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**The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Distributes Thousands to Local Organizations Focused on Assisting Veterans**

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) distributed \$48,300 to area veteran organizations during a luncheon Nov. 26 at The Bucket in Union City, Michigan.

The NHBP Veterans Committee raised funds at the 2019 Chief Mognuago Veterans Golf Outing, which was held May 31 at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek, Michigan. This annual event supports the Veterans Relief Fund, which was created several years ago to assist veterans in our local communities.

“The NHBP Veterans Committee is humbled to lend a helping hand to local organizations that support veterans,” said NHBP Tribal Council Treasurer Dr. Jeff Chivis, who also chairs the NHBP Veterans Committee. “It’s a privilege for us to be able to provide support and assistance to organizations that serve in ways that NHBP can’t. We are grateful for their partnerships and will continue to support this cause.”

The funds NHBP distributed in November serve to keep many local veterans and their families warm during winter months, housed with shelter, and stocked with food during emergency situations.

Each of the following organizations received a check for \$6,900:

- American Legion Post 196 from Union City, Michigan
- American Legion Post 257 from Battle Creek, Michigan
- American Legion Post 280 from Bellevue, Michigan
- American Legion Post 454 from Colon, Michigan
- Michigan Department of Disabled Veterans from Battle Creek, Michigan
- Southwest Michigan Veterans Relief Fund from Battle Creek, Michigan
- Veterans Helping Veterans Foundation from Springfield, Michigan

“On behalf of NHBP and the NHBP Veterans Committee, we say Chi Migwéch (thank you) to all the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces and those who are currently serving,” Chivis said. “It is because of your selfless and heroic actions that we are able to live freely.”

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About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

NHBP, a federally recognized Tribal government with more than 1,500 enrolled Tribal Members, gained federal recognition December 19, 1995. The Tribe’s main offices are located at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation near Athens, Michigan, and in Grand Rapids, Michigan. NHBP provides benefits, programs and services to Tribal Members through various Tribal government departments, as well as a Tribal Police Department, Tribal Court and Gaming Commission.

NHBP’s economic development entities include FireKeepers Casino Hotel (FKCH), a Vegas-style casino, and Waséyabek Development Company, LLC (WDC), which focuses on the pursuit of non-gaming, economic diversification opportunities.

Under the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, NHBP distributes a percentage of its annual slot machine revenue from FKCH to both the State of Michigan and to the Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB). The Native American Heritage Fund, established in 2016, serves to provide resources to improve curricula and educational resources related to Michigan Indian history, as well as to fund initiatives that promote mutual respect and cooperation between local communities and Michigan's federally recognized Tribes.

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Attachment:



Photo: The NHBP Veterans Committee, along with several representatives from local veteran organizations, attend a luncheon at The Bucket in Union City, Michigan.