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Navajo President Shelly Breaks Ground for New Apartment Complex

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and Navajo First Lady Martha Shelly (left center) participated in a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday for a new apartment complex that is expected to have 10 two bedroom apartments for employees of the Chinle Nursing Home.

CHINLE, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly helped break ground for a new apartment complex during a ceremony in Chinle Wednesday morning.

“We need to take care of our elderly. They are important and we need to keep them happy,” President Shelly said, “With this building we have to make the foundation strong, like that of our elders. They have a strong foundation and this building must be like that.”

When complete, the complex will have 10 two-bedroom apartments available for employees of the Chinle Nursing Home. Nearly 40 people attended the groundbreaking.

“We need to take care of our elders because they hold the knowledge of our culture and language. We have to make sure we keep them on the Navajo Nation so I support the efforts of the Chinle Nursing Home,” President Shelly said during his speech, which was mostly in Navajo.
Weller Architects of Albuquerque, N.M. designed the apartment complex.

“It takes a lot of effort, a lot of work to do this,” Chinle Chapter President Andy Ayze said, “You have good leadership.”

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