



**Pokégnek Bodéwadmik**  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



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## **FOUR WINDS CASINOS DONATE 1,000 FOOD BASKETS TO FAMILIES IN NEED**

Northern Indiana and southwest Michigan residents to receive baskets that include a whole ham, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry, corn and apple bread

NEW BUFFALO, Michigan – December 18, 2018 –The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians’ Four Winds® Casinos have announced a donation of **1,000 baskets of food** to those in need across northern Indiana and southwest Michigan. Employees at Four Winds Casinos, in cooperation with several local organizations, began delivering the baskets today, including 200 baskets in South Bend distributed to families through the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Each basket includes a whole ham, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn and apple bread.

Organizations participating in the basket delivery include the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in South Bend, Ind.; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Dowagiac, Mich.; Feeding America Indiana; Feeding America Michigan and Decatur Human Services.

“When we see families line up to receive our donated baskets, the reality of food poverty hits home,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “It illustrates the real need in our community for this type of help, so we will continue to be there for our neighbors in this way. It’s an outreach that really touches our hearts.”

“We’re deeply aware that hunger is something faced every day by individuals and families in our region. It’s particularly challenging during the holidays,” said Matthew Wesaw, Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “It’s why we’re honored to work with these community agencies whose mission is to fight and eliminate hunger.”

### **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 Avenue 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 seasonal 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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