

## 4 Corners Earth Day Festival Welcomes Sustainable BioEnergy Dome Donation to Navajo Reservation on April 22-24, 2011

**NATAANII, AZ April 15, 2011** -- On April 22-24, 2011 4 Corners Earth Day Festival will take place and Earth Day will never be the same in one remote area of the former Bennet Freeze. For the first time there is an Earth Day Blessing and Celebration being held in the 4 Corners area that is inviting all Nations and people to come together as one. This 4 Corners Earth Day Blessing and Celebration is hosted by Native American Navajo Elder Harold Begay and his wife Lillie Redsteer in the Nataanii community near Sand Springs on the Navajo Reservation in Northern Arizona, just northwest of Tolani Lake.

4 Corners Earth Day on April 22-24, 2011 will also feature a very unique BioEnergy Dome unlike any other in existence as it is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> prototype of its kind from innovative Pacific Dome International. It's basically a single family version of Tucson's famous Biosphere II. The BioEnergy Dome is completely self-contained system that generates its own energy and enough electricity to supply an entire household year around.



This one of a kind gift to the people of the former Bennett Freeze area was donated from an anonymous donor through Pacific Domes International.

“This is a great gift to the people in our community and we are very grateful for this blessing” said event host Harold Begay

Oliver Fix of Pacific Domes believes that this technology can really change the world. This geodesic dome is clear on one side to let the sun in and is opaque on the other side to allow just the right amount of light and heat to enter the dome in order to sustain the plant life. In the middle of the dome there is also a 4 foot deep pond that is filled with fish, and surrounded by duckweed. The fish eat the duckweed and algae that forms on the pond. And their waste fertilizes the duckweed so it grows rapidly. “It could be almost any kind of fish, really. Carp, Bass... tilapia is a good one.” Said Fix

This high-tech energy dome prototype from Pacific Domes International is designed with sustainability in mind and is safer and less harmful than Nuclear, Coal, or Oil based energy. BioEnergy Dome systems are applicable for any family, community, or municipality, regardless of climate or terrain, and are inexpensive to build and maintain. BioEnergy Domes offer a solution to local needs for energy and food.

How will this new supply of energy impact the local community? Harold Begay believes that the ability to have on demand energy and year-around food production can have a profound impact in the community and for the whole Navajo Nation in this time of change. "We are grateful for this gift of clean energy I believe this will create new possibilities for our people." Said Begay

One of the event organizers, Gary Christmas, is also being trained on the energy dome technology and is filming a documentary on the land which will help other communities around the world by showing the positive impact of this sustainable technology in remote areas. "We are living in a new time where we understand the dangers of Nuclear Power, Coal Mining and Oil Drilling, so we really want to show how this technology can help our brothers and sisters in to live a better life and stay in balance and harmony the Earth." said Christmas.

4 Corners Earth Day is inviting all Nations to this gathering to Bless our Mother Earth as One People and to come together as one family in this time of earth Changes. As the host of the event Harold Begay says "Every Mother wants to help her children as she sees us struggling". Begay feels that the time is now to Bless the Earth and bring All People together as one.

The Opening Ceremony on Friday April 22, 2011 will begin at 7pm and go till 11pm, and will have Navajo Nation Vice President Rex Lee Jim on hand to Bless the event and the Earth as well as Ruben Schumke from Hopi, as well as former State Senator Albert Tom who is credited with getting the Indigenous People Act adopted from the United Nations, passed in to Law in Arizona. Don Yellowman, President of the Forgotten people will also be offering his Blessing as will others from each of their perspectives.

Saturdays festivities began in 10am with another Earth Blessing and will feature live music, drumming, and speeches featuring Navajo, Hopi, Osages, Lakota, Zuni, Cherokee, Apache, Pascal Yaqui as well as speakers from outside the nation who will speak about sustainable energy, Peace Building, Water rights and purification and building community leaders.

One of the event supporters, Kenneth Schwenker with the non-profit organization Leaders Causing Leaders believes that helping the community to create leaders by focusing on leadership skills can have a long and lasting impact in the community. "We are excited to be able help this community to develop new leadership skills that will help in creating a strong growing community for the future." Said Schwenker.

Closing Ceremony on Sunday April 24, 2011 will begin with a Sunrise Blessing and will also feature many Nations coming together as one to Bless Mother Earth.

4 Corners Earth Day is the first event of many that are schedule to be held on the land, with the goal to set up it's own non-profit organization to help all of the people that are still dealing with harsh impact of the former Bennett Freeze which was repealed in 2009 by the Obama administration.

You can join in this historic 4 Corners Earth Day Celebration on April 22-24, 2011 by visiting **[www.EarthDay4Corners.com](http://www.EarthDay4Corners.com)** or by calling **888.644.8723** for more details. For more information about Pacific Domes please visit **[www.PacificDomes.com](http://www.PacificDomes.com)**. For More information on Leaders Causing Leaders visit **<http://www.LeadersCausingLeaders.com>**