



DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM FOR SELF RELIANCE



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**Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance Named National
Points of Light Award Winner**

PHOENIX, Ariz. – At a National Call to Service Ceremony at the ASU Mercado Center on Nov. 1, the Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance (NNPSR) was awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Group Award.

The award was nominated by the Fathers & Families Coalition of America and is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service administered by the Points of Light Institute.

In addition to the award, Marlinda Littleman, Senior Programs & Projects Specialist at the NNPSR was individually awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

Both the NNPSR and Littleman received certificates of achievement, an official pin and letter of congratulations from President Barack Obama.

Martin Harvier, Vice President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community addressed the recipients in attendance, “It’s an honor to be here and recognize those that serve,” said Harvier.

Harvier praised organizations that provide skills and increase the significance of a father’s role in a family structure. Harvier also commended individuals who give their time to important causes and noted that they are worthy of recognition.

Littleman, upon receiving the award on behalf of the NNPSR said, “This award motivates us and inspires our program to continue work in fatherhood.”

Littleman spoke about the NNPSR’s philosophy of *T’áá hwó ájít’éego* – the concept of doing for oneself and of the program’s approach in implementing initiatives such as fatherhood, “At the NNPSR, we also consider culture and language in our approach to fatherhood, there are also teachings that focus on our well-being within the family,” said Littleman.

The Fatherhood Initiative is one of four initiatives that the NNPSR promotes. Since the incorporation of the Fatherhood Initiative, the NNPSR has held three fatherhood conferences and is working on doing more research and assessing of the needs of Navajo fathers.

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James Rodriguez, CEO of Fathers & Families Coalition of America and Marlinda Littleman, Senior Programs & Projects Specialist pose for pictures after the Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance and Marlinda Littleman are awarded the President's Volunteer Service Group Award and the President's Volunteer Award.

Let's Honor Leaders Making a Difference in the Lives of Children and Families!



The President's Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service and is administered by the Points of Light Institute. This recognition will be awarded to Fathers & Families Coalition of America Volunteers. It is a great honor to bestow these awards after years of contributions to make children a priority, a light for many fathers, and giving strength and encouragement to organizations and peers to reduce the impacts of father absenteeism.

Lifetime National Volunteers

Narviar Barker	Edwin González-Santín
Victor Berrelez	Jeffery M. Leving
Gene C. Blue	Trent Love
Stephen E. Browning	Ramon Nieves
Raymond Capper	Kevin Poleyumptewa
Latrisha A. Centers	Geraldo Rodríguez
Richard A. Claytor	Charley Taylor
Ruth Eaton	Sherry P. Ulmer
Bevann Garnes	Lynn Wieser
Carmen Gonzales	

The President's Volunteer Service Group Award Recipients

Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc	Fathers Support Center St. Louis	Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc.
Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center	Fountain of Life	Kingdom in the Valley Christian Community Church
Bay Area Male Involvement Network	Friends Outside, Inc.	Kings Community Action Organization
California Institute of Health & Social Services, Inc.	Global Parenting Network	Korean Churches for Community Development
City & County of Denver Human Services Men Behaving Dadly	HayMarket Center	Living Stone Cathedral of Worship
CJH Education, Inc.	Hispanic Family Initiative	Lone Fathers Association Australia Inc
Clarity Creative Institute	Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry	Long Island Child and Family Development Services Inc.
Cohen & Whalen LLC	Mexican American Opportunity Foundation	Project Impact
County of Los Angeles Child Support Services Department	Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance	Recapturing the Vision, International
Cross Christian Church	New Haven Family Alliance - Male Involvement Network	Relationship Research Foundation, Inc.
Detroit Fathers and Families Coalition	Operation Life	Relationship Skills Center
Education & Assistance Corporation, Inc.	Partnership Community Action, Inc.	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
	Paving the Way Foundation	Sharon Baptist Head Start
	Pinal-Gila Community Child Services, Inc.	Straight Talk Program, Inc.
	PRINCE Chapel AME	The Dibble Institute
	Hombres de Palabra	Upstate New York Fathers and Families Coalition
		University of Southern California-Head Start

Congratulations to all Recipients!

James C. Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer & President
FATHERS & FAMILIES COALITION OF AMERICA, INC.
The Best Is Yet to Come!

National Call to Service Recipients

Sharon Aceituno	Shirley Butler-Harris
Jacqueline Adap	Rebecca Campirano
Jacky Aguilera	Rafael Caro
Evelyn Anguiano	Carl Chadband
Maribel Anguiano	Jodi Chen
Rick Apostol	Paloma Cisneros-Rodriguez
Jose Ashford	Caro Consentino
Mercedes Felix-Beltran	Lori Cruz
Alpha-Omega Curry	Gretchen Newby
Theodore Dance	Nathan O'Neal
Natalie Del Real	Alejandro Ortega
Magdalena DeLeon	Felix Ortiz
Oscar Diaz	Yaneth Ortiz
Dyann Dominguez	Lisa Paez
Shelon Douglas	Lycurus Paul
Judge Mablean Ephriam	Christine Perez
Guillermina Euchari	Doris Pineda
Ana Figueroa	Carmelita Ramirez
Juan Figueroa	Maria Ramos
Omar Figueroa	William Ramsey
Maria Vicky Garcia	Nellie Reina
Silvia Gomez	Al Reyes
Adolfo Gonzalez	Juliana Reynoso
Doris Granadeno	Maria Rodriguez
Carol Harper	Sylvia Rodriguez
Camille Allison Harris	Janet Shines
Mary Harvey	Blanca Silva
Lamar Henderson	Marlene Sotelo
Leonor Jauregui	Marysol Soto
Theresa Lara	Halbert Sullivan
Gardelia Laweka	Debora Taylor
Elizabeth Leal	Veronica Torrez
Charlene Lewis-Meeks	Leslie Valiente
Ronald B. Mincy, Sr.	Victoria Velasco
Leticia Licea	Cesar Vera
Marlinda Littleman	Zobeida Villanoeva
Betty Lou Long	Molly Weiss
Anna Lopez	Terry Weston
Johanna Mares	Gary Wieser
Tye Martin	Colleen Wilburn
Newt McDonald	Patricia Wilson-Pheanious
Judith Medina	Robin Wright-King
Gail Melone	Mario Zelaya
Marcelina Moreno	