

St. Croix Chippewa of Wisconsin Coins for Cans Food Drive Program Tops 150 Tons

The annual Coins for Cans food drive, held at the St. Croix Casino in June, collected 14,000 pounds of food from 7,249 St. Croix Casino guests and employees. During the past 15 years, the Coins Cans program has distributed 308,000 pounds of food—more than 150 tons—to food pantries in the six-county area surrounding Turtle Lake.

Casino employees Bill Selle, Mike Rogers, Wayne Rogers and Judy Warmanen delivered the collected food to 19 food pantries in Barron, Burnett, Polk, St. Croix, Sawyer and Washburn counties the week of June 11 and during the delivery process reconnected with a group of dedicated volunteers whose mission it is to feed the hungry in their communities.

“The casino food drive helps us get through the summer,” said Duana Bremer, director of the Somerset Food Pantry. “Summer is the most problematic time for us because children aren’t eligible for a meal at school every day.” Duana went on to explain that the Somerset Food Pantry is attacking the problem of child hunger with an innovative program this summer. “We’re offering a backpack program. On weekends,



Chick Stauffer (center) of We Share Food Pantry in Rice Lake with the delivery of food she received from Mike Rogers (right) and Bill Selle of the St. Croix Casino.

we’re sending a backpack filled with sandwich fixings home with area children. Children then return the backpack to us on Monday so that we can repeat the process for the next weekend,” Duana said. “Parents have told us that the program has been a godsend. At least they’re sure that their children will have one good meal every weekend.” ♣

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