In 2016, at The Zuni Show in Santa Fe, TKF’s first project, a gentleman told me he was going to Zuni Pueblo and wanted to know where he could see a collection of great Zuni art. I thought about this and replied, “If you were fortunate enough, you’d be invited into 500 Zuni living rooms.”

Last year TKF launched the Zuni Artists Resource Team (ZART) in the historic district of nearby Gallup, NM. Its website (https://ZARTeam.org) allows Zuni artists to sell their work, presented online with high-quality photographs, at fair market prices. ZART trains Zunis in photography, website, e-commerce, and related skills.

Your monetary contributions enabled the creation of the ZART space and its website. Your donations of Zuni art formed the initial inventory of the ZART website, and they were, and continue to be, instrumental in the success of the ZART program. More ZART info here.

Thank you all for your donations; they made a massive and positive impact in creating this important step for Zuni artists.

How to see great Zuni art other than in “500 living rooms” never left me. In reviewing donations, certain pieces are museum quality level because of their unique craftsmanship, choice of materials, or meaningful historical context. These deserve to be seen by all, and the idea of a dedicated museum was born and named the Museum of Zuni Art (MoZA).

ZART has several display cases presenting museum-quality Zuni carvings and jewelry. Ample space exists for more cases for pottery and other artwork. We see this as a pilot program from which an extensive, genuine MoZA can grow. ZART’s proximity to Zuni Pueblo affords a centralized exhibition space enabling Zunis, the general public, collectors, and tourists to gain insights into the creations of historical and contemporary Zuni artists.

For MoZA to become a reality, we need your help. Funding is to complete the additional display cases, add computer terminals, and hire and train other Zuni employees.

We project the total cost to be $150,000. Can you help bring this idea to life?

Would you donate any of your Zuni art to help build the museum collection?

We encourage you to be part of this exciting project. Your donation will positively impact Zuni artists, helping them continue to make their remarkable artwork and prosper.

Curatorial decisions made during cataloging may result in some works deemed more appropriate for educational purposes. Some may be offered for sale to benefit TKF programs. While we cannot guarantee that donated objects will be placed in the permanent exhibition or that they will be shown intact as a single collection, donors can be confident that their donations will serve Zuni artists and the ongoing activities of TKF.

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