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Council celebrates renovation of Oak Springs and Pine Springs Chapter facility

Oak Springs and Pine Springs Chapter officials celebrate the completion of the newly renovated chapter facility.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, Speaker Crystalyne Curley (Tachee/Blue Gap, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tselani/Cottonwood, Low Mountain) and Resources and Development Committee Chair Brenda Jesus (Oaksprings, St. Michaels) joined the Oak Springs and Pine Springs Chapters to celebrate the completion of a major chapter renovation during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Speaker Curley commended the persistence and foresight of chapter staff and leadership in creating a facility that will serve the community for years to come.

"Projects like this start at the chapter level through chapter resolutions," she said. "They come to fruition through the pressure of leadership who look ahead to nurturing the next generation of leaders. Thank you for thinking of them."

The renovation includes a 6,260-square-foot expansion featuring a commercial kitchen, showers, an assembly area, restrooms, storage rooms, a mechanical room, and a new main entrance to support essential community needs. The project was funded through $4 million in Síhasin Fund allocations secured by former Council Delegate Jonathan Hale for the Oak Springs and St. Michaels Chapters, along with $2.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding allocated by former Council Delegate Edison Wauneka and approved under Council Resolution CJN-29-22.

Speaker Curley noted that projects like the Oak/Pine Springs renovation and the newly completed St. Michaels Chapter facility have fully expended the chapter's allocated ARPA Delegate Regional project funding.

"While many chapters and departments are trying to spend down their ARPA dollars, this chapter has pushed a critical project to completion by utilizing those funds," said Speaker Curley.

Chair Jesus emphasized her commitment to supporting the communities she represents. "With whatever I have and can do, I want to help the communities I represent," she said.

She also thanked former Council Delegates Jonathan Hale and Edison Wauneka for their early efforts to secure funding, along with former chapter officials, coordinators, and staff whose work helped bring the two chapters a renovated home. Wauneka and Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya both attended the event.

"I'm thankful to see these chapters celebrate a nicely renovated facility. Let's continue to work hard and plan for our future generations as they prepare to be the next leaders," said Chair Jesus.

Students from Pine Springs Day School opened the celebration by performing the Pledge of Allegiance. The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its appreciation to the Oak Springs and Pine Springs Chapters for their dedication to strengthening community spaces and congratulates them on the successful completion of their renovated chapter facility.

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