



National Relief Charities

Building Strong, Self-Sufficient American Indian Communities

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Christmas



It's already that time of the year again. This year National Relief Charities sent out 35,000 stockings to babies, children, teenagers, and elders on 22 different reservations. We couldn't have done it without the assistance from our volunteers who helped put the stockings together for 3 straight months! We would like to thank all of you that helped make this happen including several of our Program Partners.



Santa made a personal appearance and helped hand out stockings to 1,000 students at 3 different schools.

Thanksgiving



National Relief Charities also helped with meals during the Thanksgiving season. This year we provided 25 Program Partners on 9 different reservations with turkeys, instant potatoes, and cranberries for their community meals.



On top of that we also sent individual meals out for elders age 62 and above. This year we provided 3973 elders with meals that serve up to 6 people each. The meals included turkey, pie, stuffing, corn, and cranberries. We would like to thank the 30 Program Partners that helped to deliver the meals to each elders' home.



Program Partner Honor Roll



Tribe	Program Name	Contact Name	Services Utilized	Partner Since:
Omaha Tribe	Umonhon Nation Public School	Broderick Steed	TOMS, School Supplies, Easter, Bulk	May 2011
Pine Ridge	OST Access to Recovery	D'Ann Her Many Horses	Healthy Living	May 2013
Crow Agency	Pryor Family Preservation	Guena Plain Feather	Food Pantry, Healthy Living, Thanksgiving, Christmas	April 2008
Spirit Lake	FACE Program	Collin Evenson	Incentive, Community Events	March 2011
Lake Traverse	Aliive Roberts County	Sara McGregor-Okroi	Community Events, Incentive, Easter	October 2012
Flathead Nation	Foster Care	Sylvia Aims Back	Healthy Living	July 2007
Turtle Mountain	Alliance Church	Liz Imig	Incentive, Community Events	May 2012

Bulk Service

MISSION: Serving Immediate Needs.

Supporting long term solutions.

VISION: Strong Self-Sufficient Native American Communities



NRC receives products in bulk quantities which are not packaged for individual distribution. Products arrive at our warehouse in loose bundles or in large boxes. Typical items that we receive in bulk are personal hygiene products and household type items.

NRC offers these items in bulk quantities directly to our Program Partners so that the items can be repackaged for individual distribution.

NRC asks that each Program Partner submit a request for bulk; recruit and train a group of volunteers to assist with the distribution of products to their community. As an incentive for processing these bulk items, Program Partners will be supplied with separate items to award to the volunteers for assisting with the distribution.

Program Partner checklist for ordering bulk items

- Send in request form at least 2 weeks before delivery week
- Must have forklift and volunteers available for unloading
 - Distribution must take no longer than 2 days
 - Report on distribution promptly



Laura Schad— Program Information Coordinator



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I can't believe it's been five years that I have been with NRC! My work with NRC allows me to work with both the Southwest and Northern Plains offices, but I am housed out of the Rapid City offices. Some of my favorite memories so far with NRC... meeting and talking with Native Veterans throughout our service areas, a paratrooper from Pine Ridge, a Navajo Code Talker and many more that are still providing valuable service within their reservation communities. My work takes me into schools to see

the excitement and anxiety of students attending their first day; attending feathering and graduation ceremonies of our AIEF scholarship students; taking a new mother and her newborn to I.H.S. for their first set of shots; and into the homes of many Elders that share their stories with us. I enjoy my visits to Cheyenne River visiting relatives and friends and always learning something new about my family and history every time I go. I am very fortunate to do what I do and I am thankful that NRC has such an amaz-

ing, humorous, generous and knowledgeable network of program partners throughout the Plains and Southwest. These partners are critical to our work and I am thankful to be able to expand my work on reservations that started over 20 years ago.



Report, Report, Report



The simple word 'report' just exudes almost sheer horror. Immediately one thinks "Marie wants a report? Oh, I am going to be buried for days in mounds of paperwork and the report will be 3 miles long!"

If anyone is great at procrastinating, it's me. Even though I am set in my procrastinating ways, the NRC service reports are actually very **stress-free**. They can be done in a *matter of minutes!* I get it, how can that be true. How is it possible for those words to be in the same sentence, stress-free/reports.

Well, they are and it is! For example, let's take a look at the community events report, aside from the contact information. It has 8 items for you to answer, 2 of them are yes/no questions.

Fill it out electronically and email it to mkeller@nrc1.org. Print the report form from our website, www.nrcpartners.org, fill it out and fax it to 605-399-9908, or print it out and mail it to 2401 Eglin Street, Rapid City, SD 57703.

Reporting on your shipments is just as important as requesting them. Not only is it a gesture of accountability but it also helps us to better serve you with services and products.

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Report - Community Event

Age: M 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Today's Date:
Program Name:	Title Name:
Address:	Office Phone #:
	Office Fax #:
Contact #1:	Alternate Phone #:
Title:	Home or Cell Phone #:
Contact #2:	Alternate Phone #:
Title:	Home or Cell Phone #:
	Home or Cell Phone #:

Date of event: _____ Time Frame: _____ to _____

Number of People Actually Attended Event: _____
(Total # from attendance sheet)

What type of community event did you have? (Health Fair, Community Clean-up)

Describe how the event went:

Did you make kits out of the items we sent?

Did anyone who came to your event get a kit for attending?

Thank you for turning in your report for the community events service at National Relief Charities. Please keep us in mind for your next event. NRC has many products available for Community Events. We also have ongoing monthly services you might be able to order incentives for. Call your Service Coordinator for more information; toll free 866-356-2472

Marie (Support Specialist), Ed (Service Co-ordinator) and Clay (Program Manager) harvested a buffalo and used the meat to feed at one of the open houses hosted at the NRC warehouse.



Diapers, Diapers, and more Diapers!!!

Here at National Relief Charities we know the importance of diapers and the cost that comes with them. We encourage Program Partners to order diapers for any classes, home visits, or community events you are holding for your clients. Give your service coordinator a call to see what sizes are available.

