



POARCH CREEK DONATES \$1.6M TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – December 8, 2010. Dire cutbacks in the state's education funding have prompted the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to donate more than a million dollars to area schools. The Tribe's donation will ensure that teachers and students will not have to do without resources that are essential to providing a quality education.

"Part of being a good neighbor is helping out others in need. Education is the bedrock of productive successful lives for these youngsters, we are happy and proud to be able to make this contribution to their future today," said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

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

The donations are as follows: Escambia County High School/Escambia County Middle School \$687,360, Rachel Patterson Elementary \$78,000, A.C. Moore School \$112,547, Huxford Elementary \$337,000, Escambia Academy \$311,500, Atmore Christian School \$100,000. The remaining \$350,000 is in an education endowment and request from other schools in the surrounding communities will have the opportunity to solicit these funds for various educational needs. These amounts are the product of several meetings with the School Personnel, where each school was asked to provide a list of needs. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are happy that most of the requests were funded.

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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