



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **“Third Annual ‘Julie’s Helpers’ Scholarship Awards”**

Before her passing from a brain tumor in December of 2009, Julie Meadows and her family got all kinds of practical help from friends, the community and fellow church members, organized as ‘Julie’s Helpers.’ Launched in May 2011, the Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship Fund seeks to provide, annually, the kind of practical help that Julie would have been proud of. Wife, mother of two young sons, respected LANL staffer, active member of Alpha Zeta Chapter of her Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and member of White Rock Presbyterian Church, Julie had been tireless in doing good. Shortly before being stricken with the tumor, she had been especially moved to encourage and help young Navajo women which is turn is now the aim of the scholarship established in her memory.



The recipient of this year’s \$2,500 Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship is Samantha Lee, a junior at New Mexico State in Las Cruces majoring in pre-nursing. Samantha wrote to the scholarship committee that she aspires to become a public health nurse “to educate, and provide direct health care service for disease prevention in my Navajo community.” She hopes to “be seen as a role model to other Native American girls and women to complete and receive college education”.

this year for \$1,000 to Krysten Willie, a junior majoring in electrical engineering at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. She also aspires to be a positive role model for young Native American girls in her community as a practicing electrical engineer.

For information about the scholarship, click on ‘Julie’s Helpers’ at the WRPC website: [www.wrpchurch.com](http://www.wrpchurch.com).



Enjoy authentic Navajo frybread and Navajo tacos, prepared by the scholarship’s Navajo partners, at the second annual Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship Navajo Taco Sale on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm, at Ashley Pond (in conjunction with the Gordon’s summer concert and the kickoff for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life); all proceeds from the taco sale benefit the scholarship.