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**INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES AUGUST 10 OPENING OF PUEBLO
BASEBALL COMMUNITY GALLERY**

Albuquerque, NM (August 13, 2024) – The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) is excited to announce the August 10 opening of the *Pueblo Baseball Community Gallery*, an extension of the *Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our Community Together* exhibition. Both Pueblo baseball areas will be on view in the IPCC South Gallery through October 27, 2024.

The *Pueblo Baseball Community Gallery* highlights the rich history and cultural significance of baseball within the Pueblo villages of New Mexico, building upon and complimenting the *Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our Community Together* exhibition, which opened in March. Through a collection of players' and coaches' memorabilia, the gallery offers a multi-faceted view of this cherished sport and its enduring legacy in Pueblo communities.

“Game photographs and inscribed baseballs take us back to moments in time where Pueblo baseball plays and wins are commemorated. For community members, this memorabilia returns those feelings of exhilarating sportsmanship and teamwork and getting through those last rounds of base runs,” says IPCC Head Curator Dr. Michelle Lanteri.

The *Pueblo Baseball Community Gallery* features a variety of objects that convey a sense of team spirit and belonging, from baseball jerseys to video recordings. The jerseys exude pride and camaraderie through specific team colors and names that represent the lifelong bonds between players on the Pueblo baseball teams traveling from north, south, east, and west to play. The 1991 game footage on view gives a window into the many summers of Pueblo Baseball that commence in friendly rivalry year after year.

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Baseball offers the Pueblo communities an intergenerational fabric, along with meeting places both at home and in nearby villages that nurture family relationships.

“We’re honored to share the stories of Pueblo baseball this year at the IPCC,” Lanteri says. “This century-long tradition brings the people together to make memories over playing ball, eating a Frito pie, and slurping a piccadilly. The cheers during the off-and-running foul balls, celebrated home runs, and honking car horns carry across the field in a banter that stitches Pueblo communities together under the desert skies.”

A panel discussion featuring Pueblo baseball community members, offering insights from players, with a reception to follow, will take place this fall at the IPCC. Admission and further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Photos available upon request.

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About the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:

Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The Mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit: www.indianpueblo.org and www.facebook.com/IndianPueblo.

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