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## SODEXO CELEBRATES NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Sodexo Corporate Services Division recently pooled its resources to help commemorate and celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month. Sodexo manages all food service operations at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company's National Headquarters in Columbus, OH, as well as the award-winning Conference Center at NorthPointe, Nationwide's national training center located in nearby Lewis Center.

Sodexo's commitment to diversity in the workplace initiated an effort to enhance lunchtime operations at both locations, to include a number of dishes featuring authentic Native American recipes.

NorthPointe's Executive Chef Mark Moran, combined forces with Lynne Ramsey, Sodexo's Area General Manager for café operations, to develop the menus that were offered over the first three Thursdays during the celebration month of November. More than 500 authentic meals were served each of the three days.

The list of items included Baked Acorn Squash with Cranberry Relish along with Maque Chox (pronounced: "mock shoe") and green chili cornbread. Maque Chox is thought to be an amalgam of Acadian French (Cajun) and Native American cultural influence, and the name is likely derived from the French interpretation of the Native American name. It is a simple dish containing corn, green pepper, tomatoes, onion, garlic and celery.

William D. Edmunds of Nationwide's Office of Diversity and Inclusion said, *"I personally joined a co-worker to have the Green Chile Pork Stew over Rice and it was delicious. There was quite a line for the meal."* He continued, *"Nationwide is grateful for Sodexo's leadership and teamwork on this most important project."*

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