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“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



VALENTINA DAWN CHEE

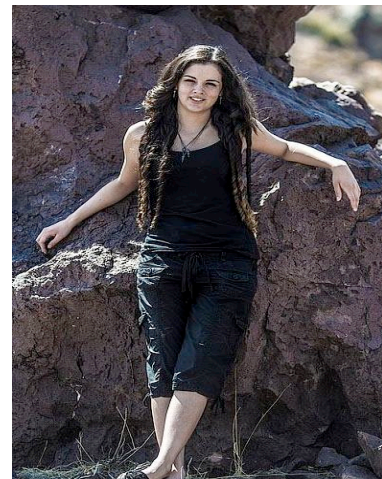
member of White Rock Presbyterian Church, Julie had been tireless in doing good. Shortly before being stricken with the tumor, she had been especially moved to encourage and help young Navajo women which is turn is now the aim of the scholarship established in her memory.

The recipient of this year’s \$2,500 Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship is Valentina Dawn Chee, a junior at the University of New Mexico majoring in nutrition/dietetics. Valentina wrote to the scholarship committee that she aspires to serve the people of the Navajo Nation through community workshops on the nutrition and lifestyle choices that will help overcome type 2 diabetes, an epidemic in her community. This

summer Valentina is working at New Mexico State University as a lab assistant, participating in cancer research, applying microbiology techniques. She hopes this will further her lifelong goals of improving the health of her Navajo people.

The scholarship committee is also excited to announce a second award this year of \$750 to Celine Yazzie Olson, who is a sophomore at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Celine hopes to become a civil engineer to help the Navajo Nation improve roadways, water systems and residences. Her commitment to attend summer school as well as fall and spring semesters at New Mexico Tech is an example of her work ethic and commitment to her goal of getting all the classes she needs in geotechnical, hydrology/drainage and structural engineering.

The Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship Committee will be sponsoring a raffle of beautiful hand-crafted Navajo weaving and jewelry at the summer concerts held at Ashley Pond on July 26 and August 23. The Los Alamos community and visitors are invited to stop by the JHMS booth during the concerts and see the jewelry and rug, visit with the scholarship committee members and support this scholarship by purchasing raffle tickets. Donations can also be made to the Julie’s Helpers Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of White Rock Presbyterian Church.



CELINE YAZZIE OLSON