

Helping Indians.

Representing, as Mike Gross puts it, "a new Indian-oriented private foundation", I was looking for projects to fund, and Mike was helping the Navajo. Along with four other 68ers, he'd taken a job on the Navajo Indian Reservation with an OEO-funded legal services program. As he puts it, he "had a case."

Mike continues:

"The case involved the arbitrary closing of a remote public school serving a mixed Navajo and non-Navajo student body at a small place called Ramah, NM. Without the school, the Navajo children would be sent to federal Indian boarding schools. The lawsuit failed. I began searching for non-litigation remedies when out of the blue Cal Grant called me asking for suggestions for seed money projects for a new Indian-oriented private foundation he was representing. I suggested giving the Ramah Navajos some money to see if they could open their own school from scratch. His client liked that idea and sent a check to the community for \$2,500."

Check out Mike's contribution to this memoirs/memories page for where this led.