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Casino and Tribe receive major tourism award

■ Spirit Mountain Casino tops tourism charts again.

On June 24, the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association presented the 1999 Gene Low Rose City Award to Spirit Mountain Casino in recognition of its significant contribution to the promotion of tourism.

Spirit Mountain Casino's status as Oregon's number one tourist attraction made it a natural candidate for the award. But, it was Spirit

Mountain's significant contributions, through its Community Fund, to many tourist-related programs that made it the unmistakable winner.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund has made donations to important Oregon establishments such as the Portland Art Museum, the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University, OMSI, Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Oregon Zoo, and the Classical Chinese Garden.

The Community Fund has also impacted the quality of life for Oregonians through environmental preservation by contributing to several

programs including the Oregon Beach Clean-up, the South Yamhill Restoration Projects, SOLV's Adopt-a-River, and watershed and salmon habitat restoration projects.

Revenue from Spirit Mountain Casino has helped the Grand Ronde Tribe pursue its dream of achieving self-sufficiency for itself and tribal members and, in the process, helps Oregonians.

Thanks to Spirit Mountain, the Grand Ronde Tribe has started programs in such areas as education, housing, health care, medical insurance coverage and pensions for tribal Elders.



The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center has finally opened its Food Bank doors. Dennise Wheeler, chairperson of the board, needs volunteers to help in many ways with the food bank. This center will serve community members and tribal members jointly.

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contributions from that day to the Food Bank.

Holmes said the financial end of things is looking good. The board needs to wait and see how much of a need there is going to be for this service in upcoming weeks, so they can plan to staff the Food Bank house with volunteers and board members. They may even end up increasing their business hours.

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center/Food Bank Board members are: Tim Holmes, Dennise Wheeler (chairperson), Mel Wheeler, Marvin Kimsey, Michaelle Kimsey, Margaret Wilds, and Carolyn Ashodian.

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Interested in volunteering at the community Food Bank?

Please call Annette Morgan
at (503) 472-1230.

Grand Ronde Community Resource Center
Food Bank

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