

"When we learned about NICWA's work from Maurice Lyons, we made the decision to donate \$20,000 to NICWA," said card room coalition partner Haig Papaian. "Our partnership is very diverse - one of our partners is Chinese, three are Armenian and one is Syrian. And all of us have been involved for a long time with children's causes for our own homelands."

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Receives \$4 Million in Funds for Economic Development, Other Projects

A number of economic enterprises as well as a health care center and a youth center will be funded by a \$3 million Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community loan and a \$1 million grant to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

The \$3 million loan will fund construction and start up costs for Red Lake Nation Propane, a convenience store at Thief River Falls at the Seven Clans Casino, and a convenience store in the town of Red Lake. The Red Lake Store will have a car wash, with a future car wash planned for the Seven Clans location. Gas and convenience goods will be available at both

stores, but what is unique about these properties is that they will also sell fresh Red Lake walleye and Red Lake Nation foods products such as jellies, jams, and wild rice.

Red Lake Nation Propane was established in 2009 and will be in full operation in 2010. The propane company will offer competitive prices on fuel and policies friendlier to band members. It has its own delivery trucks, tanks, and the capability to service all areas of the reservation and surrounding communities. Each of these enterprises will also provide new jobs.

The \$1 million grant will be divided to support two projects: \$750,000 for a community facility to house a Boys & Girls Club at Ponemah and \$250,000 for renovations and equipment at the Jourdain Perpich Extended Care Center.

The \$750,000 grant will help cover the cost of building the gymnasium, restrooms, lobby, and mechanical and electrical room at the community facility.

The Jourdain Perpich Extended Care Center will receive \$250,000 to continue providing a safe, comfortable home for American Indians who need long term medical or skilled nursing care and short-term rehabilitation services. ♣

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