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New Chinle nursing home facility dedicated as the "Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home"

PHOTO: Council Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye, Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez, former Navajo Nation President Albert Hale, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc. Board of Directors, and Chinle Nursing Home administrator Wayne Claw during the dedication ceremony of the "Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home" on Dec. 27, 2018 in Chinle, Ariz.

CHINLE, Ariz. – On Thursday, Council Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye (Lukachukai, Rock Point, Round Rock, Tsaile/Wheatfields, Tsé Ch' izhi) attended a dedication ceremony for the new Chinle nursing home facility, also known as the "Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home," in Chinle, Ariz. The new facility located east of the Chinle Comprehensive Care Center.

The late Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. served as a member of the Navajo Nation Council, a community leader and advocate, and voluntarily gave his family's grazing permit to construct the original Chinle Comprehensive Care Center and Chinle Nursing Home.

On Feb. 16, the Navajo Nation Council approved resolution CF-15-18, which provided $4.2 million in supplemental funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to assist with the construction of the Chinle Nursing Home facility.

Delegate BeGaye commended his colleagues of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council for approving a bill to provide the new nursing home to help Navajo elders, particularly those who do not want to reside in nursing homes off the Navajo Nation.

"Today is a memorable day, because we get to celebrate a nursing home facility that is built on our sacred homelands. Our Navajo elders do not have to travel and stay at off-reservation nursing homes to receive care services," said Delegate BeGaye.

The new $25 million nursing facility consists of 80 beds, physical therapy and recreational areas, administrative offices, visitation rooms, fully equipped bathrooms, courtyard, and a cafeteria. The facility will also house a Starbucks within the lobby area.

Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc. Board president Quincy Natay and Chinle Nursing Home administrator Wayne Claw commended the 23rd Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Housing Authority for their support to fund the nursing home facility.

"Many of our Navajo elders stay in nursing homes in border towns. Many of our elders want and need to stay within their homelands to feel the comfort of their families and natural environment," said Natay.

Also in attendance was Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez, former Navajo Nation President Albert Hale, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc. board of directors, Arviso Construction, and Chinle Chapter officials.

The "Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home" will be open in January 2019.

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