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## POARCH CREEK DONATES OVER \$2 MILLION TO SUPPORT AREA SCHOOLS

**Poarch Creek Indian Nation, Alabama** – February 28, 2013- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians today donated more than \$2 million dollars to schools in Baldwin, Escambia, and Monroe counties in Alabama and Escambia county in Florida. The Tribe made the donation as part of its 2013 Planned Giving Campaign.

“Our Tribal members, our employees and our neighbors send their children to these schools, “noted Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. “I can think of no better investment in the future than to make sure budget cuts don’t limit our children’s opportunities or their dreams or in any way. “

Listed below are the schools that received donations:

### **Baldwin County**

Baldwin County High School - \$66,743.68  
Bay Minette Intermediate School - \$15,000.00  
Perdido Elementary School - \$90,000.00

### **Escambia County**

A.C. Moore Elementary School - \$62,550.00  
Atmore Christian School - \$20,000.00  
Escambia Academy - \$138,621.50  
Escambia County High School - \$128,465.02  
Escambia County Middle School - \$135,000.00  
Flomaton Elementary School - \$75,063.30  
Flomaton High School - \$117,396.86  
Huxford Elementary School - \$250,406.20  
Jefferson Davis Community College - \$500,000.00  
Rachel Patterson Elementary School - \$117,134.75

### **Monroe County**

J.U. Blacksher School - \$114,173.00

### **Escambia County FL**

Bratt Elementary School - \$82,212.90  
Byrneville Elementary School - \$54,647.21  
Ernest Ward Middle School - \$58,000.00  
Northview High School - \$56,594.66

Over the last two years (2011 and 2012), the Tribe has donated more than \$3 million dollars to schools in Alabama.

**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 Casino & Hotel 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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