



Pinwheels for Prevention

Annually, Chinook Winds Casino Resort takes part in Community Days, a week-long event in Lincoln City, Ore. Community Days is geared to raise funds for local nonprofits and provide entertainment to local residents and their families, thus the name Community Days.

A Chinook Winds representative joins with a group of community volunteers who begin the planning process several months in advance, creating a variety of events across town. For the past three years, Chinook Winds has been proud to sponsor the Pinwheels for the Prevention of Child Abuse pinwheel garden, a program offered by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon to raise awareness about child abuse.

On April 7, in cooperation with the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 1,500 blue and silver pinwheels were placed on the center's lawn (the old Delake School)

located in the center of Lincoln City on Highway 101. One of the opening events of Community Days, the pinwheels remained spinning in the breeze until April 15.

Approximately 35 community volunteers representing several service organizations, dedicated individuals and casino staff turned out to create the pinwheel garden shaped as a circle to represent the circle of life. Whole families stopped by to help. It was gratifying and rewarding to see so many community youth turn out to assist in what has become an annual event sponsored by Chinook Winds.

This was just one of several pinwheel gardens on display across the state in April. Coordinator Susan Lindauer commented to Teresa Simmons, coordinator for the casino, that she anticipated this would be the most impressive of all the pinwheel gardens displayed.



Chinook Winds staff helps out with week of Community Days activities

Not only did Chinook Winds staff help set up the Pinwheel Garden (top), they also worked at the food drive gathering food and money for the Lincoln City Food Pantry (above). Chinook Winds Interim General Manager Mike Fisher (right) and Director of Marketing Eric Smileuske presented Tilly Miller from the Lincoln City Food Pantry with a check for \$1,000 to help out the cause.

Staff members also put on their boots to participate in the Mudflat Golf Tourney on Siletz Bay in Taft (top right). Sponsored by the Lincoln City Rotary Club, this event is a benefit for the Taft High boys and girls golf teams. Participants included Brad Dye, Jack Strong, Warren Mock and CC Howard.



The grand finale was the presentation of the Spirit Award at the Community Days Banquet (above) by Interim General Manager Mike Fisher and Director of Marketing Eric Smileuske (both at right) to Pat Neal (center) for her exceptional record of volunteerism to 11 organizations in Lincoln City. Emcees for the evening were Dave Price of Oregon Coast Today and Chinook Winds Public Relations Manager Heather Hatton (both at left).

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On March 31, approximately 3,758 volunteers helped clean Oregon's beaches. Chinook Winds Casino staff was right out there, contributing as they always do, at the annual spring beach cleanup.