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National Relief Charities**

Vendor Awarded ‘Best Partner’ by Local Charity

May 1, 2008, Mission, SD – Buche Foods receives Best Partner award from National Relief Charities for their support of Native Americans in the northern Plains.

Last week, National Relief Charities honored a local vendor with their “Best Partner” award. The award went to Buche Foods in Mission, South Dakota. The owner, R. F. Buche, has several retail food and convenience stores located throughout the state.

The Mission store staff and its General Manager, Mike Husman, have been very instrumental in helping NRC meet its charitable mission of bringing relief for American Indians on poverty-stricken reservations.

Husman and his staff have supported National Relief Charities by helping with the purchase and distribution of thousands of turkeys and Thanksgiving meals, Easter meals, Christmas meals, and fruit baskets for American Indians. Mainly, the food helps feed Elders, kids, and families living on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations and 15 to 20 other reservations in the northern Plains.

Clay Ramsey, NRC Plains Program Manager, says “Buche Foods is a great vendor to work with.”

Buche’s also helps administer the Breakfast-in-a-Bag service that is offered by the American Indian Relief Council, a program of National Relief Charities. The service is designed to provide a bag of healthy breakfast food to every Elder aged 62 and older on the Rosebud Reservation. As one of nearly 900 program partners, Buche’s facilitates the sign-up process with Elders who want to receive the breakfast food. They also help coordinate and track the monthly pickups and, because of them, NRC knows who did not receive their food. Each month, Buche’s helps ensure that 500 Rosebud Elders receive their breakfast food.

National Relief Charities is a nonprofit dedicated to quality of life for American Indians living on remote, poverty-stricken reservations. NRC has been serving Native Americans for 20 years and is supported by a strong network of reservation partners. NRC works on over 75 reservations year-round. For more information, see www.nrcprograms.org.