

## Colusa Casino Resort Donates Over \$60,000 to Local Yuba-Sutter United Way



The Executive Team at Colusa Casino Resort presents a check to Yuba-Sutter United Way Board Members at the River Valley Lodge at Colusa Casino.

Colusa Casino Resort in Colusa, CA, owned and operated by the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians held a check presentation on February 1, 2017, to present to the Yuba-Sutter United Way a check for over \$60,000.

Since 2013, Colusa Casino Resort's annual charity tournament has donated over \$220,000 to charities benefitting children and their families. In September, 2016, attendees had the chance to mingle and play with dozens of professional sports icons and other celebrity VIPs. Big names that attended the event include: JT Snow – San Francisco Giants Alumni; Doug Christie – Sacramento Kings Alumni and wife Jackie Christie – Star on VH1 hit reality series *Basketball Wives LA*; Harold Pressley and Bobby Jackson – Sacramento Kings Alumni; Dwight Clark, Barry Simms and Jeff Stover – San Francisco 49ers Alumni; and many more.

In addition, for the past three years the Colusa Casino Resort's annual charity tournament has specifically donated funds from their tournament to benefit the Yuba-Sutter United Way and their Community Impact Program. "This first-class event is raising money to benefit many hundreds of people in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties, with the largest portion directed to the "Healthier Children" Community Impact program, which provides grants to local organizations providing critical programs and services to youth," states Bob Harlan, Director of Yuba-Sutter United Way.

The Yuba-Sutter United Way is a non-profit organization with a mission to improve lives by mobilizing resources to meet the needs of the community. They provide services in three counties, have over 25 partner agencies and fund 30 different programs within these counties.

The Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians has placed a strong emphasis on being able to support the local Yuba, Sutter and Colusa communities with donations such as this, with a stated purpose of, "A Community united as one family focused on building our future that through education becomes

healthy, has pride, respect for self and each other creating a path for our children."

To finish the evening, golfers and celebrities were welcomed back to Colusa Casino Resort for an awards banquet and dinner, featuring music, silent auction, and a grand raffle.

## Pechanga Poker Restocks More Than 1,000 lbs. of Food for Temecula Food Pantry



L-R: Eduardo Beltran Delrio, Rhonda Silbutler, Kyle Tran, Justin Lewiston, Mary Lou Sanchez, and Richie Lopez.

The Temecula Pantry servicing low income families and individuals experiencing homelessness received a huge infusion of help from Pechanga Resort & Casino poker players. During the month of January, Pechanga poker guests received 1,000 extra tournament chips when they brought in a non-perishable food item. Poker players donated a whopping 1,000 pounds of much needed food that will be used to restock the shelves after the busy holiday season at the Temecula Pantry. The "Restock the Shelves" food donation campaign was 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 second year participating.

"Our poker guests really got into the donations this year," said Richie Lopez, Poker Room Manager. "They felt engaged and it brought them a lot of joy to know they were helping others. That's the best feeling for us at Pechanga, too."

## The Point Casino & Hotel Raises Over \$111,000 for the Village Green Foundation

The annual fundraising drive by The Point Casino & Hotel brought in \$111,365 for the Village Green Foundation, a Kingston-based, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to serving the youth and seniors in the Kingston community. Located in Kingston, WA, The Point Casino is wholly owned and operated by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

Every year, The Point Casino & Hotel chooses a new charitable partner to support in fundraising efforts that include



L-R: Mary McClure of the Village Green Foundation; Michael Hill, Food Services Manager at The Point Casino & Hotel; Leo Culloo, General Manager of The Point Casino; and Jon Sol, Bobby Moore, and Dave Whetter of the Village Green Foundation.

a summer golf tournament, employee contributions, and guest donations. An Autumn Harvest Charity Dinner and donations from club members, guests and staff added to the outpouring of support.

The Village Green Foundation is a dedicated group of citizens who love Kingston and are committed to strengthening their community. Their work is guided by a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors. They also rely on the work of countless volunteers and generous donors. They are proud that the programs in their new Community Center will be delivered by the Kitsap Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library, Boys & Girls Clubs, and Kingston Senior Center. One of the main goals of the organization is to create an accessible, inviting, and sustainable community facility that serves citizens of all ages under one roof while offering a range of engaging programs and community meeting spaces for maximum impact.

This year's efforts brought in an unprecedented \$111,365 in donations – the largest sum ever raised by the casino during its annual fundraising campaign. In a special presentation ceremony, Point Casino representatives presented the money to members of the Village Green Foundation.

Daniel Johnson, Executive Director of the Village Green Foundation, said “We were overwhelmed by the magnitude of the gift from The Point Casino and quite impressed by the dedication of their team. Their landmark gift brought the funds left to raise to under a million dollars!”

“The community of Kingston deserves great organizations like the Village Green Foundation to give citizens a place to support and care for each other,” said Leo Culloo, General Manager of The Point Casino. “We are proud to have partnered with people who work so hard for the betterment of our community.”

## Comfort Inn & Suites Akwesasne Makes Donation to Tribal Programs

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Community and Family Services Division recently received a generous donation from the Comfort Inn & Suites Akwesasne that included bedding,



L-R: Family Advocate Everett Lazore, Three Sisters Program Advocate Luanne Johnson, Comfort Inn & Suites Akwesasne General Manager Jim Brann, Assistant General Manager Wendi Provost, and Community and Family Services Director Jamie Bay.

towels, toiletries and other amenities. Owned and operated by the Tarbell Management Group, the hotel is undergoing a test phase of new products and, consistent with the company's commitment to community, reached out to the tribe's Office of the Family Advocate to graciously donate items to clients of the Three Sisters Program and the Family Advocate.

## Fat Tuesday Parade of Service Distributes \$14,000



18 non-profits of Kitsap County, WA, recently won a share of \$14,000. Annually the Clearwater Casino Resort implements the Fat Tuesday Parade of service. Up to 20 non-profits spend days building amazing floats competing for the \$3,000 grand prize.

On Mardi Gras, eighteen organizations sang, danced and showcased their organization during the Fat Tuesday Parade inside the Casino. Conclusion of the event resulted in third place, winning \$1,000, The Olympic College Alumni Association. Second Place, winning \$2,000, Summit Assistance Dogs Kitsap Puppy Trainers. First place, winning \$3,000, The Suquamish Garden Club. All remaining organizations received \$500 each just for participating.

“Winning first place is beyond exciting,” said Elaine Percival. “In past year’s we’ve come in second and third. To finally come in first place proves that all our hard work really paid off.” The Suquamish Garden Club spent roughly 280 hours building their float. They have anywhere from 12-20 members at one time and everyone volunteered many hours toward the project. “Our main focus at the moment is Angeline Park and the Sport Court in Suquamish. We are currently implementing an irrigation system in Angeline Park, which is costly,” said Percival. “Without the irrigation system we only have hoses and sprinklers to maintain the parks. The \$3,000 prize money will go toward these two parks.”

### Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Holds Give Kids A Smile Day



OKCIC's Monica McKee examines Liam Milligan during OKCIC's fourth annual Give Kids A Smile Day.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC), a nonprofit clinic providing services to American Indians in central Oklahoma, recently kicked off National Children’s Dental Health Month with their fourth annual Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) Day.

As of February 10, 2017, over 290,000 children received free services from over 8,000 dentists participating in GKAS Day events nationwide, including OKCIC. GKAS Day is held annually to provide free, easily accessible dental services to underserved children. It helps raise awareness of the epidemic of untreated dental disease and creates partnerships to increase access to oral health care.

OKCIC staff provided oral hygiene instructions/education, screenings, cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, dental sealants and fillings. GKAS Day was a busy one, with the dental department seeing 44 children. Forty-one received fluoride applications, 40 were given teeth sealants and 10 had teeth filled.

“Preventative care is critical to maintaining good dental health and overall well-being,” Dr. Timothy Kinnard said, OKCIC Dental Director. “It’s important to educate children

and parents about proper dental care to reduce and help prevent tooth decay and other serious dental issues that can arise from inadequate care.”

### Wounded Warriors Were the Big Winners at Wildhorse During Superbowl

For the fourth consecutive year, Wildhorse Resort & Casino donated funds to the Wounded Warriors Project through their Superbowl raffle. A total of \$7,312 was raised during the annual event.

Wildhorse Sports Bar Manager, Kevin Haid, teamed up with Wildhorse vendors for the donation of prizes, then raffle tickets were sold during the Superbowl game. Prizes like surfboards, BBQs, snowboards, refrigerators and NFL branded merchandise were won by fans who watched the big game at Wildhorse.

This year, there was so much momentum behind the fundraiser that it was moved from the Wildhorse Sports Bar into Rivers Events Center. “Last year we sold about 1,500 raffle tickets, this year we sold closer to 2,100,” said Haid.

“My goal is always to top what we were able to contribute the previous year, so we are thrilled with the outcome,” said Haid. “It is a great feeling to be able to support our Veterans and a great cause like the Wounded Warriors.” The casino raised more than \$3,000 over what they did in 2015 for the charity.

Giving back has always been a tradition of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. While most people see and feel the effects of the funding the Wildhorse Foundation gives out annually (over \$900,000 in 2015), the casino independently supports close to 1,000 raffles, golf tournaments and fundraisers throughout the year with prize donations. That does not include \$450,000 that is spent each year to support community events through sponsorships.

“Wildhorse does a wonderful job of giving back to the regional communities,” said Diane Long, Marketing Director for the resort. “Being a good community partner is a goal for all of us at Wildhorse, not only through monetary donations and sponsorships but also through our employees volunteering, using local vendors, and events such as this one!”

### DivideCamp Recipient of Donation From Wildhorse Resort & Casino’s Red Zone Raffle

For the fifth consecutive year, Wildhorse Resort & Casino donated the funds of their Red Zone Raffle to a Veteran organization. This year, the DivideCamp from Joseph, OR was the benefactor. A record total of \$10,267 was raised during the annual event.

“It is a great feeling to be able to support our local wounded combat Veterans and a great organization like the DivideCamp,” said Kevin Haid, Wildhorse Sports Bar Manager. The casino raised more than \$3,000 over what they did in 2016 for charity. ♣