

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Donates \$175,000 to Five Charities



Pictured: Tribal Council Members and charity representatives. Photo courtesy of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians/Joey Jarecki

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians recently presented \$175,000 to five charities, each receiving \$35,000, from the proceeds of its 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held in December, 2018.

The tournament benefited: Animal Samaritans, Make a Wish Foundation, Martha's Village & Kitchen, Neuro Vitality and Haskell University Foundation.

Throughout the past nine years, the tribe has provided \$1.3 million in donations directly resulting from the its Annual Charity Golf Tournament. In addition, the tribe donates to many community organizations and non-profits throughout the Coachella Valley throughout the year.

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Provides \$1 Million to Help Camp Fire Victims Recover and Start Rebuild

The Camp Fire has left a tragic path of destruction in its wake with the enormity of the loss in lives and property hard to comprehend. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, owner of Cache Creek Casino Resort, has stood with its Butte County neighbors in this difficult time.

The tribe's citizens and employees applaud and honor the incredible bravery and selflessness of the thousands of men and women who risked their lives to fight this tragic fire, as well as those continuing to tirelessly assist those who have been displaced. They are truly heroes among us. The recovery is barely beginning, and rebuilding will require a massive community effort. Yocha Dehe has joined in support of this effort with a \$1 million contribution to North Valley Community Foundation (*nvcf.org*). NVCF is well positioned to ensure the funds bolster local organizations directly helping those in need at this difficult time.

"We are deeply grateful to the people of Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Cache Creek Casino for their generous donation to NVCF's Camp Fire Relief Fund," said Alexa Benson-Valavanis, President and CEO of the North Valley Community Foundation. "During our greatest time of need,

they have shown up with love, care and support. All monies donated will be granted to organizations, shelters and services providing direct support to evacuees. Any monies not spent in emergency response will be deployed during our long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. Thank you from all of us."

"The loss has been enormous and we need to immediately help our Northern California neighbors both recover and start to rebuild," said Anthony Roberts, Tribal Chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. "Our tribe has a long history of partnership with our neighbors to build stronger communities, and there is certainly much that will be needed in the long run to help rebuild this ravaged community. We are not going anywhere. We look forward to finding long-term opportunities to offer further support and assistance as these devastated communities rebuild."

Colusa Casino Resort's Benefit Concert Raises Over \$16,000 to Help Fire Relief Efforts



Colusa Casino Resort presented a check to the American Red Cross California Wildfires Relief and the California Fire Foundation totaling over \$16,000 to help victims of the historic wildfires that damaged much of Northern California in 2018.

Victor Fernandez, General Manager of Colusa Casino Resort along with its owners, the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, described the fires as devastating and wanted to take action right away to help those in need. Colusa Casino Resort and Presenting Sponsor Recology partnered in late 2018 to put together a benefit concert where 100% of ticket sales would be donated.

It wasn't long before more community partners, including Sierra Central Credit Union, Rabobank and many more, rallied together to help sponsor this event. The funds raised will help to support the communities affected by the devastation of the recent fires.

The American Red Cross California Wildfires Relief organizes shelters for families, serves meals, supports emergency responders, provides medical care and creates recovery plans for victims affected by wildfires.

Amanda Ree, Executive Director of the American Red Cross said, “Colusa Casino is always a steadfast supporter of our local communities. This support for our wildfire fund came at a critical time between two large local disasters, the Carr Fire and the Camp Fire. And, it has done much to bring our mission to the communities impacted by these devastating fires – allowing us to provide safe beds and warm food as well as provide the direct financial assistance that can help families with immediate needs.”

The California Fire Foundation’s Supply Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) program provides immediate victim assistance to those affected by fire or other natural disasters throughout California along with providing emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect.

“The concert at Colusa Casino offered a measure of comfort and renewal for those facing a difficult time,” said Brian Rice, Chair of the California Fire Foundation. “The money from this event will help rebuild homes and lives shattered by catastrophic wildfires.”

More Than 1,200 Clothing Items Collected for Local Children at Lake of the Torches Resort Casino



L-R: Angela Godard, School Nurse; Ben Fleck, Assistant Principal; students Austin, Bebo, Carter, Jayleigh and Ina; and Lake of the Torches Marketing Manager Kayla Chapman and Director of Marketing Leana Schlecht.

Lake of the Torches Resort Casino recently presented the Lac du Flambeau Public School with 1,238 winter clothing items to help ensure local schoolchildren stay warm this winter. The donated hats, mittens, gloves and coats were collected during the Warm Up to Winning promotion held at the casino. As part of the promotion, a total of 745 Club Advantage members brought in children’s mittens, gloves, hats or gently used winter coats. Club members received \$10 free play each day they donated an item.

These clothing items were distributed to students at the Lac du Flambeau Grade School on an as-needed basis to replace missing or lost hats, mittens or gloves. They were handed out to students who do not have these important

clothing items during harsh conditions.

“We sincerely thank our Club Advantage members for their wonderful generosity in making our Warm Up to Winning promotion another success,” said Lake of the Torches Director of Marketing Leana Schlecht. “These winter clothing items will ensure local children stay warm throughout the winter weather season.”

Casino Del Sol’s Fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises \$66,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities



Casino Del Sol representatives present Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona staff with a \$66,000 check.

Casino Del Sol, the Sol of Tucson, raised \$66,000 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona at its fourth annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The sold-out event brought together nearly 150 golfers to raise funds for the Tucson Ronald McDonald House, a “home away from home” for families with children facing serious illness or injury. The tournament took place at Sewailo Golf Club at Casino Del Sol. Casino Del Sol representatives presented a \$66,000 check to Ronald McDonald House Charities. The funds raised will help up to 660 families.

“The Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Casino Del Sol are proud to partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona for our fourth annual Charity Golf Tournament,” said Kimberly Van Amburg, CEO of Casino Del Sol. “It’s an honor to support such an incredible organization, and we are heartened that the funds raised will benefit families in their time of need.”

“We are humbled to accept this gift from Casino Del Sol,” said Kate Maguire Jensen, President and CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona. “This significant contribution will allow us to continue serving families in crisis, ensuring they can focus on what’s most important – their loved ones.”

Coushatta Casino Resort Donates \$12,500 from Fundraiser to Benefit Melissa Doise Hope for the Miracle Foundation



L-R: Coughatta Casino Resort Associate Engagement Coordinator Angela John; Tribal Development/Associate Engagement Manager Kristen Johnson; Director of Human Resources William Gadberry; Sharon Doise Vincent (mother of Melissa Doise); Melissa Doise Foundation Boardmember Donna Richert; Coughatta Tribal Chairman David Sickey; and Coughatta Tribal Councilmembers Crystal Williams, Loretta Williams, and Kevin Sickey.

Coushatta Casino Resort associates recently participated in a fundraiser to benefit a local non-profit organization, Melissa Doise Hope for the Miracle Foundation, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds to assist Jeff Davis Parish residents battling breast cancer. Through generosity and community spirit, casino associates raised a total of \$12,500, achieving a Diamond Level sponsorship for the Foundation's 9th Annual Melissa Doise Hope for the Miracle Race.

Donna Richert, Foundation Boardmember, accepted the \$12,500 donation from Coughatta Tribal Chairman David Sickey, who said, "It's truly inspiring to share in the grace and generosity of our Coughatta Casino Resort associates. Being a major part of our collective culture, the reach of their hospitality is fueling the growth of so many important local causes. I am honored to witness how extraordinary our associates are on a daily basis."

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gives \$1.56 Million to Area Agencies

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians recently presented a check for \$1.56 million to South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg as well as representatives from area non-profits that will each receive a share of the funds to assist with their programming. The donation is part of a voluntary local agreement between The Pokagon Band and the City of South Bend.

The check presentation was held in the Grand Rotunda of Four Winds Casino South Bend. The Casino, which celebrated its first anniversary in January, is the fourth owned and operated by The Pokagon Band, and is the only tribal-owned casino in Indiana.

Agencies receiving a portion of this revenue share are: Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County; YWCA of North Central Indiana; Food Bank of Northern Indiana; Jobs for Americas Graduates – Indiana; The Bowman Creek Project;



Representatives from Pokagon Band and Four Winds Casinos present a check for \$1.56 million to several South Bend area non-profit organizations. The funds are part of a voluntary local agreement with the City of South Bend.

Beacon Children's Hospital; South Bend Community School Corporation; South Bend Venues, Parks and Arts; and the City of South Bend.

Kaw Gaming Donates \$25,000 to the Newkirk Fire Department

The Kaw Gaming Board of Directors recently made a donation in the amount of \$25,000 to the Newkirk Fire Department and City of Newkirk, OK, to help bring the fire department's equipment up to date.

On hand for the event was Kaw Nation Chairwoman Lynn Dunson; CEO of KGI Pam Shaw; KGI Gaming Board President Gena Warren; KGI Vice-Chair Terry Pepper; KGI Secretary Terri Humble; and KGI Board Members Jim Lessert, Erin Kekahbah, Bill Schutte, and Ken Bellmard.

KGI Board President Warren said, "KGI is pleased to be able to make this donation to Newkirk Fire/EMS, because it is our responsibility to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of Kaw Nation Citizens, as well as being a good neighbor in the community. The Kaw Nation/KGI has previously donated to Kildare Volunteer FD, Braman Volunteer FD, Kaw City Volunteer FD, and Newkirk FD. This donation helps our Kaw Nation Citizens as well as the surrounding communities and visitors to our locations. Newkirk Fire/EMS are the first responders for our Newkirk location."

Newkirk has one of the largest EMS service areas in Kay County at 400 square miles. There are 724 tribal members that live in the Kay County area, with 191 residing in the City of Newkirk as well as multiple businesses such as the Kanza Health Clinic, Kanza Child Care/TYP, Kanza Wellness Center, and Johnny Ray McCauley Gymnasium.

Those present to accept the donation were NFD Chief Adam Longcrier, NFD Firefighter Jim Warren, NFD Firefighter Richard Hinthorn, and Newkirk City Manager Jane Thomas. Chief Longcrier said, "Newkirk Fire/EMS is grateful for the donation and it will be put toward the purchase of 18 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and other needed equipment. This will help to reduce exposure to carcinogens and other cancer causing elements that remain in old and outdated equipment." ♣