



## POARCH CREEK DONATES \$10,000 TO UNITED FUND

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**Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama** – December 8, 2010. In these challenging economic times, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians continues to make a difference in the local community by donating \$10,000 to the United Fund of Atmore.

“Enhancing the way of life in our community has always been a priority for the Tribe. I am proud that we are able to enrich people’s lives through the United Fund of Atmore, and that this donation will help meet them accomplish that.” said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

The presentation was made by the Tribal Council Members, during a special ceremony held at the Escambia County High School in Atmore.

Atmore United Fund Vice President Lee Ann Allen said, “The United Fund of Atmore is so very thankful for the generosity of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Without the help of Poarch and other donors the agencies that United Fund supports would definitely suffer and in some cases not be able to function. The Tribe’s \$10,000.00 donation is helping United Fund reach our \$50,000.00 goal for the 2011 drive. We are truly grateful.”

### **About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians**

The Poarch Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama, in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: Wind Creek Hotel & Casino in Atmore; Riverside Casino in Wetumpka; and, Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.

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**About the United Fund of Atmore**

The United Fund is a local organization run by volunteers. It is able to raise funds for many different non-profit agencies by conducting an annual fundraising campaign that raises funds from individuals, employment campaigns and businesses. The funds are then distributed to non-profit agencies who service Escambia County residents. Currently the non-profits it serves are: American Red Cross, Atmore Babe Ruth Baseball, Atmore Cal Ripken Baseball, Atmore Christian Care Ministries, Atmore Girls Softball, Atmore Pee Wee Football, Atmore Public Library, Atmore Tee Ball, Children Outreach Ministry, Concerned Citizens, Council on Aging, Dr. Bernard Bishop Ministries, Escambia County Coop Library, Friends of Ed. of Esc. Co. Hippy, Goodwill Easter Seals, Greater Escambia Council for the Arts, Hospitality House Ministries, Progressive Civic and Rec. Club, Youth Leadership Atmore, YMCA.

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