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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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

*Provided through the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Decatur Human Services in Michigan,
Feeding America in Benton Harbor, Mich., as well as local churches and food pantries*

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – December 19, 2019 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce a donation of 1,000 Christmas food boxes to those in need. Volunteers from the Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos handed out 200 boxes at 10:00 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, December 19 at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in South Bend. Christmas food boxes were provided on a first come, first serve basis to recipients in vehicles and there was a limit of one per household. Christmas food boxes were also provided to local churches and food pantries in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan, Decatur Human Services in Michigan, and Feeding America in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Each holiday food box included a ham, potatoes, stuffing, corn, cranberries, and an apple pie. This donation follows the distribution of 1,200 food baskets for Thanksgiving.

“The Pokagon Band is pleased to continue our long-standing and heart-felt tradition of delivering food boxes to those in need throughout the holiday season, now in its fifth year,” said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. “This program would not be possible without the support of the Pokagon Tribal Council, Pokagon Citizens, Four Winds Casino employees and several community organizations. We hope all the recipients will truly have a Merry Christmas.”

“We are very proud that so many Four Winds employees have volunteered to be part of this very special program for the past five years,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “We hope this donation can be a source of comfort and holiday cheer for all the recipients.”

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 5,700 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. It

owns and operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe's non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and 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 Road 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 2,400 slot machines, 48 table games, five restaurants, entertainment bars, retail venues, a pool, and a 415-room hotel, making it the premier gaming resort in the Midwest. Four Winds Hartford features more than 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 55,000 square feet of gaming space, 1,400 games, four restaurants, three bars, a players lounge, a coffee shop, and a 10-table, live dealer 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. Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds Casinos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino and follow on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino.

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