

The End of Isolation: Social Reconnection for Native American Elders

Native American Elders on the Hopi Reservation will see an end to isolation, thanks to a senior activities facility from NRC, the S.L. Gimbel Foundation and the H.O.M.E. Foundation.

Phoenix, AZ and Los Angeles, CA ([PRWEB](#)) June 20, 2013 – On June 5, the Hopi Tribe held a ceremony to unveil a new senior activities center on the Hopi Reservation in northeastern Arizona. They dedicated the facility to Native American Elders in the Spider Mound community, also known as Yuwehloo Pahki Village (YPV).

YPV did not exist until the US government re-designated some of Hopi's land to the Navajo. This forced many Hopi people to abandon their long-time homes and form the YPV community. YPV is geographically isolated from the rest of the Hopi Tribe.

Yet even within YPV, people were isolated from each other, until now. As long-time supporters of the Hopi Indian Reservation, [National Relief Charities](#) (NRC) initiated a project to secure and outfit a new, 56-foot trailer, which YPV Elders can enjoy as a community center and gathering place.

NRC's regional program office in Phoenix focuses on improving quality of life and providing opportunities for positive change in isolated Native American communities. NRC Program Director Kelly Gibson says, "The new senior activities facility will be a boost to the health and well-being of YPV Elders."

The YPV project was made possible in part by a grant from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Advised Fund at [The Community Foundation](#) serving the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, CA. The YPV project was also supported by a grant from the H.O.M.E. Foundation (Helping Our Mobile Elderly) of the Greater Los Angeles area.

To learn more about YPV and the YPV project, please visit the [NRC blog](#).

About NRC: National Relief Charities is a national nonprofit that serves northern Plains and Southwest reservations, home to the most underserved people in the United States. For program information, visit www.nrcprograms.org or call 800-416-8102.

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