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## Food Delivered to Navajo Families by Council Delegate Mark Freeland

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PHOTO: Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support staff, Chapter Leaders, and Council Delegate Mark Freeland deliver food to an elder of the Eastern Agency.

**STANDING ROCK, N.M.** — Earlier today, 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate Mark Freeland joined chapter leaders and Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS) staff to deliver food to the elderly from the Eastern Agency before the Christmas holiday.

15 families from the Náhodishgish and Standing Rock Chapters received a care package as the Navajo Nation prepares for a cold winter this year. The Rotary Clubs of Del Norte and Del Sol of Albuquerque, N.M., partnered with Delegate Freeland to get the food donations last week.

“Our elders are important to us and we must take good care of them as colder months are coming. My chapters send their appreciation to the Rotary Club members for being great partners as we deliver food and essential items to our most vulnerable families on the Navajo Nation. We thank Mr. Emerson Tully and our DALTCS staff for being on the frontlines to assist our grandmas and grandpas. Working hand in hand, we will overcome this pandemic,” said Council Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Lake Valley, Náhodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint).

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Over the last two years, members of the Navajo Nation Council have worked with their chapters to deliver personal protective equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, and food packages to the Navajo people.

“The Council commends Honorable Mark Freeland for his hard work in coordinating several food donation drives this year. Since July, he has been working with local chapter officials and several community programs to haul over 50 truckloads of firewood for our elderly. Our Council Delegates are working in their communities to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. We will defeat COVID-19 together as a stronger Navajo Nation and it will take all of us,” added Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh).

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