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FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT DONATES \$20,000 TO THE GRIDIRON GREATS ASSISTANCE FUND

An additional \$15,000 was raised for Gridiron Greats through a Celebrity Blackjack Tournament

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – August 28, 2008 – Four Winds Casino Resort announced today that it presented a check for \$20,000 to Mike Ditka and the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund on Sunday, August 24. An additional \$15,000 was raised for the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund through a celebrity blackjack tournament at Four Winds featuring NFL legends such as Gale Sayers, Conrad Dobler, Paul Hornung, Mercury Morris, Deacon Jones and Jack Youngblood.

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance, social and medical services to retired NFL players in dire need. The organization focuses on the humanitarian side of post-football related issues, providing hands-on assistance to help retired players deal with hardships they may face after football. Learn more about the organization at www.gridirongreats.org.

“We are extremely pleased to have been selected by Mike Ditka and the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund to participate in this worthwhile program,” said Matt Harkness, General Manager, Four Winds Casino Resort. “Not only did we raise \$35,000 for a great cause, but our guests had the chance of a lifetime to play blackjack with NFL legends.”

Along with the Celebrity Blackjack Tournament at Four Winds, the Gridiron Greats held an autograph session at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, Ill., a kickoff party at Mike Ditka’s Restaurant in Oakbrook, Ill., and a golf tournament at Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Mich., to raise money and awareness for retired NFL players in need of financial assistance and social services.

Only about 70 miles from downtown Chicago, Four Winds Casino Resort has quickly become a favorite destination for those seeking Las Vegas-style entertainment thanks to its 130,000 square feet of gaming space including 3,000 slot machines, 100 table games, gourmet restaurants and 165-room hotel.

Round trip chartered bus service to Four Winds Casino Resort is available from several locations in Chicago, Northern Indiana and Western and Central Michigan. Schedules, bonus packages and directions are available by calling (866) 711-1997 or at www.fourwindscasinoshuttle.com.

For more information on Four Winds Casino Resort or to make a reservation, please call 1-866-4WINDS1 (866-494-6371) or visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

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About Four Winds Casino Resort

Four Winds Casino Resort is owned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and is located at 11111 Wilson Road in New Buffalo, Mich. Managed by Lakes Entertainment, Inc., the resort offers 130,000 square feet of gaming with 3,000 slot machines and an ample selection of table games including poker. It also features five restaurants, entertainment bars and retail venues, and a 165-room hotel, making it a premier destination resort for Midwest tourism. Please play responsibly. You must be 21 years of age to gamble. More information can be found at www.fourwindscasino.com.

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