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GUN LAKE CASINO

Gun Lake Casino Donates \$13,500 to repair failing boiler at Exodus Place transitional home

(Wayland, Mich.) – With the cold winter months upon us, it's imperative to have a good heating system in place, especially for those experiencing homelessness. Unfortunately, Exodus Place in Grand Rapids, which is Michigan's largest men's transitional housing facility, didn't have that for the start of the winter season. The non-profit's 25-year-old boiler was quickly on the decline, with three of its four heat pumps failing.

"It was getting pretty bad, especially when temperatures started dipping down into the single digits," said Exodus Place resident, Adam. "It was a big talking point for all of us while the cold rooms were going on."

The replacement of the heat pumps, piping and thermostat were all required for necessary heating in the facility, which was a costly fix for Exodus. However, Gun Lake Casino was quick to step in and donate \$13,500 for the repairs to help keep their 135 residents warm during the winter.

"This is obviously a big expense for an organization like us," said Exodus Place Founder and President, Robb Munger, "it's a two-million BTU boiler, so it's a huge piece of equipment. This donation means so much, we can't say thank you enough for helping us make an impact on the lives of our residents."

A local heating & cooling service in Grand Rapids recently made the much-needed repairs, which they estimate will provide consistent heat for the home for the next 20 years.

"Exodus Place plays an integral role in our community by providing men who have fallen on difficult times with transitional housing and other services towards becoming successful and independent," said Gun Lake Casino President and COO, Sal Semola. "We are grateful for the opportunity to donate to such a crucial cause to help keep their members warm during these frigid months."

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About Gun Lake Casino

Gun Lake Casino, a premier gaming and entertainment destination, is located off Exit 61 on U.S. 131, halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. The casino features a variety of thrilling gaming options, including 2,500 state-of-the art slot machines, 47 table games, a modern sportsbook, and keno. Gun Lake Casino is comprised of high-quality dining amenities, including Shkodé Chophouse with a

contemporary take on American cuisine, CBK inspired by the brewery culture in Michigan, 131 Sportsbar & Lounge with over 1,000 square feet of viewing surface for panoramic views of live events, and Harvest Buffet featuring fresh ingredients, cooked to order.

Gun Lake Casino is owned by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi. For more information, visit <u>www.gunlakecasino.com</u>.