



**Pokégnek Bodéwadmik**  
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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## **THE POKAGON BAND AND ITS FOUR WINDS CASINOS DONATE 1,000 EASTER BASKETS TO THOSE IN NEED**

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – April 1, 2021 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce a donation of 1,000 Easter Baskets to help those in need celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 4. The distribution will be coordinated by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Feeding America Indiana, and Feeding America Michigan through 14 different food banks in Michigan and Indiana. Each Easter Basket contains a ham, fresh potatoes, green beans, canned corn, and orange bread. The Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos also donated 1,000 food boxes in November for Thanksgiving and in December for Christmas.

“We are very proud that we can continue our tradition of giving this Easter holiday, despite all of the challenges our community and businesses have faced during the past thirteen months of the pandemic,” said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority. “It is our hope that these Easter Baskets are a source of comfort to those in need. We’d also like to thank our partners, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Feeding America Indiana, and Feeding America Michigan, for coordinating the distribution.”

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 on the Food Bank of Northern Indiana is available at <https://feedindiana.org/>.

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, it provides meals to more than 40 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people they serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. More information on Feeding America Indiana is available at [www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/indiana](http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/indiana) and more information on Feeding America Michigan is available at [www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/michigan](http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/michigan).

### **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 5,800 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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