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Our Vision:

Our vision is **strong, self-sufficient Native American communities**, and our services work toward this goal.

NRC DELIVERS ONLY NEEDED GOODS & SERVICES

We want to make sure the products we send fit your needs. Please call us if they don't so that we may better serve you!

Program Partner Holiday Recap

Last month, many of you participated in NRC's Holiday services, requesting either Santa Stops, Elder Bags, Children's Stockings or the Holiday Meal for your participants. Altogether, you helped bring holiday cheer to 81 communities, allowing your fellow community members to participate and enjoy the season together. In doing this, you touched the lives of 10,364 youth and 6,000 Elders. We are grateful for your year-round partnership, which allows your programs to participate in these important Holiday services.



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NRC Product Highlight

It's a brand new year and it's never too early to begin planning for your planting and harvesting. NRC has assorted seeds for fruits, vegetables and flowers. Ask your Service Coordinator to add some seeds to your next order!



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: “Why can’t I get the same brand/product/item that I received in my last order?”

A: NRC greatly relies on the generosity of manufacturers, vendors and other nonprofits to donate the products we provide for your programs and tribal members. We only accept donations of new and high quality products that we know are useful to our Program Partners. At the same time, it is not like going to the store to purchase consumer products over and over — we are limited to the brands the donors have available at the time. This means we receive brand x one month, brand y the next. But brand aside, you can rest assured that NRC always has the essentials in stock, such as toilet paper, lotions, shampoo, food, water, school supplies and other basics. Our approach to inventory procurement allows NRC to provide basic supplies for more than 1,000 Program Partners on 65 reservations year-round. Purchasing this volume of supplies at retail would simply be unaffordable.

Q: “Why can’t I utilize my Healthy Living incentives for a Community Event?”

A: The products provided for our Healthy Living service are more substantial because the participants are spending more time in your program activity. The more time a participant is involved, the greater the incentive they earn. For example, the amount of participation required at a Community Event such as visiting a health fair booth is less than that required for attending a weekly health education class or other Healthy Living activity.

NRC Program Partners are, however, welcome to participate in both services: Healthy Living and Community Events. For Healthy Living, you must be offering a regular, recurring activity or class such as education, a support group or home visits. The Community Events service is for one-time events related to health, such as a health fair, flu shot clinic or rabies clinic. Talk with your Service Coordinator to set up an order for Healthy Living or a Community Event or both!

Shout Out to...



Helen Oliff joined NRC in July 2006. Originally, she worked in our Rapid City, SD program office, visiting with many of you across 25+ reservations. In 2009, Helen joined our Phoenix team and began supporting NRC's PR activities with the general public.

Originally from Virginia, Helen works at NRC because she believes in the mission, in giving back to Native peoples and in supporting self-determination.

Helen appreciates your year-round dedication and wants to hear from you whenever you have news coverage about your programs and your work with NRC! You can e-mail her at PR@nrc1.org or ask for her when you call our Phoenix office at 602-340-8050.

Report deadlines:

Due 30 days from event date:

Healthy Living
Community Events
Bulk Distribution
Food

Due 60 days from event date:

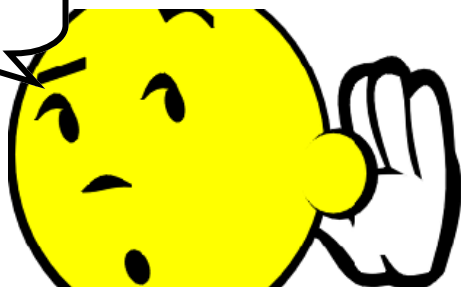
CUBS

Due 90 days from event date:

Residential
Activities
Animal Welfare
New Baby

WANTED: Volunteers for NRC deliveries!

**What's that
you say?!**



NRC volunteers

No doubt about it, volunteering makes a difference in the communities where you live, whether you are cooking daily meals at the senior center or helping out at local events. NRC enjoys hearing about the volunteers who are there to help our drivers unload deliveries. Whether it's staff or volunteers who show up, the extra manpower can help keep our drivers on top of their daily delivery routes. NRC thanks you for assisting our dedicated drivers and making every delivery, including yours, a smooth transaction.

**You might be an Native Jedi if you use the phrase,
"May the force be with you, aye!!!"**



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Serving immediate needs.

Supporting long-term solutions.

Our vision:

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AIEF Scholarship

Deadline is 4/04/15.

Get applications at www.aiefprograms.org

