

## Chinook Winds lends hand to local youth league after items were stolen

When food and supplies were stolen from the Lincoln City Youth League's concession stand, Chinook Winds Casino Resort heard the news and took action.

"We couldn't believe it when we heard the news about the robbery that took place. The youth league is all about kids and we had to do something to help out," said Mike Fisher, interim general manager of Chinook Winds. Help is an understatement of what happened next.

The casino decided to replace all of the items that were stolen from the youth league. Some items were recovered when the Lincoln City Police Department captured the thieves, but Chinook Winds decided to replace everything on the concession list to help kick-start the youth league season on a positive note.

Instead of simply writing a check to the league, Chinook Winds decided to order all of the items on the list and deliver them to the ballpark.

"We wanted to make the donation as simple as possible for the league. We know it takes volunteers to make that organization run and a check would have required them to go shopping for all the supplies again. The Chinook Winds Purchasing Department was able to get all but four out of the 45 items on the list, so our purchasing manager, Eric Anderson, drove to Newport to get the last four items to complete the list," said Fisher.

Chinook Winds delivered all the supplies to Kirstis field on April 27 to ensure that the concession stand could be open and operational, raising funds for the youth league again on the weekend.



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds Casino Resort staff

Eric Smileuske, marketing director; Mike Holden, former mayor of Lincoln City; Leith St. Onge, lead receiving specialist; Mike Fisher, interim general manager; and Eric DeMello, security director, deliver supplies to the Lincoln City Youth League.

## Chinook Winds donates food to Project Homeless Connect in Lincoln City



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Purchasing Manager Eric Anderson and Interim General Manager Mike Fisher help Brad Taylor, food and beverage co-chair for Project Homeless Connect, load up donated food for the hot meal that was served at the event.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is proud to once again provide support where it is needed most.

Project Homeless Connect, which took place May 17 at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church in Lincoln City, Ore., was in need of food for this event that provides information and services to homeless individuals. When Interim General Manager Mike Fisher was approached with the request, he said without hesitation, "Of course we'll help and we'll order the food directly from our suppliers so it can be picked up right here at Chinook Winds."

Project Homeless Connect provides access to many federal, state, county and private nonprofit agencies that can assist the homeless in getting assistance. Health care screening, identification services, pet care, haircuts, immunizations, personal

care items, packaged food and a hot meal are all part of the event.

Donations and sponsorships by Chinook Winds through April 2012 totaled nearly \$39,000, not including in-kind donations, donations or discounts on convention space for various fundraisers and technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

Purchases from local Lincoln County vendors totaled more than \$830,000.

Overall, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$9.5 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources.

Chinook Winds has donated nearly \$2.3 million in cash and fundraising items since it opened in 1995.

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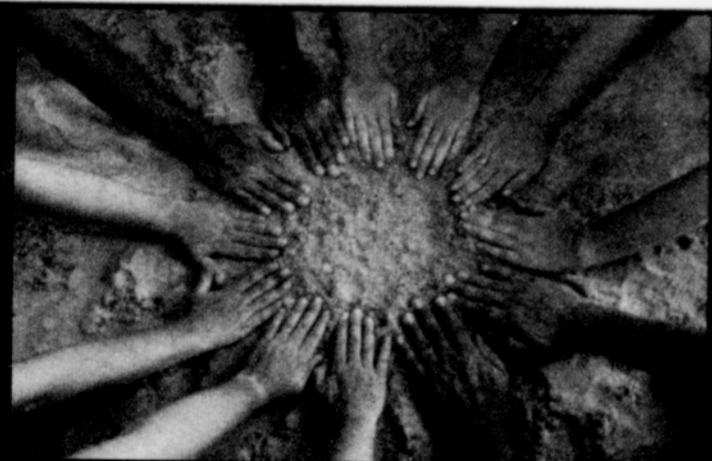
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#### 2013 Calendar Theme HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE LIVING IN TWO WORLDS?

Artists can center their artwork on this theme. Twelve winners will be chosen by a committee and placed on PSC's website to vote for the cover artist. The 12 winning artists will be recognized at our Third Annual Native American Heritage Month event in November 2012 (exact date to be determined). Winners will receive a prize package and will be showcased on PSC's website. The artist of the chosen cover art will receive recognition at the calendar unveiling reception, a prize package and a cash donation to his or her Native community.

For more information on the 2012 call for Native artists calendar competition, please contact Jayme Bennett at [jbennett@pscprotectsyou.com](mailto:jbennett@pscprotectsyou.com) or 505-214-9117.