Good Morning. Thank you for coming today. My name is Carma Mornarich and I’m executive director of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.

There's something about a sunny summer morning - a morning like this one - that is affirming. This kind of morning causes one to reflect, as I did on my drive here. You know, these awards presentations, which some of you have attended before, bring a diverse group of people together. As I thought about the broad cross-section of organizations that are represented here today, I became acutely aware of the value of communities working together.

And that's exactly what everyone in this room has done. Each of you has given time and commitment to improving your community. This round of giving, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is awarding almost $400,000 to 66 different non-profit organizations which are located in seven different counties. Sixty-six charities are sixty-six communities. The seven counties are seven communities. This tapestry of commitment to community is what the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is about. A tapestry that each of you helps weave every day.

It's a beautiful tapestry of hope and promise for those who are vulnerable.

On behalf of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, I applaud each and every one of you.

Introduce Chris…