

CHINOOKWINDS CASINO RESORT

Chinook Winds Gives in the Spirit of the Season

by Teresa Simmons

Sharing with others is a time-honored tradition at the very heart of the Tribal culture of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, owners of Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

This philosophy is put into practice within the local community. Although according to Tribal custom it is unseemly to be boastful, at this time of year it's good for people to know that the spirit of the season is alive and well, especially during these hard economic times.

Every December, the casino and its associated properties participate in "giving" activities that help provide for those in need within the community. This year was no different.

In conjunction with the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue Volunteer Christmas Toy Drive, the Chinook Winds Bingo Department collected toys for children of the community. According to Bingo Manager Chad McCormick, "The response of the staff and our guests has been tremendous. This year's contribution may well be the largest we have ever seen!"

A giving tree could be found near the entrance to the Bingo Hall in the casino and another in the lobby of the administrative offices. As in years past, all of the 103 tags on these trees listing needed items for families and foster children of the area were filled in time for the holidays.

Taft High School's Native American Student Association made a list of families in need, including teen parents



Photo by Candi LaBonte

L to r: Chad McCormick (Bingo manager), Diane Galloway, Chris DeLong, Mysti Kahler and Joe Padilla – all part of the Bingo staff that coordinated toy collections in conjunction with the firefighters' toy drive. They collected 144 toys.

who attend high school, and the Lincoln County Department of Human Services provided tags to be filled for children who are under its supervision. Names were kept confidential with only the age and gender or the need listed on the tags.

Not just limited to the staff, members of the community were invited to participate in making the holidays brighter for a child or a family by selecting a tag from one of the trees and fulfilling a wish or a need.

Additionally, collection bins for food were made available to the staff at the employee entrance of the casino and other areas throughout the property.

Cash contributions were made to organizations to help fill food baskets for needy families during the holidays and Chinook Winds contributed to Operation Christmas Spirit for the annual Christmas dinner that feeds literally hundreds of people on Christmas Day.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians gives a percentage of its net profits to charity each year as part of the compact between the state and the Tribe. Chinook Winds makes a large contribution each year in addition to the grants given out by the Tribe simply because giving is at the core of the American Indian way of life.

Rather than choose one or two charities to support, the philosophy on giving is to support as many organizations as possible in their endeavors, providing assistance in reaching their individual goals or fulfilling their needs.

The Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$6.6 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated an estimated \$1.75 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. In 2008, approximately 1,075 organizations received assistance from the casino.

Win Your Share of the Polar Payload

Win your share of \$60,000 in cash and prizes, including an all-new 2009 Ford F150, when you play at Chinook Winds!

Collect free entries for the Polar Payload every day and collect even more when you play. Starting Jan. 12, just drop by the Winners' Circle booth in the casino daily to collect your free entries.

Deposit your completed entries in the barrel and every week we'll hold drawings on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

The first drawing for \$4,000 will be held Jan. 16. You must be present to win, so when we call your name, you'll have three minutes to claim your cash.

We'll pull no more than two entries per drawing day. If no one claims the cash in time, the prize money rolls over to the next drawing. The pot gets progressively larger until someone claims the prize.

The final drawing is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 4 p.m., where in addition to the cash we'll draw for an all-new Ford F150!

Collect more entries when you play in the casino. Here's how:

- Collect one entry with every 1,000 points redeemed at the Winners' Circle.
- Collect five free entries with every new Winners' Circle enrollment.
- Collect one entry with every headliner or comedy ticket purchased at the box office with a Winners' Circle card.
- Winners' Circle members over age 21 who register at the hotel collect an entry.
- Active table games players collect an entry every hour.
- Poker players collect an entry with every \$20 buy-in with a Winners' Circle Card.
- Keno players collect an entry with every \$10 buy-in with a Winners' Circle Card.
- Bingo players collect an entry with every \$25 buy-in with a Winners' Circle Card.
- Collect 10 entries with every jackpot of more than \$1,200.



Ford F150

Good Fun! Good People! Good Jobs!

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is looking for enthusiastic people to join our winning team. Positions vary from week to week, however, these positions are frequently recruited ones and applications are accepted and screened as openings occur: servers, cashiers, janitorial and dealers.

For a complete listing of current employment opportunities, call our Job Line at 888-244-6665, ext. 8097, or visit our website at www.chinookwindscasino.com.

For more information, call the Human Resources Office at 541-996-5800.

Employment is better at the beach!