



# National Relief Charities

Building Strong, Self-Sufficient American Indian Communities

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## Community Event

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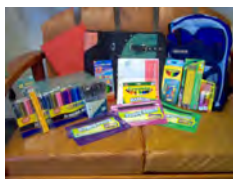


NRC receives many requests to support various community events every year. Program Partners can use this service to request items which will encourage participation in an event. NRC supports events which are educational, health related, or positive community activities. Participants who are involved in the community events

should benefit from their involvement in the activity as well as receiving the items that NRC will provide. NRC feels that it is important to support positive activities and opportunities which are organized in the community.

### Events Which NRC Can Support:

- ◆ Open to the community
- ◆ Have a well-developed event plan
- ◆ Needs to be more than just a meal
- ◆ Topic of event can only occur once per quarter
- ◆ Needs to be educational, health related, or positive community activity (ie: Health Fair, Awareness Walk)
- ◆ Non-revenue generating (no rodeos and Pow Wows)
- ◆ Must estimate number of persons anticipated to attend
- ◆ Have a stated purpose that is in line with NRC's Mission



## School Supplies



Every year, NRC provides much needed school supplies to reservation schools. The school supplies are divided into three different categories:

- 1) elementary,
- 2) middle and 3) high school

Available items may include calculators, binders, notebooks, rulers, pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, and scissors.

Only schools may receive supplies.

The deadline is fast approaching, **May 15th.**



# NRC Honor Roll

<u>Reservation</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Partner Since</u>
 ROSEBUD	Defending Childhood Initiative	Sunrise Black Bull	Healthy Living	Oct 2013
 PONCA	Niobrara Youth Group	Tanya Beard	Healthy Living, Bulk, Community Events	Dec 2012
 ROSEBUD	White River Elementary School	Kendra Becker	Literacy, School Supplies	Apr 2011
 STANDING ROCK	Wamakaskan Onsika Humane Society	Judy White Bull	Animal Welfare	Feb 2011
 TURTLE MOUNTAIN	Youth Alcohol Program	Susie Clearwater	Healthy Living, Bulk	Nov 2013
 TURTLE MOUNTAIN	Shell Valley Housing	Gayle Larocque	Residential, Community Events	Apr 2011
 FORT PECK	Pound Puppies	Tina Speed	Animal Welfare	Oct 2013

## NRC Staff

Will Burritt (Oglala) : 11 years  
 Marie Keller (Rosebud) : 11 years  
 Nate Evans : 10 years  
 Bill Kusiek : 10 years  
 Mike Stonum : 10 years  
 Don Colhoff (Oglala) : 10 years  
 Clay Ramsey (Oglala) : 8 years  
 Heath Ruml : 6 years  
 Ed Vocu (Oglala) : 6 years  
 Tracy Sazue (Crow Creek) : 3 years  
 Debra Anderson (Rosebud) : 3 years  
 Pete Settle : 3 years  
 Eric Lowe : 2 years  
 Kelly McIntosh : 1 year  
 Paul Terrell : 1 year  
 Murray Lee (Sisseton\_Wahpeton) : 8 years  
 Laura Schad (Cheyenne River) : 5 years  
 Mark Ford (Chiricahua Apache) : 3 years  
 Kelly Gibson : 18 years  
 Onna Lebeau (Omaha) : 1 year

## "Quote from Clay Ramsey"

"The NRC Distribution Center in Rapid City is staffed by some amazing people. I want to recognize and thank them for their years of service. Great staff doing wonderful things for a long time to help people in Indian Country. NRC Rocks!"



**No Water = Free Lunch**

In late January, there was a construction company doing some digging across the street from the NRC Distribution Center and they hit the water main. Not only did it flood the area with thousands of gallons of water pumping out of a 16 inch main at 130 PSI of pressure, it left NRC dry for few days without water. The company that did the damage provided us a porta-potty to use. Additionally, when the water was restored, J Scull Construction treated all of the NRC employees to a delicious lunch at Famous Dave's BBQ. **Thank you very much J Scull.**



# Bulk Distribution



NRC receives products such as personal hygiene & household items in bulk quantities which are not packaged for individual distribution. Program partners can participate in bulk distributions while providing community members products in the most cost-effective and efficient ways possible while highlighting community volunteerism.

## Program Partner Expectations:

- Distribution takes no longer than 2 days
- Volunteers available to unload truck
- Recruit & train volunteers
- Serve community members
- Report on distribution promptly



Contact your Service Coordinator (Ed or Tracy) for more information

## Warehouse Wonders



When products arrive at our warehouse, the staff unload, inspect, prepare, inventory and assure that all of the products are properly package to get ready for distribution to our partners. If you have had the opportunity to visit our 40,000 square foot facility, you know of the diligent efforts our ware-



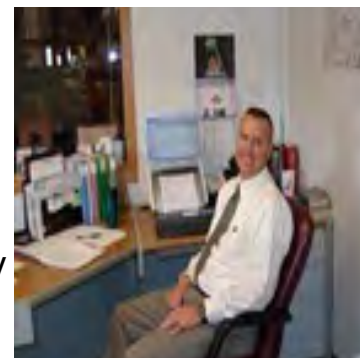
house crew takes to keep a **clean and safe** working area. We always welcome visitors so please contact us to arrange a tour and enjoy some hot coffee!



# Open House



This year, NRC will be inviting our Program Partners to an **"Open House"** on **Friday, May 30th from 9 am to 3 pm**. Please RSVP by Friday, May 9th and contact Ed Vocu via phone at **(605) 399-9905** or **1-866-556-2472** or by email at **[edvocu@nrc1.org](mailto:edvocu@nrc1.org)**. Please join us for a day of fun, games, learning, laughter and plenty of lame jokes from the one and only Clay Ramsey! Hope to see you on May 30th.





### **We love our partners!**

Thank you for submitting your reports on time and making a positive impact to improve your communities. Make sure we have a good number to contact you.

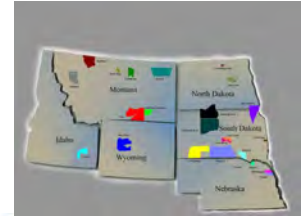


**Request, Report, Repeat**  
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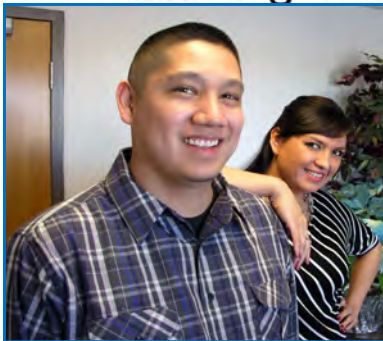
### **Mission Statement:**

**“To help Native American people improve the quality of their lives by providing opportunities for them to bring about positive changes in their communities”**



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## **Staff Updates**



There are a lot of great things happening at NRC. NRC is pleased to announce that there is a new Program Partner Support Specialist & a new Collaboration & Training Coordinator. **Ed Vocu** will now be in charge of making sure partners are all taken care of in the best way possible. Ed has been with NRC for many years and knows the services, guidelines, timelines and most importantly, he knows our program partners. Ed Vocu will spend the next few months learning about reports, following up on shipments and all the special projects he will be in charge of. Please drop Ed a welcome email ([edvocu@nrc1.org](mailto:edvocu@nrc1.org)) or a congratulations phone call toll free at 866-556-2472. Congratulations Ed!

**Marie Keller** is also transitioning to the new Collaboration & Training Coordinator. Her new role will take partners, like you, to the next level. High Impact Programs (HIP) are services available to partners who have a greater impact in communities and are more sustainable and collaborative. The HIP Services will focus on Food/Nutrition, Youth, Leadership Development and Emergency Preparedness projects. Marie will be developing and implementing a leadership enhancement course for program partners. She will also be helping reservation communities design and create emergency preparedness strategies. Marie will be working with other NRC High Impact Program staff in supporting gardening, youth nutrition projects and scholarships. Marie can still be reached at the same email ([mkeller@nrc1.org](mailto:mkeller@nrc1.org)) and the toll free number 866-556-2472. Congratulations Marie!

