

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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Chief Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller,

As a Tribal Member (No. C0052766) of the Cherokee Nation and the Child Care Director of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, I am asking your consideration for the release of the lands for the Miami prison.

The Cherokee Nation is fortunate to have financial independence. The Miami Tribe would like to experience this same luxury.

The Miami Tribe believes in the rights of all Indians and treats each one equally. At the present time we feed approximately one hundred and fifty Cherokee Indians daily. We (The Miami Tribe) deliver 30 to 35 meals to Cherokee shut-ins. Our CHR calls on many Cherokees each week, helping them with health problems and transportation needs. The Library in our complex serves 534 Cherokees and has a home delivery with talking books for the blind and all kinds of reading materials for those unable to leave their homes.

Our CCDBG (Child Care Program) now pays the day care for 62 Cherokee children.

Many of our employees are of Cherokee descent.

With these facts in mind, we respectfully ask you and your Tribal Council to consider our side of the story and realize what this would mean to the Miami Tribe and the economy of our area. This would mean creating jobs for this financially depressed area, including many Cherokees.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

Patsy Wade
Child Care Director