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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INC TO HONOR NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Youth Development Inc. will present handmade cards and posters to the Adjutant General of the New Mexico National Guard, Maj. Gen. Ken Nava on Thursday, June 10, 10:00 am at the Pedro Baca preschool at located at 1700 El Centro Familiar Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105. Nava will then distribute to the men and women of the New Mexico National Guard serving here in New Mexico.

In celebration of YDI's 50th year anniversary, they wanted to reach out and thank friends, community partners, and others who have directly and/or indirectly had a positive impact on YDI's growth. YDI and Sandoval County Commissioner Jay Block elected to thank and honor our Soldiers and Airmen in uniform serving in the New Mexico National Guard, especially during this global pandemic.

YDI leadership asked the children attending several of YDI's head start programs located throughout New Mexico to write a thank you card for a member of the NMNG. The idea took on a life of its own and the children took on the project as though they were embracing members of their own family.

One of the cards reads, "I have only walked a few years. But I am safe as can be because of those that protect me in the air, on land, and in the sea! Thank You!" Nicolai.

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