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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – December 23, 2025 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana and its Four Winds® Casinos announced today a donation of 1,000 food boxes to those in need during the week of Christmas. This year's Christmas food box includes a Ham, Fresh Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Green Beans, Mushroom Soup, French Fried Onions, Evaporated Milk, and a Pumpkin Cake Roll. Distribution will be completed through several organizations and Four Winds Casinos team members were present today at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana located at 702 Chapin Street in South Bend, Indiana at 10 a.m. Eastern to hand out 200 food boxes.

Additional recipient organizations include: Decatur Human Services in Decatur; Marcellus Community Food Pantry in Marcellus; Cooperating Ministries/Methodist Church in Hartford; Caring Connection in Benton Harbor; Lawrence United Methodist Church in Lawrence, and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Citizens.

Commenting on the donation, Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman of the Pokagon Band said, "The Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos are proud of our continued long-term commitment of charitable giving to organizations and causes that support the needs of the communities in which we reside. Tackling food insecurity has remained a key priority as the Christmas holiday should be a time for joy and celebration, not a source of anxiety and stress. We hope this annual contribution makes a difference to the recipients and serves as inspiration for others to emulate."

Mary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of Four Winds Casinos added, "Since the start of our holiday meal program ten years ago, we have delivered more than 20,000 meals to individuals and families struggling to put food on the table for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are thankful for the generosity of the Pokagon Band Tribal Council as well as the partnership with all of the organizations we have worked with over the years to deliver the meals to those in need."

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 6,400 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 2018. The Pokagon Band

operates a variety of non-gaming businesses through its investment enterprises, Mno-Bmadsen and the Pokagon Development Authority. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com.

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