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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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THE POKAGON BAND AND ITS FOUR WINDS CASINOS DONATE 1,000 EASTER FOOD BOXES TO THOSE IN NEED

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – April 4, 2023 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce a donation of 1,000 food boxes to help those in need during the Easter holiday on Sunday, April 9. The distribution will be coordinated by Feeding America® West Michigan and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana through 11 different locations. Each food box contains a ham, corn, green beans, potatoes au gratin, and banana bread. The Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos previously donated 1,000 food boxes in November of 2022 for Thanksgiving and 1,000 food boxes December 2022 for Christmas.

Feeding America West Michigan will make a portion of the donated Easter food boxes available at the following locations:

- Action Ministry Center Dowagiac
- Child and Family Services of Southwest Michigan
- Cooperating Ministries Hartford
- Lawrence United Methodist
- Marcellus Community Food Pantry

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana will make a portion of the donated Easter food boxes available at the following locations:

- Broadway Christian Parish in South Bend
- Clay Church in South Bend
- Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph Country
- First United Methodist Church in South Bend
- MAC Albright in Mishawaka
- River Park Food Pantry in South Bend

“We are very proud that we can continue our tradition of giving this Easter holiday,” said Rebecca Richards, Tribal Chairwoman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “It is our hope that these food boxes are a source of comfort to those in need. We’d also like to thank our partners at Feeding America, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and the 11 locations for coordinating the distribution.”

Feeding America is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of more than 200 food banks, 21 statewide food bank associations, and over 60,000 partner agencies, food pantries and meal programs, the organization provided 5.2 billion meals to tens of millions of people in need last year.

More information on Feeding America Michigan is available at <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/michigan> and more information on Feeding America Indiana is available at <https://feedindiana.org/>.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's 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 more than 6,000 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. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, its non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com

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