



FY13 Quality of Life Grant Awardees

Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation (Albuquerque)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by promoting a greater awareness and understanding of disabilities among youth and nurturing the social interaction among children.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To provide 5 one hour sessions of the "Disability Awareness Curriculum" at 12 after school sites
- To perform pre and post-project attitudinal tests to program participants

Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives, Inc. (Farmington)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by giving paralyzed Navajo VIPs a voice and providing meaningful work in the community, boosting their confidence, skills and independence.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To Recruit and train two new Navajo VIP speakers who will each visit 10-15 schools on the Navajo Nation
- To Sponsor three "vocational support/peer mentoring workshops" for VIP team
- To create and share personal digital of VIPs lives, injuries, work with Think First Navajo and the positive impact the program has had on their Quality of life

Free Spirit Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program (Ramah)

Awarded \$3,785

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by improving fine and gross motor skills, communication skills, impulse control and self-esteem. This will be accomplished by participating in donkey and horseback riding.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To host a rodeo and waive rodeo fees for approximately 35 riders
- To purchase a tack which includes a draft size saddle, saddle blanket, and headstall with bit
- To pay arena fees
- To purchase a 600 gallon water tank

NM Business Leadership Network (Albuquerque)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by working with high schools to help students stay in school and deliver new opportunities to help students become employed.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To encourage young people with disabilities to stay in school and obtain a meaningful and rewarding career by using Job Development Services, Professional Development of Transition Staff, Referral Assistance, Career Planning and Skill Building Seminars, Career Fairs, Discovery Expos, Employer Site Visits, Mentoring and Internships
- To help business's hire more new employees with disabilities

Native American Independent Living (Laguna Pueblo)

Awarded \$3,500

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by bridging gaps and bringing the latest information and awareness of the newest products that can improve a person's quality of life.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To Host a "Native American Independent Living Conference" in October of 2012
- To provide 15 people with "scholarships" to the conference

Progressive Residential Services (PRS) of New Mexico (Las Cruces)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by promoting community inclusion, active citizenship, and their value as equal citizens in the community.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To develop and display a cultural exhibit at the Disability Arts, Culture & Citizenship Center
- To host and facilitate nine (9) gatherings and one "Seuss Series" exhibit
- To produce at least 35 items to sell at the Farmers Market
- To host and facilitate at least 18 drumming activities

The Wellness Coalition (Silver City)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by increasing community engagement which will lead to increased self-advocacy and heightened community awareness around disabilities.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To develop a county wide comprehensive contact distribution list/network and provide resource information to the network on a weekly basis
- To increase local disability advocacy efforts by organizing a disability advisory council who will meet bi-monthly

What Would You Give (Rio Rancho)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by providing a facility where Veterans can find assistance for any circumstance or issue they are experiencing.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To update the What Would You Give and Jobs for Vets Web sites
- To purchase three new computers and a printer
- To increase the number of veterans with disabilities placed in permanent jobs from 15 to 25
- To provide basic computer skills via onsite training

Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery (Albuquerque & Surrounding Areas)

Awarded \$4,000

Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to increase the Quality of Life for people with disabilities by teaching the skills needed to find and maintain employment.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- To provide an Employment Empowerment boot camp that will consist of one class a week for 6 to 8 weeks
- To hold a Ticket to Work job fair