



# NICOA

National Indian Council On Aging  
Advocating for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders

Dear NICOA Member,

As a valued member of NICOA, we appreciate your ongoing commitment to our mission: advocating for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. Today we are honored to share that we are undertaking an exciting project that could directly benefit you or a beloved family member. In response to the changing needs of our Elders, NICOA is in the process of developing a new online resource – the **TribalFootprints.org website**.

TribalFootprints.org will include all of Indian Country and be designed specifically for American Indian/Alaska Native Elders and the Aging Network providers. It will feature listings and links to address specific Elders' needs - categorized by tribal name, region and community service type. An Elder-friendly interactive map will help visitors readily search the 566 Tribal area resources. Some examples might include caregiving support, transportation, home modification, and home and community based services.

Our goal is to provide a comprehensive resource for Elders that will save them time and frustration that may arise as they search for necessary information. TribalFootprints.org will assist Elders and their caregivers by alleviating and preventing some of the obstacles to timely care and support. It will be readily available to anyone with a smart phone or computer and accessible at any time, for free.

**However, in order to accomplish this project, we need your support.** Join us in advocating for access to vital resources for Elders *by talking with your Tribal Leader and encourage them to lend their approval to this project.* Attached is a brochure that outlines the benefits and features of TribalFootprints.org. **For more information and printable copies of the brochure go to [www.nicoa.org/tribalfootprints.org](http://www.nicoa.org/tribalfootprints.org).**

Please consider our heartfelt request as an effort to improve the lives and wellbeing of all of our older American Indian/Alaskan citizens. We would love to have this project up and running and benefiting our Elders as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may call the Tribal Footprints Project Coordinator Rebecca Owl Morgan at 505-292-2001 or email her at [rmorgan@nicoa.org](mailto:rmorgan@nicoa.org). We thank you in advance on behalf of our Elders throughout Indian country for your willing support of this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

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