



# *Love Has No Color*

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## **Tile one**

Long ago, the Nakota and Dakota (the People) were proud and honorable. They lived off the land and everything the land produced. They had a strong value system to guide them through life. The single most important value was spirituality and prayer, everything was spiritual in nature. Always giving thanks to GOD, the creator for their life. Their way of life centered around the buffalo, they were brothers to the buffalo. They had characteristics of the buffalo: strong, family oriented and could survive in the most difficult situations. The White Buffalo is sacred to the Native people. The buffalo gave of themselves so the people can live. The way of life was the buffalo.

## **Tile two**

In the expansion of western civilization, native lands were diminished and their way of life was being eliminated, resulting in wars with the native population. The Dakota warriors resisted this effort and one of the major battles took place- The Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana. The Dakota warriors were honorable in protecting family and Tribe. They were victorious in battle, but this victory was short lived. Sitting Bull and Chief Gall's people moved north into Canada to escape the incoming Calvary.

## **Tile Three**

Later, moving back across the border to Montana, the Dakota settled with the Nakota tribe. The realization of being pushed to the edge and defeated, the once proud warrior lost his spirit to fight. Like their brother, the Buffalo, they lost many and were close to extinction.

## **Title Four**

Being confined to reservation life over time had its toll on the warriors. The loss of the language and value system for a century has caused the decline of the once stable infrastructure of the Nakota and Dakota tribes. Not knowing that GOD has given these tribes the essentials to come back and become strong once again. Within boundaries of the Fort Peck Reservation is an outline of the buffalo, made by the tributaries of rivers and creeks. Our brother, the buffalo, has always been with the Nakota and Dakota people. The sacred circle is from GOD, showing all races of people coming together for the common good of people. Black for African Americans, white for the Anglo population, yellow for the Asian population and red for the Native Americans. We all come from the same source, the circle of life created by GOD.

## **Tile Five**

A new group of warriors is emerging with the help of GOD by use of the scared circle; all races of people are taking up the fight to save lives. A prayer was said and an answer came by way of two individuals: Dr. Kevin Pallis and Dr. Ed Plentz of “The New Renaissance”. The remaining warriors at Fort Peck welcomes the new Fort Peck Warriors capable of fighting the good fight.

