



**Pokégnek Bodéwadmik**  
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – November 24, 2020 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds® Casinos announced today a donation of 1,000 Thanksgiving boxes to those in need during the week of Thanksgiving. Distribution will be completed by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana through the St. Joseph County Pantry. Each Thanksgiving box includes a ham, stuffing, corn, a potato, cranberry jelly, and a pumpkin roll.

“We are proud to be able to continue our tradition of giving back during the holiday season. These Thanksgiving boxes can help families in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana, enjoy a holiday meal together during these challenging times,” said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority. “We are also grateful to work with our partners at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana who will distribute these meals.”

“We are so grateful for our partnership with the Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos for their commitment to feeding the hungry,” said Marijo Martinec, the Executive Director and CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. “The need is so great, and because of the generosity of Four Winds Casinos, families struggling with hunger will have a delicious meal to celebrate Thanksgiving this year.”

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana works in partnership with the community to feed the hungry, increase awareness of the effects of hunger, and lead programs designed to alleviate hunger. The Food Bank of Northern Indiana serves Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Stark, and St. Joseph Counties and is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Indiana’s Hungry (FIH) and United Way. More information is available at <https://feedindiana.org/>.

### **About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi**

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 5,700 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](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com) and [www.mno-bmadsen.com](http://www.mno-bmadsen.com)

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