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## Buffalo Hunt

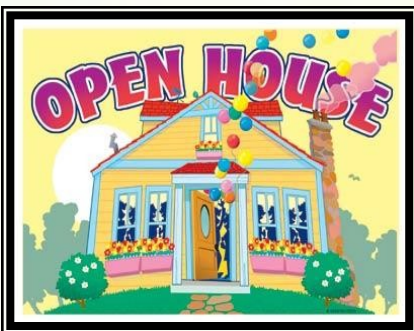


On behalf of everyone at NRC, we sincerely thank St. Labre Indian School for donating an entire buffalo to our Open House on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come and enjoy the feast on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are utilizing almost every part of the

buffalo to feed our guests just like we want you, our program partners, to utilize all of the services NRC has available to help people in your communities. On March 25<sup>th</sup> Marie Keller one of the "Siouxper-stars" here at NRC went on the buffalo hunt in Montana. She shot and field dressed the large buffalo that will be served for lunch on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Marie did it all. She is awesome.



## Please join us!! NRC Spring Into Action Open House 2011



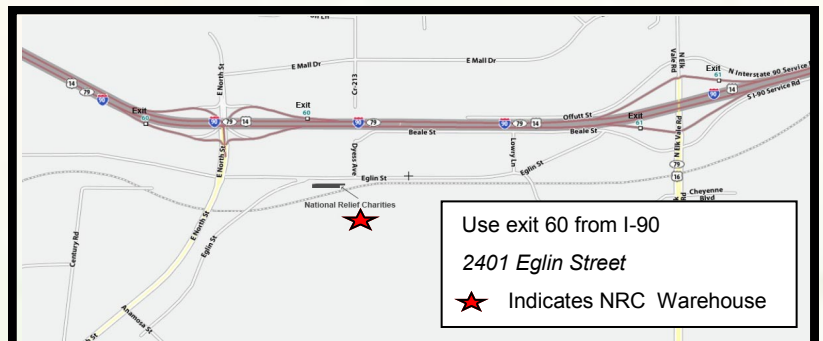
**Who:** Any and all NRC Program Partners and Potential Partners who work in Indian County

**Where:** NRC Warehouse, 2401 Eglin Street  
Rapid City, SD 57703 (605) 399-9905

**When:** Friday, April 29th, 2011 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Join us for some NRC Fun, NRC Service Partner Trainings, Door Prizes and a Great Lunch!!**

**For more information contact Marie toll free at 866-556-2472 or email her at [mkeller@nrc1.org](mailto:mkeller@nrc1.org).**



## Introducing Mark Ford Collaboration and Training Coordinator for National Relief Charities



Mark originally is from Alamosa, Colorado and is of Chiricahua Apache and Spanish descent. Mark spent 17 years as a Roman Catholic priest in the Vincentian Order of priests and brothers (founded by St. Vincent de Paul). He spent seven years working as a pastor on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations in Page and Tuba City, Arizona. He also ministered in parishes in Dallas, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana and worked in campus ministry in Arkansas. He was also part of the Vincentian Evangelization Team which conducted workshops in Intercultural Communications in the South. He worked with young adults and youth during his time as a priest and was the Vocation Director, in charge of recruiting young men for the priesthood and religious life in the Vincentian Order.

Mark was assigned to working in New Orleans, Louisiana at the time of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and was appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco to be the Assistant Director of Disability Affairs in March 2006 to assist persons with disabilities in accessing resources and services after the hurricane. He was then appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs in 2008 assisting the 19+ tribes, especially after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in their recovery efforts.

Seeking a change of career outside church and state politics, Mark took a sabbatical and came this summer to South Dakota for a family visit in Hermosa and decided to make it his home. Mark began working as the Collaboration and Training Coordinator at NRC on November 29, 2010 and looks forward to being part of the Team at National Relief Charities.

## FREE NRC Training Services 2011

Assisting NRC Program Partners to become more professionally effective in order to improve their services and results.

### Training Services

- **On and Off Site Training**
- **Webinars and Online Training**
- **Online Resource Library**
- **NRC Program Partner Networking**
- **Consultant Resources**

**For Registration Forms or For More Information Regarding NRC Training Services Please Contact**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 09**

**Module: "SHOW ME DA MONEY"**

Grant writing, research and budget management

**Description:**

Introduction to grant research; learning about government grants and private donations; grant application and requirement terminology; what grants are best for your organization.

**Where: Rosebud Head Start**

BIA Route 1, Soldier Road, Rosebud, SD

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**THURSDAY, JULY 21**

**Module: "WE ARE ONLY HUMAN"**

Creating a healthy lifestyle including taking care of our mental, physical and emotional well being so we may better serve others.

**Description:**

Basic needs assessment; causes of stress, grief, depression and practical ways of staying healthy.

**Where: Chief Dull Knife College**

1 College Drive, Room 207, Lame Deer, MT

# Community Events



What qualifies as a community event?

By NRC's definition a community event is any event that promotes education, health, or any other positive activity involving the community. Below are some additional guidelines:



- **Must have a stated purpose that is in line with NRC's mission**
- **Topic of event can only occur once per quarter**
- **Have a well developed event plan**
- **Open to the community**
- **Needs to be more than just a meal**
- **Non-revenue generating (no rodeos and no Pow wows)**
- **Must estimate number of persons anticipated to attend**



Community events are a great way to get the community involved with your program. Below are some ideas of different Spring time events and holidays:

- Community Clean Ups
- Awareness Walks
- Health Fairs
- School Literacy Night
- Parents Fair
- Youth Conferences
- Suicide Prevention
- Earth Day Events
- Diabetes Education
- Career Fairs
- World Health Day
- Arbor Day
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Cancer Control Month
- Autism Awareness Month

\*\*\*To get a Community Event request form go to our Program Partner website [www.nrcpartners.org](http://www.nrcpartners.org)

\*\*\*To see what is available for your upcoming Community Events call your service coordinator at 866-556-2472

## NRC Spring Honor Roll 2011

The NRC Plains office serves 25 reservations and approximately 600 program partners. The following partners have turned in their reports on time for the last 3 months and we would like to take this opportunity to honor them and show our appreciation. The following partners are on the NRC Honor Roll.

### Program Name

### Contact

### Services Utilized



**Pine Ridge 555  
About Group**

**Bruce  
Bonfleur**

**Christmas & Incentive**

**Ft. Peck Frazer  
Public Schools**

**Julie  
Flynn**

**Community Events, Literacy,  
Incentive, Christmas, & Easter**

**Flathead Nation  
Ronan High School**

**Lisa  
Koble**

**School Supplies & Christmas**

**Ft. Belknap Lodgepole  
Jr. High School**

**Cindy Carry  
Water**

**Literacy, School Supplies, &  
Christmas**

**Ft. Hall Early  
Intervention**

**Wilma  
Amboh**

**Healthy Living**

**Cheyenne River  
Emergency Youth Shelter**

**Dianne  
Garreaux**

**Residential**

**Crow Agency Pryor  
Senior Citizens**

**Jennifer  
White**

**Healthy Living, Christmas, &  
Community Events**



**Thanks for turning in your reports on time! We look forward to many years of serving you. Keep up the GREAT work.**

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# School Supply Deadline!!!

## May 15th!!!

Call your local school and remind them to put in a request for School Supplies. Request forms can be found on our Program Partner website [WWW.NRCPARTNERS.ORG](http://WWW.NRCPARTNERS.ORG).