

It seems like it was yesterday when we learned to ride our bikes together, discovered that we both liked to dance and speak our language. It seems like we were

**never** apart

and everyone knew We were

best friends. When

we decided to go to school, we made sure we were going to be roommates. When you finally landed that first job after all your hard work, I was the first to say "congratulations." When you said you wanted to help the youth on the reservation, I said, "Let's do it together." Then came a time when you told me that you have a mental health problem, like depression and anxiety. Now I know that anyone can experience mental health problems. even Native People. We thought we knew everything, yet I really didn't understand what a difference my support can make in your recovery. Well, I am here for you. I Will be here for you. And—as always—we will recover together.

