

KI NAM KA'I WE'I
"THIS IS OUR MOTHER EARTH"

Presented by:
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Environmental and Natural Resources
Department
Earth Week 2014



YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO EARTH WEEK

In 2014 Earth Week Activities began on April 19, 2014 with the Tire Amnesty. A week of great celebrations honored our sacred soil and provided education about protecting the Pueblo's resources. It was a time to reflect about how our ancestors took care of the earth and passed down prayers to teach us to respect our mother earth. This year's activities provided fun for everyone from elders to toddlers, youth, families and employees. It is our wish to encourage all to make an enduring difference at Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the world.

Heurkem

Andrea Everett

Environmental Program Manager





When
our hearts turn to
our ancestors
something inside
us changes

The Environmental and Natural Resources Department is proud to report that the community was very supportive in recycling tires and electronic waste.

We also worked with elders by assisting them with home pickups.

Collections Totaled:

- 119 Tires
- 8 Televisions
- 5 Computers

GO GREEN TIGUAS!



Tire Amnesty & E-Waste Collection



**We will be known forever by
the tracks we leave**

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH



Planting Blue Corn at Iye Kitu

Earth Hand Print Activity: Tuy Pathu Daycare Toddlers

To teach Tuy Pathu children that “the power to take care of the land is in their hands,” they were taught about the small changes they can do to care for our mother earth.

The earth hand print art activity was as success. Children hung their art at the Tuy Pathu Daycare and the children also stated a “Mother Earth Pledge and sang recycling songs. .



Earth Friendly Scavenger Hunt

Tuy Pathu Afterschool @ Tuy Pathu Daycare



Children looked for recyclable items, native plants, insects, trash and energy efficiency light bulbs

The older children were paired with the younger children to support the earth friendly scavenger hunt.

The only thing
necessary for
tranquility in the
world is that every
child grow up happy.

Chief Van George



In collaboration with Social Services Family Fun Fair: Ki Nam Ka'i We'i/AmeriCorps Fundraiser Community Event

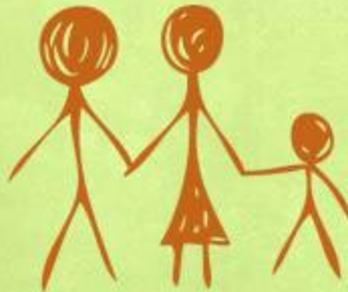
The Family Fun Fair was filled with family and recycling fun. The AmeriCorps members supported the ENRD with a variety of environmental educational activities such as games, relays, face painting and healthy food.

Most exciting is that AmeriCorps members banded together to raise funds for the Tigua community. The money raised will go toward buying items for the Tuy Pathu nursery and playground.

Special thanks to the Departments that contributed funds and to those individuals that bought food tickets.



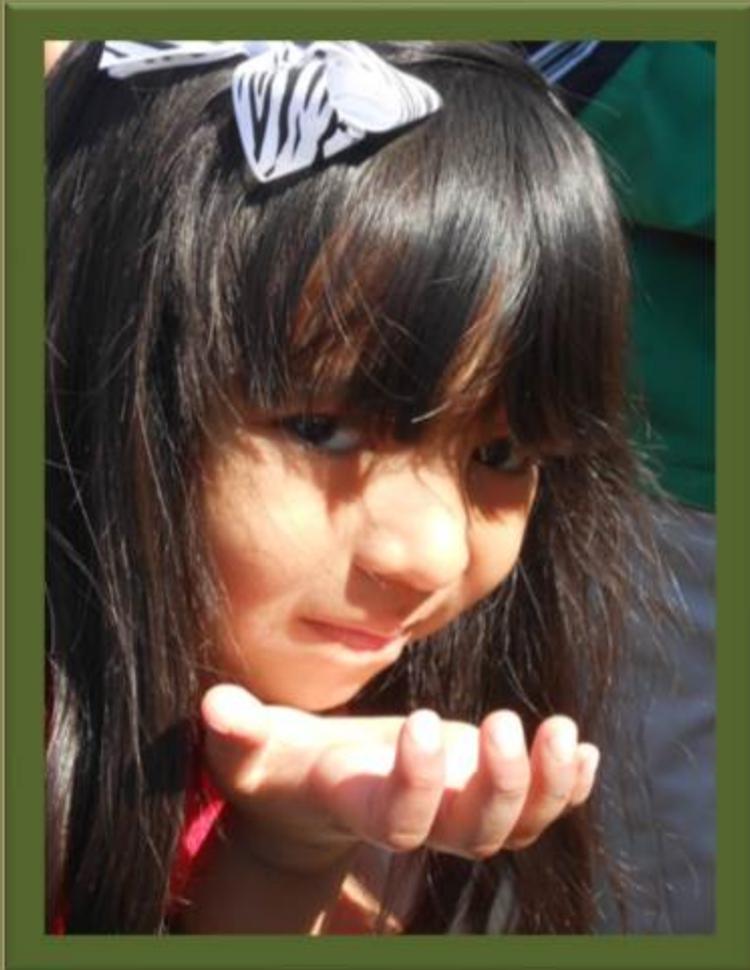
Family Fun Fair, Ki Nam Ka'i We'I & AmeriCorps Fundraiser Community Event



ERND SUPPORTS CUB SCOUT ENVIRONMENTAL BADGES



Pray for Mother Earth
Today and Everyday



Nam Ka'i We'i Afterschool Party at Empowerment

The afterschool party was a blast. Youth participated in 3-Legged Recycling Race, Environmental, Loteria and the Recycling Relay. Javier Loera, War Capitan spoke to the youth on the importance of how Tigua culture relates to taking care of mother earth.



WE DO NOT INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR ANCESTORS
WE BORROW IT FROM OUR CHILDREN



GARDENING & HEALTHY COOKING WITH CHEF NIKKO AT TRIBAL ELDER'S CLUB



The ERND worked with elders to establish a raised and mobile garden bed. Elders planted herbs, chilis and blue corn.

Chef Nikko cooking lesson resulted in a yummy "Achiote" chicken with roasted corn and squash and nopale salsa.



A DANCE FOR MOTHER EARTH

Tigua
children
planting
blue
corn
&
dancing
for
blessings
&
rain.



EARTH DAY EMPLOYEE PICNIC

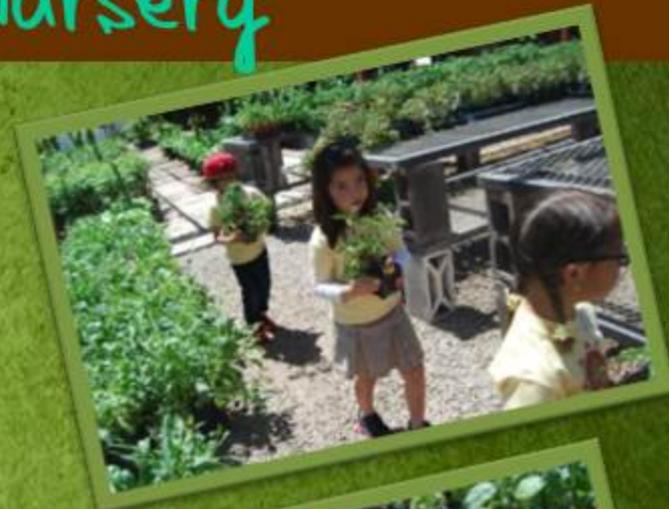
YDSP employees participated in a healthy, fun and educational lunch filled with physical activity and environmental friendly tips.



Tuy Pathu Pre-k

Eastside Discount Nursery

Pre-K students took a field trip to Eastside Nursery where they were taught about growing a garden from sprouts and seeds.



SPECIAL THANK YOU AMERICORPS

- First and Foremost: Ivonne Mata for being a part of the ERND team and supporting the Earth Week efforts.
- AmeriCorps members who participated in the Earth Week events: Samuel Alvarado, Richard Hernandez Jr., Ivonne Mata, Ariel Olivas, Gloria Paiz, Bernadette Torres, Josh Reza and Yadira Siqueiros



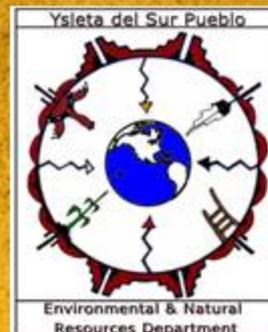
HAWU – HEURKEM PARTNERS

- Target Tigua AmeriCorps
- Empowerment Department
- Tuy Pathu Day Care
- Economic Development Department
- Health and Human Services and Social Services
- Pueblo Maintenance
- Tribal Council
- Traditional Council
- Elders Club



ERND STAFF

- ☀ Evaristo Cruz, Environmental Director
- ☀ Andrea Everett, Environmental Programs Manager
- ☀ Edna Sierra, Environmental Clerk
- ☀ Ivonne Mata, AmeriCorps Environmental Correspondent
- ☀ Gary Arriola, GIS Intern
- ☀ Jerry Ramirez, Garden Maintenance Worker



A vertical strip of dried yellow corn cobs hanging on a wall. The corn is golden yellow and appears to be dried, with some husks still attached. The background is a textured, reddish-brown surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of your grandfathers.

So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin.

Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth.

If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.

• ~ *Unknown* ~