

**Name:** Alfreda Morin

**Describe:** Alfreda is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and has four children, two stepchildren, sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is the primary caregiver to her husband who has diabetes and requires dialysis three days a week.

She has a nursing background and was hired as the Project Director of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Nutrition and Supportive Services where she has worked for almost 17 years.

**Examples:** She is dedicated and attentive to Native elder's needs. In October of 2005 a blizzard hit North Dakota and lasted two days. Alfreda attempted to get to the meal site on the first day of the storm but roads were impassible. Alfreda called the Tribal Chairperson who called the local casino. The casino's kitchen staff cooked and delivered meals to the retirement home. Alfreda and her granddaughter were able to get to the meal site the next day and cooked all of the meals for the elders. This is a wonderful example where tribal entities work together to provide service to older persons.

Alfreda and her staff have provided outdoor barbeques to the Turtle Mountain Retirement home residents. In September 2006, Alfreda, her staff, the retirement home staff and a Community Health Representative organized a Senior Fun Day. Fiddlers provided the music and the seniors danced. Alfreda, being a good sport, took part in the popular water game dunking machine!!

Alfreda is the Project Director for Title III/Title VI Services and the Administrator of the Family Caregiver Support Program. With the help of Donna Olson, the Regional Aging Services Program Administrator, Alfreda created a Program Policy and Procedure Manual that was so well written that it was shared with the other Title III and IV Programs in North Dakota and Alfreda has asked for a copy of the manual to be shared with other states to help those in her position across the nation.

**Dates:** 17 years

**Where:** Turtle Mountain Chippewa reservation, Belcourt, ND

**Why:** Alfreda is truly an advocate for older persons of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. She has good rapport with older persons and she and her staff are working hard to provide them with quality services. They genuinely care about the older persons on the Turtle Mountain reservation.

“Alfreda is one of the longest serving Title VI Older Americans Act Directors in the nation and has earned the respect of not only her peers but also the Administration on Aging and the Aging Services Division,” says Linda Wright.

**Nominated by:** Linda Wright, Aging Services Division Director