



**Pokégnek Bodéwadmik**  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



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## **FOUR WINDS CASINOS EMPLOYEES COLLECT AND PRESENT NEARLY 1,000 TOYS TO LOCAL AGENCY**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – December 19, 2018 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that an astounding 936 toys were presented to Toys for Tots on Monday, December 17, 2018 for distribution to families in need this holiday season. The new toys were collected throughout December from employees, as well as through a special poker tournament held at Four Winds Casino South Bend® on Sunday, December 16.

“There are a few aspects to what we did for Toys for Tots,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “First, the employees donated gifts of all types— board games, dolls, bikes, and everything in between. They also donated money through payroll deduction, which our human resources department used to purchase even more toys.”

Additionally, a No Limit Hold’em poker tournament was held at Four Winds South Bend over the weekend. Part of the buy-in for the tournament was a new, unwrapped toy. A total of 53 toys were collected as part of the Sunday tourney and added to the total.

Freedman said employees raised \$5,200 to purchase toys. “We’re so proud of our employees, who embraced this toy drive wholeheartedly,” Freedman said. “There is a lot of joy that comes from this shopping experience, knowing the happiness these toys will bring to so many kids.”

Freedman said the employees of Four Winds voluntarily participate in multiple fund drives throughout the year, including the most recent donation of \$10,000 to Kelly Cares Foundation raised in October to support the mission of that organization. They have also raised funds for other not-for-profit organizations including LOGAN Center, American Heart Association, Susan G. Komen and American Red Cross following Hurricane Maria.

[View images of the toys collected by the employees of Four Winds Casinos for Toys for Tots here.](#)

### **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 5,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band's 10-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 and Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013. Four Winds South Bend opened January 16, 2018. It owns and operates a variety of business via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe's non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com) and [www.mno-bmadsen.com](http://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, 50 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 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 56,000 square feet of gaming space, 1,600 games, four restaurants, three bars, a players lounge, a coffee shop, a retail outlet and a 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](http://www.fourwindscasino.com). Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds Casinos on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino](http://www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino) and follow on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino](http://www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino).

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