HELLO TRIBAL MEMBERS,

The May tornados caused severe damage and devastation for the communities of Little Axe, Shawnee, Bethel, Moore, and Carney. It was amazing to see how many people here and out of state came together to help and support all the people affected. I was answering phones at the Resource Center and it was never ending with all the help people were giving. I had people that I had talked to come in from out of state with so many donations, and staying to help out where ever needed.

Asaycia Clayton was great at inventorying everything that was donated, Brad Jackson who coordinated the cleanup crews and people who came in to volunteer their services to help. Jackie Denny, Anthony Johnson, Eddie Brokeshoulder, Treasurer Deere, Becky Prewett, Donna Butler, Linda Day, Secretary Reed, and so many others who unconditionally helped to make sure the victims of the tornados got what they needed, were truly a blessing. It was amazing how many people from everywhere were opening their hearts and giving in every area possible. As trucks, trailers, cars, and vans came in people were right there to help get them unloaded.

High school students, college students, families, young people, and even elder people volunteered to help.

I got to work with Lisa Mize from the Oklahoma Defense Force who was just awesome in getting her group out to the people that really needed them. Pastor Tommy was a person I was in continual contact with who sent donations and aided to get things here the crews needed such as, gloves, rakes, shovels, tarps, tools, car seats, diapers, you name it. He made sure the things needed got here and even sent people from out of state to get things here.

I will never forget that experience and am thankful I was a small part in helping so many in their time of need. I want to thank you all for helping so unselfishly.

May God Bless You All.

Respectfully,
Arlene Herrera