the late 50's and appreciates the journey and process Rehoboth has been through.



## Jonathon Terborg

Jonathon is our new Director of Operations. He and his wife, Rachel, and their children came from the Chicago area. Jonathon loves music and the great outdoors. His brother, Steve Terborg, told Jonathon about the position, and thought it would be a good fit. Jonathon and Rachel prayed about it and asked God to guide them in their decision. They realized that God was leading them to serve Him here and are grateful for the opportunity. Jonathon's goal for this year is to learn this vast position and all of its duties as quickly as possible and to maintain a wonderful, and safe learning environment at Rehoboth.



## Rachel Terborg

Rachel and her family came to Rehoboth after her husband accepted his new role here as the Director of Operations. Currently, she is working as the school nurse. She enjoys reading, taking walks/hikes with the family, and working out. She is excited to see what God's plans are for her at Rehoboth and hopes to help everyone have a happy, healthy school year!

# Welcome New Rehoboth Staff!



## Monica Davis

Monica is serving Rehoboth as the Head Cook. She received her Culinary Arts Degree at Western Culinary Institute and comes to Rehoboth with 18 years of cooking experience. Monica sensed God was guiding her here, she was looking and praying for a job and God opened doors for her to be here. Her favorite thing about the job is the kids and helping to make school lunch “cool” again.



## Michelle Jake

Michelle is the dishwasher at the Fellowship Hall. She attended Indian Bible College and worked several jobs in the service industry, from cashier to assistant manager. Michelle believes that God wants her here to make an impact on the community of Rehoboth, and to reflect the image of Christ in her work. Michelle believes that, like Jesus, she is here to serve those around her and to help in any way she can.



## Daphne Nelson

Daphne is a Pre-K Assistant. She enjoys swimming, hiking, and scrapbooking. She hopes to create great experiences here and to make connections within the Rehoboth community.



## Elizabeth Lynch

Elizabeth graduated from Rehoboth in 2014, and went to New Mexico Highlands University to pursue a degree in Art. Graduating in 2018 with a BFA in Media Art, Liz sought out employment at Rehoboth. She never planned on coming back to Rehoboth, “But if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Liz is passionate about all things creative, and hopes to give back to the community that helped her excel as an adult and to help contribute to the work of Christ through her employment here.



## Periskila Brink

Periskila is the Director of Finance and comes to us from the Christian Reformed Church of North America office where she worked in the Finance Department. She has worked in finance, project management and marketing with many different non profit efforts throughout her life as she and her husband served in such countries as Vietnam, Indonesia, Haiti...She has worked with Samaritan Purse, World Renew and other organizations.



## Dan Meester

Dan is the high school Principal. He loves all things creative. He hopes to gain wisdom and knowledge from the people he meets here and about the amazing, unique cultures that define this community. He is passionate about learning for both teachers and students, and loves the idea of being part of a school known as a vibrant learning community. Dan hopes to help Rehoboth continually hone in on its desire and capacity to be a place of shalom for people in chaos, and to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and perspective they need to continue their work as God’s people.

# New Playground

**Written By:** Peter Ippel, Elementary and Middle School Principal

The story begins on a warm August morning with a swarm of students flooding the newly installed playground equipment at Rehoboth Christian Elementary School. As sounds of joy and delight drifted over the freshly laid pea gravel, I thought over the real story told by this playground; the story of God's faithfulness. Over many years, students and families raised money through multiple Color Run events organized by Rachael Kass. Businesses in the area and donors around the country pitched in. Teachers patiently encouraged students and went through two different selection processes to choose the new equipment. Volunteers took down the old equipment and unloaded the new equipment. Ken Zylstra and Donovan Carlisle and their family members gave two weeks of their time along with the help of parent and staff volunteers to assemble the new equipment, and spread gravel. On Tuesday, August 13, students, staff and community members gathered around the new playground and praised God for the story of His continuing faithfulness. And then those children climbed and shouted and played their part in God's story.



## Rehoboth Fine Arts Awards, Accomplishments & Needs:

### Choral Program Highlights:

During the past school year 30 students tried out and were selected for the Elementary, Youth, or High School All State Choirs.

Two Graduates from the 2019 Class are enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University and will pursue music education or performance degrees.

Upcoming Tours being planned:

- High School Choir to tour the Midwest in late March
- Cantabile Choir will head to California in February

Our High School Choir recently performed at Inauguration of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President.

Our High School Cantabile Choir performed at the Navajo Nation Fair in September.

We are blessed that Mrs. De Young continues to co-direct and accompany the choir in her "retirement".

We are thankful for the volunteers who have recently helped with the choral program:

- Bill Vander Hoven
- Eileen Denner
- Carol Peters
- Jack Ippel

### Band Program Highlights:

Individual Accomplishments from the High School Band:

- 4 band members were selected for the regional Fort Lewis College Honor Band
- Nick Louis and Isaac Zwiers both were selected for the NW New Mexico District Honor Band and the New Mexico All-State Band.
- All 9 entries for Solo and Ensemble received a rating of Excellent or Superior.

Group Awards earned by the High School Band:

- Large Group Contest - Superior Rating
- New Mexico State Band contest - Superior Rating (first Superior rating for a Rehoboth Band at the state level)
- 3rd Place Finish for Classes A-3A in competition.

Last year the band took a major tour to the Midwest. They presented a number of concerts entitled "Come to the Water".

Individual Awards from the Middle School Band:

- 6 band members tried out and made the regional Fort Lewis College Honor Band
- 7 band members were selected for the NW New Mexico District Honor Band
- All 26 solo and ensemble entries received a rating of superior or excellent.

Band Program Needs:

- Instrument repair kit - \$395
- Tuba - \$5600 (yep, they are expensive!)
- Baritone Saxophone - \$7200 (and you thought the Tuba was expensive!)
- Manhasset Model #48 Sheet Music Stands - \$42/each - 10 needed

### Elementary Music Program:

The Elementary Music Program's goal is to provide a foundation of music for the band and choral programs.

The 4th-6th grade music classes had five students accepted into the Elementary Youth All-State choir.

Elementary Music Needs:

- 2 soprano or alto Sonor Glockenspiels- \$160/each

### Drama Program Needs:

- Telescoping Microphone Boom Stand with 20FT Mic Cable & Clip- 6 Pack - \$105
- Wireless Microphone System with Headset and Lavalier Lapel Mics- \$40/ea

# Advancement Office Updates:

## Rehoboth Endowed Scholarships

Just over 20 years ago, Rehoboth was blessed to have many supporting families begin endowed scholarships. Some of these were given in memory or honor of family members, and others to provide a fund so that Rehoboth students would receive needed tuition support. Many of our donor families continue to provide additional gifts to these funds. We are then able to provide scholarships to Rehoboth families that demonstrate a financial need above and beyond our tuition assistance program.

How does it work? Initial gifts of \$10,000 (the minimum needed to begin distributions) or more are given through the Rehoboth Advancement Department. A form is provided to the family to help with naming the fund. A short history is shared with the reason this fund is to be established, and the criteria are provided for the intended scholarship recipients. Endowed Scholarship donors can be involved in the application review and selection process, or allow the Rehoboth scholarship committee to review and make selections on their behalf.

In late fall of each school year, donor families receive information on the child and family that has received their tuition scholarship. We are excited to provide opportunities, as with our Student Sponsorship Program, where Rehoboth supporters can interact with and provide encouragement to our students, whether in person, or through a written note.

If you would like more information on how you can begin a Rehoboth Endowed Scholarship, please contact Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement. Thank you for considering how you can bless Rehoboth families for generations to come!

## Tuition Assistance:

Through October 8, we have received tuition assistance gifts totalling \$362,125, or 20% of our need for the 2019-2020 school year. Our phonathon callers have begun to call supporters across the country. We hope you will take time to chat with them and learn more about Rehoboth through their personal story. As we near the calendar year-end, please consider a gift that will help us provide tuition assistance to over 75% of our students.

## Church Connections:

We are excited to connect with churches across the country to both encourage a relationship with Rehoboth and also to personally thank churches for their faithful support. We also love to share about opportunities to come to Rehoboth to volunteer or to send a group to learn and serve in our community. If your church has not had a recent Rehoboth update, or may be a new church that we can encourage, please be sure to reach out to Dave Sytsma or Ken Zylstra with contact information.

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## Gifts in Memory of:

### In Memory of Alfred Attema

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Eunice VandenBerg  
Mr. and Mrs. Victor and Rosalie Viscio  
Mr. and Mrs. David and Debra Ligtenberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Joanne Mulder  
Mrs. Anna Attema  
Rosol Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Patty Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Mario and Lareyne Tejoda  
Mrs. and Mr. Sharon and Douglas Van Diest  
Ms. Barbara Crabtree  
Rosewood CRC Faith Bible hour

### In Memory of Norma Baas

Mrs. Ruth L. Klein  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Vivian Talsma  
Mr. and Mrs. Vern and Linda VanKlompenberg

### In Memory of Andrew Bandstra

Mrs. Ruth L. Klein

### In Memory of Esparza Uarina

Mrs. Ruth L. Klein

### In Memory of Jean Huizenga

Mr. Henry Huizenga

### In Memory of Delbert James

Ms. Eunice A. James

### In Memory of Keith Kuipers

Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Nancy Stegink

### In Memory of Lorretta Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Carolyn Weeda

### In Memory of Howard Tazelaar

Mrs. Sharon K. Tazelaar

## In Memory of Patricia Vander Wal

Ms. Angela Thieman

## In Memory of Charlotte Veenstra

Dr. and Mrs. Larry and Barbara VanGenderen  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Vivian Talsma  
Mrs. Alyce Houskamp  
Mr. and Mrs. George and Sharon Visser

## In Memory of Rolf, Nella, and Charlotte Veenstra

Mr. and Mrs. George and Sharon Visser

## In Memory of Glenn Winston

Ms. Grace M. Roy  
Mr. Lambert C. Poor  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Brenda McCurdy  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Jane Mahon  
Ms. Patricia Grosvenor  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Patricia  
Mr. and Mrs. David and Jackie  
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Kim  
Ms. Janet Fogleman  
Ms. Charlotte Roberts  
Ms. Marianna Harley  
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy and Elizabeth Campbell

## In Memory of Fred Witteveen

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Judith Lubbers

Memorial List May 30, 2019 to September 19, 2019

## Thank you, Volunteers!

### Short-term Volunteers

Donald Dahm  
Sharon Sytsma  
Art and Barb Gerrits  
Ron and Judie Zwiers  
Bill VanderHoven  
Elieen Deener  
Mary Jeanne Quist  
Chrisanne Burr  
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Gary and Marcia VanEe  
John and Jo Van't Land  
Paul and Trudi Ippel  
Steve and Jan Meyers  
Bob and Barbara Bushelle  
Steve and Diane Ellens  
Doug and Mary Stringer  
Bernie and Laura Van Howe

### Long-term Volunteers

Jack and Cindy Ippel  
Denny and Ruth VanAndel  
Paul Brink  
Elsa Doornbos

### Volunteer Groups:

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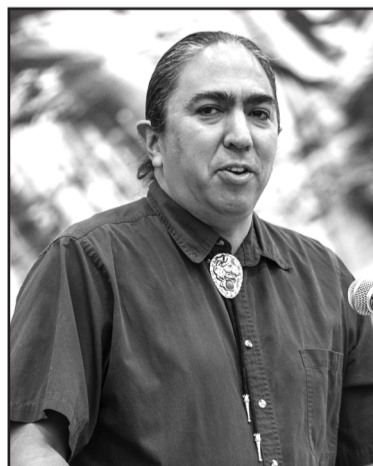
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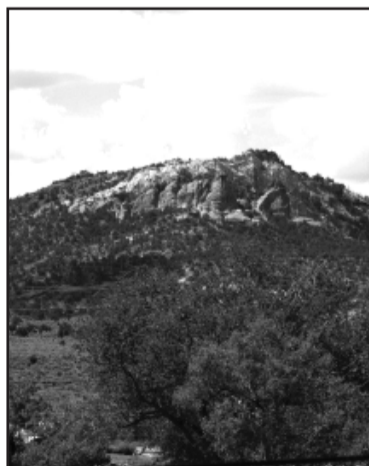
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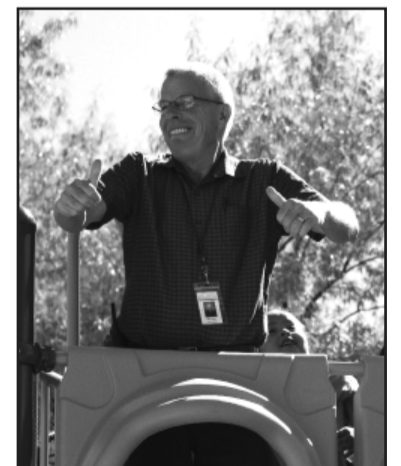
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