

# NITRO SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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## **HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION –**

The original name of this organization was the Golden Nuggets Senior Citizen Club of Nitro, Inc., Originally, this was a social club where individuals over the age of 60 could meet for conversation; play games; practice arts and crafts; experience travel; do charitable acts, and enjoy meals and other legal activities which they mutually agreed upon. There were and are no paid employees for this group.

The Golden Nuggets Senior Citizens changed the organization's name to the Nitro Senior Citizen's Center in 1990 and received its 5013C status. The seniors moved to its current location in 1993. The old Nitro High School has been its home since that time.

After many fundraisers, grants, and volunteer work, the Center became the hub for activities and now includes a large, full service kitchen; 3 activities rooms; 2 offices; restrooms; storage rooms; pantry, billiard room; a large walk-in-safe and an exercise room.

The Center is self-supporting from proceeds of bingo and raffle games and other activities. Revenues from these games provide funding for all activities for members of the community.

The community is comprised of 25% males who are over the age of 60 and 30% are females over the age of 60. Thirty percent are males between the ages of 20 and 60. Thirty percent are females between the ages of 20 and 60.

The Center serves as a nutrition site for seniors as well as the general public. Meals are also delivered to shut-ins. Other activities are covered dish dinners including entertainment; exercise classes; art and craft classes; painting classes; Bible Study; community food pantry; periodic health screening clinics; trips to outlying communities and activities ; guest speakers; dances; holiday programs; free bingo games on Wednesday at 11AM; Thursday bingo and raffle games in the evening; library; workout room; billiards; billiard tournaments; television, and sing-a-longs. Bus transportation is provided for these activities.

Come Join Us!!