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The Pioneer Village Flood Fund has been established at branches of The Citizens Bank in Aztec, Bloomfield and Farmington.

Non-cash donations can be sent to:

PIONEER VILLAGE FLOOD FUND
Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village
125 North Main Ave.
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Stock transfer donations can be organized through Bryan Hegarty, Secretary of Aztec Museum Association Board of Directors at 505-334-7173.

Aztec Museum is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

To learn more about Aztec Museum or to contact the museum, go to www.aztecmuseum.org or call 505-334-9829.

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THE FLOODS

Last fall, on the afternoon of September 10th, heavy rain sent a torrent of muddy water down Blanco Street and across Main Avenue in Aztec, flooding the front of Aztec Museum. Pioneer Village, the replica frontier town behind the museum, was inundated.

Two days later, on September 12th, the rain returned and Blanco Street again became a river. Water at the museum's front door was reportedly 18 inches deep. Waterfalls were created on both sides of the building where the ground slopes down into Pioneer Village.

Washed away in Pioneer Village were walkways, landscaping and vegetation. The museum's bottom floor was partially flooded.

Fortunately, no displays or artifacts were destroyed. Cleanup began immediately to mitigate museum water damage and begin removal of muck and debris throughout Pioneer Village and outdoor exhibit areas.

There still is much to be done, but with your help we can pull together to reopen Pioneer Village in May 2014 for the hundreds of school children to arrive on field trips to the museum. We also are expecting a lot of tourists. Museum visitors last year included people from 32 states and eight foreign countries.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Aztec Museum Association Board of Directors needs your help in restoring Pioneer Village – the replica frontier town on the museum grounds – and historic outdoor oil and natural gas drilling exhibits damaged by severe flooding during heavy rains on September 10th and 12th.

Work is underway to remove tons of silt, sand and mud that washed onto the museum grounds. Final restoration plans have been approved by the Board of Directors at a cost of \$43,500 for labor and materials.

Outdoor walkways washed away by the floods are being replaced, as is vegetation and landscaping that was destroyed. Plans call for lighting, seating and signage replacement required for visitor services and safety.

Your donation will help us reopen Pioneer Village in May 2014.

Sincerely,

Aztec Museum Association Board of Directors

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Outdoor walkways will be constructed with fiberglass and reinforced concrete, and will be finished with a colored sandstone texture. These new trails will connect all of the Pioneer Village exhibit buildings to an entrance gate directly across from the Minium Park handicap parking area on Park Avenue. The 500 feet of 42 inch wide walkways will allow safe, all-weather access to Aztec Museum and Pioneer Village.

Landscaping washed away by the floods will be replaced with drought-tolerant perennial gardens. It is expected to take two seasons to establish the gardens. Special attention is required to reconstruct the areas on either side of the museum building where the ground slopes sharply downward and heavy erosion occurred during the floods.

Seating within the village needs replacement and upgrading for special events and outdoor presentations. Park benches and picnic tables will be added along the new pathways and the museum plans to buy folding chairs for special events.

New signs need to be designed and installed within the village and gardens for interpretation, direction, services and safety.

Outdoor lighting is necessary to hold evening events within Pioneer Village. The renovation plans call for a minimum of five low output LED street lamps of historic design along the new walkways, with power outlets at the base of each street lamp.

