



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



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POKAGON BAND AND FOUR WINDS CASINOS HOLD DRIVE FOR BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – August 21, 2019 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce more than 800 backpacks filled with school supplies were purchased from monetary donations collected from employees and donated to schools throughout Michiana.

A fundraising drive was set up as a payroll deduction for participating employees, with all money going to the Back to School Backpack Drive; a total of \$6,000. An additional \$5,000 contribution from Four Winds Casinos brought the total amount to \$11,000. In years past, Four Winds employees have raised money for the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, LOGAN, Susan G. Komen, and hurricane relief efforts, among other causes.

“We have a fantastic team at Four Winds Casinos,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “Our employees have always risen to the challenge when it comes to supporting important causes. We’re proud to join them in the back-to-school drive.”

In all, money collected from the drive was able to purchase:

- 816 backpacks, each filled with a dozen pencils, sharpener, markers, pens, crayons, glue, glue stick, spiral notebook, filler paper, folder and scissors
- 360 pencil boxes
- 240 1-inch binders
- 1,296 two-pocket folders
- 144 canisters of disinfecting wipes
- 46 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 5,600 stickers
- 15 boxes of Kleenex

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its approximately 5,600 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. It owns and operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe's non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com.

About Four Winds Casinos

Four Winds New Buffalo, located at 11111 Wilson Road in New Buffalo, Mich., Four Winds Hartford®, located at 68600 Red Arrow Highway in Hartford, Mich., Four Winds Dowagiac®, located at 58700 M-51 South in Dowagiac, Mich., and Four Winds South Bend, located at 3000 Prairie Road in South Bend, Ind., are owned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Four Winds New Buffalo offers nearly 125,000 square feet of gaming with more than 2,500 slot machines, 48 table games, five restaurants, entertainment bars, retail venues, a pool, and a 415-room hotel, making it the premier gaming resort in the Midwest. Four Winds Hartford features more than 500 slot machines, eight table games, a 74-seat restaurant, and a 15-seat bar. Four Winds Dowagiac features 400 slot machines, seven table games and one restaurant. Four Winds South Bend has over 55,000 square feet of gaming space, 1,600 games, four restaurants, three bars, a players lounge, a coffee shop, and a 10-table, live dealer poker room. Please play responsibly. You must be 21 years of age to gamble. For more information on Four Winds Casinos, please call 1-(866)-4WINDS1 (866-494-6371) or visit www.fourwindscasino.com. Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds Casinos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino and follow on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino.

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