

Misty and Delmar Stevens, and son Kutoven Stevens, Yerington Paiute

“Welcome back to the 2nd Remembrance Run, hosted by runner Kutoven Stevens! Our purpose is to honor the children who survived Indian boarding schools and to remember those who never came home, by laying down prayers with our feet. Last year we followed the path of 8 year old Frank Quinn, Ku’s great grandfather, as he escaped from Stewart Indian School in Carson City and ran home to the Yerington Paiute Reservation. This year, we will begin at the Reservation and journey back to Stewart, the idea being that we are proud of the awareness we created, and now we want to hear about the progress that has been made with the investigations. We are sending invitations to state and federal dignitaries and Tribal Council leaders to join us at the conclusion of the Run and speak to us about their findings. We have partnered with Sierra Endurance Sports and Ku is one of ten recipients of the Dreamstarter Award from Running Strong for American Indian Youth. This means that we are funded for the Run and are able to better focus on the vision and meaning of the journey. We are asking for participants to bring offerings with them to place at the childrens’ graves. These items can be simple flowers to handmade items of your culture. This is a prayerful journey, not a protest, and we will begin and end with peace and respect for one another. It’s a non-competitive, medicine wheel approach, so we invite people of all colors to trek with us. Kutoven says, “This is not just about running, it’s about healing.”