

## Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Receives \$25 Million Gift from San Manuel Band of Mission Indians



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Tribal Secretary Ken Ramirez, who presented the gift on behalf of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, said this donation – the largest donation San Manuel has ever made – will forge an even stronger partnership with Loma Linda University Health to move the community forward in health and wellness.

“San Manuel is grateful for the compassion shown to our elders by Loma Linda University Health many decades ago,” Ramirez said. “We are excited about the new opportunities and lifesaving care that the new Children's Hospital will offer to our shared community and loved ones.”

Scott Perryman, MBA, Senior Vice President and Administrator of Children's Hospital, expressed his gratitude for the tribe's monumental gift. “We enthusiastically join San Manuel in a commitment to improve healthcare in our community for generations to come,” Perryman said. “Their generosity will help us transform maternal care to the benefit of each mother and baby that Loma Linda University Children's Hospital cares for.”

The fifth floor of Loma Linda University Health's new adult acute care hospital and Children's Hospital facility will be named the San Manuel Maternity Pavilion in honor of this landmark gift – the second largest gift ever given to Loma Linda University Health. This pavilion will allow Children's Hospital to continue as the leader in high risk birth care in the region, with approximately 50 percent of births at the hospital being high risk.

“It was my honor and pleasure to announce the new San Manuel Maternity Pavilion,” said Kerry Heinrich, JD, CEO of Loma Linda University Medical Center. “We are



Tribal Secretary Ken Ramirez accepts the Discovery Lifetime Award from Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, President of Loma Linda University Health.

overwhelmed by this incredible gift they've given us.”

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians were also presented with the Discovery Lifetime Achievement Award, highlighting a partnership and evolving relationship between San Manuel and Loma Linda University Health for more than 100 years.



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“The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and Loma Linda University Health have shared a mission to enhance the health of children in our region informed by more than a century of friendship,” said Rachelle Bussell, MA, CFRE, Senior Vice President for advancement at Loma Linda University Health. “This most recent amazing gift reaffirms the confidence the San Manuel Tribe has in the vital work we do together to change lives.”

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, President of Loma Linda University Health, said this monumental gift will empower Loma Linda University Health to go forward into the future. “The coming years will bring monumental changes to Loma Linda University Health, both in the physical landscape and in the practice of health care,” Hart said. “San Manuel's support will have a profound impact on the tiniest, most vulnerable patients from our communities. Loma Linda University Health is inspired by this trust.”

## Pechanga Poker and Bingo Players Make a Generous Charitable Food Donation



L-R: Pechanga Poker Team Members Richie Lopez, Eduardo Beltran Del Rio, David Dolim, Seng Tong, Mary Lou Sanchez, Lisa Hagen and Adam Baker.

Throughout the month of January, Pechanga Poker and Pechanga Bingo players successfully helped Restock the Shelves of the Community Mission of Hope with 4,400 pounds of non-perishable foods, more than double the amount from Pechanga's initiative last year (1,900lbs.) The Restock the Shelves campaign supports the regional assistance organization by replenishing their depleted food supplies after the incredibly busy November and December holidays. The Community Mission of Hope services more than 400 residents and families of Murrieta, Temecula, Anza, and Aguanga and beyond each month. It's the only one of its kind in the Temecula region.

Throughout January, players had the opportunity to bring donations of non-perishable food items in exchange for valuable incentives. Bingo players who brought in two cans of non-perishable food items received one free earlybird game pack with their buy-in for matinee and evening sessions.

Pechanga Poker players competing in weekday tournaments received a head start on chips for bringing in non-perishables. Those who brought two canned goods received 500 bonus starting tournament chips and those with three or more canned items received 1,000 bonus starting chips. Poker players also marked their calendars for the Restock the Shelves tournament. The event offered 2,500 in starting chips for a \$10 buy-in and three canned goods. Donors received 3,500 starting chips for five canned goods and the \$10 buy-in. Some poker players brought extra non-perishables in case they were knocked out early. With two more cans, they were able to rebuy into the daily tournaments for one hour.

The Restock the Shelves food donation campaign is put on at Pechanga in conjunction with Ante Up Magazine and Blue Shark Optics. Ante Up and Blue Shark Optics team up with poker rooms in regions across the countries to host Restock the Shelves events each January. This is the Pechanga Poker Room's fourth year participating and Pechanga Bingo's second.

## FABICash Donates \$5,000 for Native American Indian Education

FABICash recently donated \$5,000 to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana's Educational Trust Fund. Anthony Rabito, III, Vice President of Operations at FABICash, presented the check to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel.



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L-R: Bruce Burgess, CFO of Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel, and Anthony Rabito, III, Vice President of Operation of FABICash.

Betting services to its casino partners. First American Bankcard, Inc., founded and owned by Anthony F. Rabito, Jr., has been involved in Indian gaming since 1996. Rabito feels that every child deserves an education and is pleased that FABICash is able to help in Indian Country.

## Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians and Spotlight 29 Casino Donate \$50,000 to 9th Annual Warburton Celebrity Golf Tournament

The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians and Spotlight 29 Casino recently donated \$50,000 to the 9th Annual Warburton Celebrity Golf Tournament, benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its mission to treat childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Held February 28 - March 3 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA, the tournament and live music showcase featured more than 75 actors, athletes, celebrities and rock legends.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer, and for more than 50 years St. Jude has generously provided treatment and services for families – regardless of their ability to pay," said Tribal Chairman Darrell Mike. "The tribe is proud to contribute to this ongoing effort by underwriting one of its most successful annual fundraisers, The Warburton, which takes place right here in our backyard. We believe no family should have to face cancer alone."

"We're really excited to be a part of one of the desert's entertaining and successful fundraising events," said Spotlight 29 Casino Chief Operating Officer/General Manager Michael Frawley. "In addition to being a lot of fun for the attendees and participants, the tournament's mission are consistent with our core values to help families in need." ♣