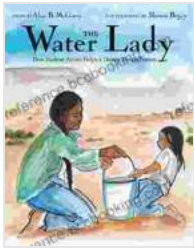


Darlene Arviso: A Water Warrior for the Navajo Nation



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A Life Dedicated to Service

In the heart of the arid Navajo Nation, where water is a precious commodity, a beacon of hope shines brightly in the form of Darlene Arviso. As the founder and CEO of DigDeep, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to clean water, she has tirelessly worked to alleviate water scarcity and improve the health and well-being of countless lives.

Arviso's story is one of unwavering dedication and humanitarian spirit. Growing up on the Navajo reservation, she witnessed firsthand the struggles faced by her community due to water shortage. Seeing the impact of contaminated water on her family and neighbors ignited a fire within her, driving her to seek solutions.



Digging Deep for Solutions

In 2005, Arviso founded DigDeep as a response to the Navajo Nation's water crisis. The organization's mission is to bring clean and reliable water to remote communities that lack access to safe drinking water.

DigDeep's approach is comprehensive, involving a range of innovative solutions tailored to the unique challenges faced by the Navajo Nation. The organization partners with local communities, tribal leaders, and other non-profits to identify the most effective means of water delivery. This includes drilling wells, building water storage tanks, and implementing rainwater harvesting systems.

Arviso's leadership has been instrumental in the organization's success. She has secured partnerships with major corporations, foundations, and government agencies, bringing substantial resources to the Navajo Nation. Her ability to build relationships and unite diverse stakeholders has been crucial to the implementation of DigDeep's projects.

Transforming Lives

The impact of DigDeep's work on the Navajo Nation has been profound. By providing access to clean water, the organization has improved the health and sanitation of countless lives. Waterborne diseases, such as diarrhea and gastroenteritis, have decreased significantly, leading to a healthier population.

Moreover, the availability of water has empowered the Navajo community. Women and children, who were previously responsible for hauling water long distances, now have more time for education, work, and community activities. Families are able to grow their own food and livestock, enhancing their food security and economic well-being.



DigDeep's water tanks provide a lifeline to remote Navajo communities

Arviso's dedication to her community has earned her numerous accolades and recognition. In 2020, she was named a MacArthur Fellow, receiving a prestigious "genius grant" for her groundbreaking work in water justice. She has also been recognized by the United Nations for her contributions to the global fight against water scarcity.

A Thirst for Change

Darlene Arviso's story is an inspiration to us all. It shows the transformative power of one person's determination and the importance of collaboration in addressing pressing social issues. Her tireless efforts have brought hope

and dignity to countless lives, proving that even in the face of adversity, change is possible.

As the Navajo Nation continues to face water challenges, Arviso and DigDeep remain committed to their mission. They are working to expand their reach and bring clean water to even more remote communities, ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.

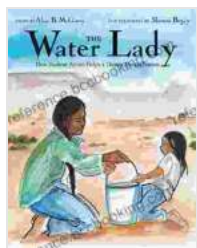
Join the Movement

If you are inspired by Darlene Arviso's story, there are many ways you can support her work. You can donate to DigDeep, volunteer your time, or spread the word about their mission. Together, we can join forces to quench the thirst of the Navajo Nation and create a more just and equitable world for all.

About DigDeep

DigDeep is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to clean water in the United States. The organization focuses on indigenous communities, such as the Navajo Nation, where water scarcity is a serious issue.

To learn more about DigDeep and how you can support their work, please visit their website: <https://www.digdeepwater.org>



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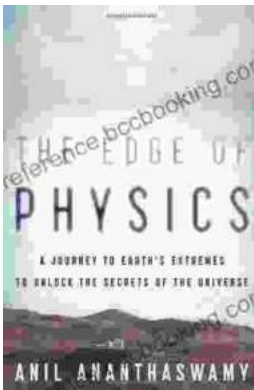
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