How can you contribute this year?

We are kindly ask you to donate by picking up a basket with our FYE Program team and fill the basket with the donation items listed below. You may also collaborate with your relatives, friends and family to help you collect donations.

We are also seeking students to volunteer their time, effort, and creativity to decorate, set up and serve food during the event and to also help clean up afterwards.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, please feel free to connect with us:

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Donation Ideas for Elders

Blankets, Throws, or Shawls
Soaps and lotions

Be mindful of common allergens and care facility rules when you are donating

Essentials
Cleaning wipes
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Nail clippers
Lip balm
Denture adhesive
Denture cleanser
Denture holders

Socks or Night Slippers

Large print books
Some elders have difficulty seeing smaller print, large print books can help seniors enjoy popular best sellers of virtually every genre.

Towels
A set of comfortable towels may be a perfect touch of home or a kind luxury often overlooked for a senior in need.

Fresh Fruit, snacks, or non-perishable food items
Be sure to check on dietary restrictions prior to donating these items.

Canned food
Peanut butter
Crackers
Canned fruit or fruit cups
Cereal
Nutrition supplements like Boost and Ensure

Games and Puzzles
Give a gift that can keep the mind active and provide hours of fun.

"Caring about others running the risk of feeling and leaving an impact on people brings happiness."

-Harold Kushner

Dine College Students!

How can you make a difference?

Learn about how you can contribute to our annual Elder Celebration!
A Brief History

The First Year Experience Program has hosted the first ever Elder Appreciation Celebration last year and the result of the event was very remarkable. We had a little over 80 elders from local communities of Tsaile, Blackrock, and Wheatfields chapters who were acknowledged during the event. The First time freshman students along with Dine College staff, faculty and local community members and outside entities were able to donate a remarkable estimate of 80 baskets to present to the elders during the appreciation celebration. The First time freshman students also contributed their time, effort and positive energy to decorate, set up and serve during the event.

Dine College Student,

You have the ability to contribute your strongest traits and abilities as a student, your curiosity to learn from others who have walked before you, to communicate and build a meaningful connection with these amazing individuals; our elders. You also have the ability to seek knowledge and understanding of our elders’ Dine teachings and cultural perspectives which will allow you to grow as an young Dine person.

The Purpose

The purpose behind the celebration is in correlation with the college’s observation of celebrating “Family Day” on November 29, 2019. The celebration is to pause in reverence, to honor our elder’s lives and the history they reflect.
October 22, 2019

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our Diné College first-time freshmen students at Tsaile campus, I would like to formally invite you to participate in our 2nd Annual Elder Appreciation Celebration on November 20, 2019. This appreciation event will be located in the Student Union Building at Tsaile Campus from 2:00-5:00 pm.

Our freshmen students and Miss Diné College will begin a coat and basket donation drive for the senior citizens of Tsaile, Blackrock and Wheatfields community. The expected number of elders is 80 and we would like to provide a gift of appreciation to each of the our grandparents.

The Elder Appreciation Celebration is a project that will ensure our students the understanding of our college mission; “Fostering social responsibility, community service and scholarly research that contribute to the social, economic and cultural well-being of the Navajo Nation.” It is a great time to pause in reverence to honor our elder’s lives and the history they reflect, prior to celebrating Diné Family Day on November 29, 2019.

We kindly ask for donations of non-perishable food items, new blankets and jackets. Items can be dropped off at Tsaile Campus, Student Success Center. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

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