

Paragon Casino Resort and Tunica-Biloxi Tribe Donates \$5,000 to Benefit Flood Victims



L-R: Paragon Casino Resort General Manager Chris J. Barbry Sr., American Red Cross Major Gifts Officer Mary McMinn, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Joey P. Barbry, and Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Rachal.

The American Red Cross of Central Louisiana recently received a \$5,000 donation presented by Paragon Casino Resort and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. The funds included a contribution made by Paragon Casino Resort and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe in addition to proceeds collected during the Flood Relief Benefit Concert in April, featuring Charley Rivers, hosted by Paragon Casino Resort, the Tunica Biloxi Tribe and KALB-TV News Channel 5 in Alexandria, LA. The donation will be used to benefit victims affected by recent floods in the area.

“The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe is proud to be a part of this rebuilding effort and support our neighbors who have been affected by recent floods,” said Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Chairman Joey P. Barbry. “We hope this contribution will serve as a good start in helping victims get back on their feet and overcoming this time of crisis.”

“Paragon is invested in the restoration of our community,” said Paragon Casino Resort General Manager Chris Barbry Sr. “We would like to thank event partners KALB-TV News Channel 5 of Alexandria, Louisiana and all those who attended the Flood Relief Benefit Concert to make this donation possible.”

Redding Rancheria’s Holds 2016 “A Year to Remember” Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Approximately 500 community members came together and helped our Back to the Villains Celebration for the 2016 Redding Rancheria’s “A Year to Remember” annual fundraiser dinner.

“I wondered how we would surpass last year’s theme of Back to the 80’s, but this event was truly the most successful fundraiser dinner we have had raising approximately \$50,000 for the Redding Rancheria Community Fund.



We are grateful for the continued support we receive from the community in growing this beneficial fund,” said Maria Orozco, Director of Public Relations for the Redding Rancheria.

During the villain-themed dinner, an additional gift of \$5,000 was awarded to the Shasta YMCA and the Shasta Health & Human Services. Executives from the Redding Rancheria Tribal Government & Win-River Casino performed a dance entertaining the crowd with their “thriller” moves.

All proceeds from the Redding Rancheria Community Fund Dinner will benefit the 2016 RRCF. The RRCF has donated over \$2.5 million since its inception in 2002. Fifty-three local organizations in Shasta and Trinity Counties received funds in 2015 totaling more than \$203,000.

4th Annual Soboba Foundation Golf Tournament Raises Thousands for Charity

Another year, and another successful Charity Golf Tournament for the Soboba Foundation. Although the stats out on the green may show one winning team, the real winners at the April 1st 2016 event were the many charities who benefited from the lucrative live auction.

After a well-played game of golf, the event raised more than \$100,000 in donations for several charities including; EEK Fitness, a nonprofit organization that provides exercise, recreation, and learning programs for the special needs community and their families; Ramona Humane Society (RHS), a nonprofit, open-admission animal shelter, animal control agency and high quality, low-cost spay/neuter and wellness clinic; Friends of Valley Wide, a community organization that strives to sustain the recreational and outreach programs for local youth served by the Valley Wide recreation and park district; and T.H.E. Center, whose mission is to help students discover new capabilities through supervised therapeutic equestrian activities.

Miguel Sarasa, Executive Director for T.H.E. Center stated “We will be using the donated funds to create an equestrian sensory trail for disabled students that will enhance the quality of therapeutic riding care we are able to provide.” According to Miguel, “The sensory trail will feature different

sensory stations where students will encounter new therapeutic experiences to help enhance their senses.” He added, “We are so grateful for all the Soboba Foundation has done for us and our community.”

T.H.E. Center is just one of many charities that have benefited from the Soboba Foundations Annual Golf Tournament over the past four years.

According to Isaiah Vivanco, Vice Chairman for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, “The 4th annual Soboba Casino and Soboba Foundation Charity Golf Tournament was very successful. With a field of 47 teams we were able to surpass our goals.” He continued “With the overwhelming support of our sponsors, the foundation was fortunate enough to present several organizations with a \$10,000 donation each and for this we are very appreciative.”

Odawa Casino Resort Holds 1st Annual Little Traverse Bay Humane Society Charity Poker Tournament

Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI recently held its 1st annual Little Traverse Bay Humane Society poker tournament. Teresa Chaney, Events Coordinator at Little

Traverse Bay Humane Society was presented a check for \$820 to assist in adoption fees at Little Traverse Bay Humane Society located in Harbor Springs, MI.

“We are extremely excited to partner with Odawa Casino. It is a breath of fresh air to have a local business contact us to schedule an event and we are already looking forward to next year’s tournament. We are extremely grateful for Odawa Casino’s commitment to Little Traverse Bay Humane Society and the northern Michigan community,” said Teresa Chaney.

Along with the poker tournament team members from Odawa Casino volunteered throughout the month of March at the Humane Society. Volunteers assisted with human socialization, dog walking, play time, and kennel cleaning.

“We strive to give back to our community in many ways throughout the year with various promotions and charitable events. It is extremely exciting to have our 1st annual poker event to raise money to assist local families with the adoption fee of their new four legged family member” said Eric McLester, General Manager at Odawa Casino Resort. ♣

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