



## POARCH TRIBE DONATES \$1.9 MILLION IN PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

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**Poarch Creek Indian Reservation (Atmore, Al)** March 23, 2012 - Just weeks after coming to the rescue of Alabama public schools in Montgomery and Elmore Counties, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians announced today it is donating more than \$1.9 million as part of its Planned Giving Campaign for 2012. The Tribe's donations will be dispersed throughout the year and will fund a wide variety of community services and projects. The almost \$2 million in aid comes in addition to the \$2 million in funds the Tribe is donating to Montgomery and Elmore County Schools.

The Tribe's contributions will offset funding cuts in organizations as diverse as the Children's First Foundation, Volunteers of America Southeast, the West Escambia County Humane Society, and the YMCA. Additionally, the Tribe will continue to fund services such as the Drug Task Force in Escambia and Elmore Counties and the Wetumpka Fire Department.

The Tribe's donations include:

- \$350,000 to the Children's First Foundation.
- \$100,000 to the Alabama Department of Archives and History.
- \$150,000 to the YMCA.
- \$100,000 to the Escambia County Drug Task Force, and \$100,000 to the Elmore County Drug Task Force.
- \$100,000 to the Volunteers of America Southeast.
- \$150,000 to the West Escambia County Humane Society.

"Part of being a good neighbor is helping out others in need", said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. He noted, "Our State and its citizens have suffered a great deal during these tough economic times, and it is important to pitch in and make a difference where we can."

For a full list of the Tribe's donations visit: [www.poarchsupport.com](http://www.poarchsupport.com).

### **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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