TO OUR TRIBAL FAMILY:



I am sure you will agree the last few years have been a challenge for all of us as we have battled COVID and the pressures to protect and provide for ourselves. Our road has been especially bitter and has tested our resolve to stand as a "Proud Nation" as we defend our place among other Tribes in a critical, cynical

and treacherous landscape. It is time for us to help ourselves collectively and look to each other for respect and honor of our traditional values and our way of life. We can only accomplish this by working together as a Tribal Community and locking step with clear goals, fresh ideas, and solid solutions that are putting our confidence in our ability to win this battle for acknowledgment not only as a Tribe but as individuals and families.

The Aqua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians, Inc. Nonprofit would like to invite you to share in our journey together with your support and blessings. We have launched a new website with many features including Tribal news, announcements, current and ongoing business and an online store to help with our expenses. We welcome all who would like to volunteer to help with our nonprofit fundraisers as well as letter writing. When many hands help the load is lighter for all!

We honor you and your families and ask sincerely for you all to consider what is possible with hard work and a generous spirit. Our nonprofit board members welcome your suggestions and ideas as we grow and appreciate your participation. All board members serve as <u>unpaid</u> volunteers.

Small personal donations to a nonprofit constitute 70% of total funds collected statistically with 30% coming from corporate donors. We ask for you to consider the value our heritage and what it means to each of you. We will welcome and appreciate your contribution <u>no matter how small</u> to our fund as we save and work on a path to Tribal independence. <u>All contributions are tax deductible.</u>

We have made it very convenient to accept all donations by electronic debit on our website: cupeno.org With your help, we can succeed in establishing our place in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians, Inc. Nonprofit