



Mission of Love



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Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce

2009

Kola Award

Kathleen M. Price

" Mission of Love Foundation"

Given to a friend (Kola) of the Chamber who has generously supported our efforts of economic growth on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Thank you for your support with the Visitor Center

Kyle, South Dakota.

On June 4, 2009, in a special ceremony, the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, serving the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, recognized Kathleen Price, Founder/Director, Mission of Love, Youngstown, Ohio, by awarding the prestigious KOLA award, in recognition of her tireless work to aid the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation by providing homes and buildings for Lakota Indians.

Kathleen was recognized for her unconditional contributions by providing homes for children and their families who are victims of the disparaging social and economic conditions that continue to prevail on the Reservation. In receiving her recognition, Kathleen, spoke of her recognition and the needs of the people, and of, helping those who have exhausted all possible opportunities of obtain much needed and suitable dwellings.

In presenting the award, Ivan Sorbel, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the great need to develop a viable social and economic base for the 45,000 people living on the Pine Ridge Reservation, but that the efforts to accomplish the work can only be realized by people like Kathleen who are willing to take the risks by working from the grassroots level upward.



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OPEN HOUSE AT THE RANCH

People came from the all directions to celebrate the Grand Opening of the newly finished Chamber of Commerce building at the Lakota Prairie Ranch in Kyle, S.D. AND what an extraordinary day it was! The two wings of the building come with a long history, it had been living quarters for the airmen at Ellsworth Air force Base for some time and were given to the Housing Authority in Pine Ridge SD. The obvious thrust behind the creation of this beautiful mark that put Lakota Prairie Ranch on the map is Mission of Love. Kathleen Price, Director of Mission of Love and Rusty Puckett as well as all the dedicated and loyal volunteers of Mission of Love have made this an awesome example of love in action.

Yes, there is energy to muscle work and time that these volunteers have in common that has brought to reality to this place that will house the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Center, The Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots Office and the Badlands Head start. People of the reservation know only full well how hard it is to find good office space to do their work to meet the needs of the people in this area.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I extend my congratulations to Kathleen Price as she received her Kola Award presented to her on this day. She, and all her volunteers do deserve the recognition and award given them. They do give of their time, energy and work into providing for the Lakota People a display of compassion which says "I am my brothers' keeper."

In conclusion, I only ask that you keep on keeping on, because you give us hope.

I remain respectfully,

Patricia Catches The Enemy

Lakota

Pine Ridge, SD