

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Donates More than \$150,000 to Local Organizations

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community recently announced \$153,000 in charitable grants to support 13 Twin Cities' organizations.

A grant for \$30,000 went to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International of Bloomington, Minnesota, for general research and for sponsorship of the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

An internship program in conjunction with the Thaw collection, a visiting Indian art collection, will be funded by a grant for \$25,000 to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The curatorial internship program will provide hands on experience working with collections, exhibitions, and research techniques for Native Americans.

Emergency relief efforts will be funded through \$20,000 in grants to the American Red Cross. Relief efforts for the island Haiti were funded with a \$10,000 grant in response to the devastating earthquake that recently killed hundreds of thousands and displaced millions of residents. An additional \$10,000 grant funded local emergency services in the Twin Cities area.

A grant for \$10,000 went to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Shakopee, Minnesota. The event, which is held annually at the Shakopee High School track, raises funds to support programs of the American Cancer Society and research. It also commemorates victims and survivors of cancer.

The American Diabetes Association of Minneapolis received a \$10,000 grant for their annual fundraiser to support education to target Native Americans in Minnesota and research.

Memorial Blood Centers of Saint Paul, Minnesota, will use their grant to help purchase a new bloodmobile. Memorial Blood Centers have co-sponsored blood drives at the SMSC for more than 20 years. The new bloodmobile will have more donor beds and interview rooms and will replace an older model at the end of its service life.

A \$10,000 grant to the Hennepin County Medical Center of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will pay for a portion of salary for an American Indian Advocate who helps patients and their family members with emergency social service during medical treatment.

A project to raise funds for Parkinson's Foundation of Minnesota (Golden Valley, Minnesota) and the National Parkinson Foundation of Miami, Florida, was awarded a \$10,000 grant.

A grant for \$8,000 to the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) allowed for the purchase of all current copies and future publishing rights to the books *Dakotah: Life and Legends of the Sioux* and *Painting the Dakota: Seth Eastman at Fort Snelling*. Both books were originally published by the Afton Historical Society Press. The RCHS plans to use these unique publications to enhance the learning of low-income children who participate in their Subsidized Dakota Tour program at the Gibbs Museum or their Dakota Outreach programs to hundreds of schools in Minnesota.

Grants of \$5,000 each went to Project Turnabout for their Appetite for Life fundraiser; the National Kidney Foundation for

the Kidney Early Evaluation Program; the National Eagle Center for a capital campaign; and the Minnesota Planetarium for a new planetarium atop the Minneapolis Public Library.

Bally Technologies Launches "Cash Spin For Charity" on FOX5 Las Vegas

Bally Technologies, Inc., a major supporter of Nevada Cancer Institute (NVCi), has launched a new program on KVVU FOX5 Las Vegas to generate awareness about NVCi and its mission to reduce the burden of cancer in Nevada.

As part of Bally's partnership with NVCi announced in 2009, Bally is sponsoring a new "Cash Spin for Charity" program that will air live weekdays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on FOX5's MORE celebrity, lifestyle, and entertainment show. Each day, during the MORE broadcasts, a guest on the show will take part in the Cash Spin for Charity segment and spin the virtual wheel on Bally's award-winning new Cash Spin™ slot machine. Bally will donate whatever amount the wheel lands on to NVCi.

"This is a very exciting new way to elevate our partnership with NVCi and help Nevada Cancer get more exposure in the community about its important mission of providing cancer research, education, early detection, prevention, and high-quality patient care," said Richard Haddrill, Chief Executive Officer of Bally Technologies. "By incorporating the entertainment value of our spinning-wheel slot machines with celebrity guests, we will be able to raise awareness about a very serious issue for many Nevadans."

"Nevada Cancer Institute applauds Bally Technologies for thinking of such an innovative way to support the fight against cancer," said Dr. John C. Ruckdeschel, Director and Chief Executive Officer of NVCi and the Murren Family Distinguished Director's Chair. "We sincerely appreciate their partnership and efforts to make Nevada a healthier place to live."

In February 2009, Bally Technologies announced a long-term partnership with NVCi that includes a 100-percent company match to all employee donations. Since then, Bally and its approximately 1,400 employees in Nevada have held fundraisers and instituted other initiatives to generate financial support for NVCi.

In addition, Bally Technologies adopted NVCi's Information & Resource Center, where families, patients, and anyone interested in health information can enjoy free access to some of the world's most progressive materials as well as information on health and wellness, cancer and cancer treatment, coping, grief and loss, survivorship, and inspiration.

"With more than 1,200 employees in Nevada spread across campuses in Las Vegas and Reno, and ongoing recruitment efforts to fill 78 open positions within the state, we take this partnership extremely seriously," said Gary Kapral, Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Bally Technologies. "NVCi and its focus on cancer research and cutting-edge treatment is important to our state and to the health and well-being of our employees, our customers, our neighbors, and friends." ♣