

**Biographical Sketch**  
**Tina Cordova**  
**Co-Founder**  
**Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Tina Cordova is a seventh generation native New Mexican born and raised in the small town of Tularosa in south central New Mexico. In 2005 Tina co-founded the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) with the late Fred Tyler.

The mission of the TBDC is to bring attention to the negative health effects suffered by the unknowing, unwilling, uncompensated, innocent victims of the first nuclear blast on earth that took place at the Trinity site in South Central New Mexico. Ultimately, the goal was the passage of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments to bring much needed health care coverage and partial restitution to the People of New Mexico who have sacrificed and suffered with the negative health effects of overexposure to radiation since 1945. Tina is a cancer survivor having been diagnosed with Thyroid cancer when she was 39 years old. She is the fourth generation in her family to have cancer since 1945 and there are a total of five generations that have been affected including a niece that has recently been diagnosed at the age of 23.

In her role as an advocate on behalf of the TBDC she has testified before several US Senate and House Committees. Tina has also been a guest lecturer/speaker at many Universities across the US.

Tina has been acknowledged for her many years of advocacy work receiving the Con Alma Foundation's Hero of Health Award, the Physicians for Social Responsibility's Health Hero Award, the Albuquerque Community Foundation Giraffe Award, the Beyond Nuclear International's Nuclear Free Futures Award, the Hispano Round Table Andres M. Arellanes Profile of Courage Award, and the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Community Award. .

Tina has a Bachelor & Master of Science degree from New Mexico Highlands University where she majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. She is the Co-Owner and President of Queston Roofing and Construction that she founded in 1990 with her partner Russ Steward.

Tina has a son David and a grandson Marcus who work with her at Queston and a grandson Demetrius who is a deputy sheriff. Tina enjoys spending her free time participating in outdoor recreation such as gardening, hiking, fishing, and hunting.