

# Tribe reaches \$8.6 million in overall giving as charitable fund adds to total

**Total includes \$199,192 distributed in November to 45 groups; next deadline for applications is March**

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$199,192.35 to 45 organizations Nov. 5 as it continued its quarterly donations to non-profit organizations. The checks were presented at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

The Siletz Tribe is proud of its contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$6.5 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$8.6 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.8 million in cash

and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is March 16, 2011. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Ben-

ton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)

- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the United States

Applications and requirements can be obtained at [www.ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund); from Kelley Ellis at 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mail at Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at [stccf@live.com](mailto:stccf@live.com).



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Tayven Cole makes a beaded item at a gift-making session sponsored by the Youth Services Team at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Dec. 20.

## Siletz Library receives grant for new computer system

At a Nov. 5 awards program at Chinook Winds Casino Resort hosted by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, the Siletz Public Library received a grant for a new computer system in the amount of \$3,697.

The grant proposal was written by Audrey Casper, a Siletz Valley Friends of the Library member, with assistance from Diedre Conkling, Lincoln County Library District librarian.

The library server is being replaced because the old network system is mal-

functioning. The old system no longer is being served by the Coastal Resource Sharing Network.

The Siletz Library is replacing the current computer system and management of the system with the "Useful" product. This new management system will meet the needs of the Siletz Library, is easy to manage and will require almost no staff time.

The goal of the new system is to continue to supply the Siletz community with public access to the Internet through a

good broadband service. The new system will include the purchase of two multiuser PCs that allow up to 10 users each. It will nearly double the number of existing Siletz Library computers.

The Lincoln County Library District provides most of the funding for the Siletz Public Library. Because of the generosity of the STCCF grant, the district saved about half of the cost to replace the system with the new Useful system. Without the philanthropic giving of STCCF, the system would have taken longer to replace.



Courtesy photo by Tiffany Wisdom

Lora, Anesha, Felicia and Tisha Rueben create women's traditional pow-wow shawls at a class sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

## Siletz Tribe funds cultural classes with charitable contributions gift

Beadwork and shawl classes were conducted on Nov. 20 and at Nez Perce language classes in December with teacher Tiffany Wisdom. Twenty American Indian participants benefited from this project.

Students were able to learn the Nimiipuu words for bead colors and the animals on their shell necklace with Abe Broncheau. Thank you to Mrs. Woods, Kamiah High School teacher, for allowing us to use the home economics room to sew.

At big thank you goes out to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for sponsoring this class through the Mt. View School District.



Courtesy photo by Tiffany Wisdom

Jonas Oatman (Nez Perce) and Samuel Brisbo (Nez Perce) join the actor portraying Tiny Tim at the Lewiston Civic Theatre after the musical Scrooge.

## Siletz Tribe sponsors trip for children and adults to see Scrooge

By Tiffany Wisdom

The musical Scrooge at the Lewiston Civic Theatre had a live orchestra and many special effects on Dec. 10, 2010. Students and adults from Kamiah, Kooskia and Stites rode the bus with the Kamiah Community Partners Coalition (KCPC) to attend Scrooge.

Thank you to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for sponsoring 15 American Indian students and adults to attend the musical and dinner.

Scholarships will be available for American Indian students and adults for the Missoula Children's Theatre performance (check with local schools on dates), Spring into 4-H Fun Day (spring break) and Lewiston Civic Theatre's Beauty and the Beast (May).

If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please contact me at 208-935-4012.