



# Mission of Love



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**This is the motto of the Mission of Love Foundation from Youngstown, Ohio. Mission of Love volunteers were on a building mission on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in July when the home of Varden and Mary Fast Wolf burnt to the ground. We, together watched all of their earthly possessions turn to ashes. There were no fire trucks, no hoses, no firemen.....no food, water, clothes. We were to return back to Ohio and California the next day after completing a school that had been requested by Chief Big Foot, one hundred and twenty seven years ago. Know the many of the volunteers that built the Lakota Circle Village, ( language Immersion school in Oglala, SD) were from the Fast Wolf Family. We reassured our friends of eleven years that we would be back to rebuild their adopted family a home. Three weeks later a team of Mission of Love volunteers appeared and thru the help of many, our mission of love was accomplished. Cash donations, food, clothes, building material, plumbers, house movers, a complete 53 foot trailer arrived from Youngstown, Ohio with complete furnishings and building material and a wood burner stove was donated and loaded from the Mission of Love warehouse prior to the Mission of Love volunteers air departure to Red Shirt, SD. ( The poorest community in our entire United States )**

**44,000 pounds of aid was donated, accumulated, sorted and packed to service this family in need. The trailer traveled 1300 miles. We were able to purchase homes that were at the Ellsworth Air base and thru the home moving company, Medicine Root Development, Rusty Puckett and Jeff Stygles moved both of these homes, 200 miles in two days. This work of love was donated by Medicine Root Development. While waiting for the homes to arrive, the Mission of Love volunteers and the Fast Wolf family were making holes so that the ten foot posts would hold the homes when they arrived. In the past the Mission of Love has built 12 homes similar like this on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as well as seven homes for the Katrina victims in Louisiana. Paint was donated by Medicine Root Development with all of the supplies to properly paint the interior of the homes. In a matter of four short days, the homes were set on the foundation, in place, roofs joined, decks placed and a adjoining hallway was placed on the interior walls of the homes were freshly painted. The family now has six bedrooms, and 4 baths. Butch from Butch's Plumbing, Martin, South Dakota is donating his crews services to make sure all the plumbing needs are met. Howard Boyle also donated his services for the electricity. Brenda Fauth, Business Manager of the Courtesy Subaru, made sure that are needs were met for our arrival and transportation while on the Reservation for the week. Michael @ Ace Discount Lumber Mart in Rapid City, SD were truly supportive in helping this family in need. Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort Pine Ridge Reservation, accommodated the Mission of Love volunteers, making it as though it was home for each and every one of us. The need is great and the work of love must continue for the Fast Wolf family.**

**Please know that you too can make a difference and your chance is now. Our Mission of Love is all about being of service for the children in need. The Fast Wolf children were in**



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**need when Mary and Varden adopted them ( all twenty of them ) and now are in need to rebuild their home.**

**We must remember the children, who too are hurting by their loss and security. After all, isn't that a teaching of the Lakota elders to always service the children, for they must come first.**

**Thank you to all of you who have made that difference to the Fast Wolf Family.**

**You know who you are, and know that you truly have mended and healed many hearts of the little ones, who have been forgotten by most.**

**With sincere appreciation and gratitude,**

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Dear Mission of Love,

Well once again, Mission of Love came to our rescue. First of all, they had already built us, 2 bedrooms and a huge living room - in which we will surely miss, because all of our children had their space to play. Now we had a disaster on July 29 and boy that was a great loss. We lost everything! The children lost all of their toys and clothes. Our family lost all of our photo's.....know that we made it out of our home with just the clothes on our back's. I still feel sick about the fire, but I have to be strong for my children.

Mission of Love was here on the REZ doing touch ups on the Lakota Circle Village School, so when the fire happened I called Kathy and she and the Mission of Love volunteers came right out to see us. I was very happy to see them, in our time of need. Know that they are my family and I love each and every one of them. Kathy left a few days later and started working immediately on our house plans and began gathering things to replace what we had lost. I will always be so thankful for all the help and hard work that they put into making this possible for our family. Our thanks also goes to our friend, Rusty Puckett.

God Bless each and every one of you.

From the Fast Wolf Family  
Red Shirt  
Pine Ridge Reservation, SD