

PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 16, 2022

CONTACT: James Nye
269.598.4248
james.nye@gunlakecasino.com

Gun Lake Tribe and Gun Lake Casino donate to American Indian Center

(Wayland, Mich.) – Today, Gun Lake Casino and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe), announced it has collected monetary donations of over \$11,000, along with hundreds of physical goods which will be delivered to the [American Indian Center in Chicago](#). The center provides resources to advance the general welfare of the Native American community in the Chicago area.

“The number of items donated were overwhelming,” said the casino’s CEO, Salvatore Semola. “We want to thank the community, and the Tribe, for their help in making a positive impact for the American Indian Center to improve the quality of life for American Indians in the city of Chicago who may not have the support of a tribal government in times of need.”

Two trucks carrying over 20 pallets worth of donations departed Gun Lake Casino Thursday morning (Dec. 15) to make the journey to Chicago with the help of Gun Lake Tribal Elders.

“Gun Lake Tribe is blessed to have the ability to share what we with our relatives both near and far,” said Gun Lake Tribe Chairman Bob Peters. “We’re proud to provide these donations to the American Indian Center, especially at this time of year when giving is at the core of the season.”

Donations were collected throughout the month of November, and casino guests were encouraged to bring in non-perishable goods as well as contribute funds to the casino floor’s donation boxes. In addition, the casino made a \$5,000 donation in new goods including warm weather gear, holiday gifts for all ages, and laptop computers for the center’s after school programs.

“The American Indian Center is beyond humbled and grateful for the generosity of Gun Lake and its partners in organizing this event,” said Melodi Serna, the center’s executive director. “As an urban Native community, we are delighted to begin a lasting relationship with our Pottawatomi relatives.”

###

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, a poker-room 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 www.gunlakecasino.com.

About Gun Lake Tribe

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) has a rich history in West Michigan and close connection to the land. The Bradley Indian Mission, located near Wayland, is the historic residential and cultural center point of the tribal community. The Tribe's ancestors, and political predecessors, signed treaties with the United States government dating back to 1795. The Tribe was re-affirmed to federal recognition in 1999. For more information about the Tribe visit <https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/>.