



## POARCH TRIBE DONATES \$150,000 TO ORGANIZATIONS

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**Poarch Creek Indian Reservation (Atmore, Al)** June 20, 2013 – The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council presented checks today totaling \$150,000 to four organizations, as part of its planned giving campaign. These contributions will fund local healthcare and community services. The Tribe’s contributions will help to balance funding cuts in organizations as varied as the D.W. McMillan Hospital, Mennonite Disaster Relief, Volunteers of America, and the Hannah Grace Foundation.

“One of the most important things we can do is give back to the community,” said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, “It is important that we help these organizations, they do so much for so many by helping those in need and improving the lives of people in the community and our State.”

The Tribe’s donations include:

- \$50,000 to the Mennonite Disaster Relief.
- \$50,000 to the Volunteers of America.
- \$25,000 to the D.W. McMillan Hospital.
- \$25,000 to the Hannah Grace Foundation.

“Most all rural hospitals in Alabama are currently experiencing significant financial challenges. This gift from PCI will enable us to replace our mammography equipment with a new “state of the art” digital mammography machine,” said Chris Griffin, D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital Administrator. “We are truly thankful for PCI’s generosity and for their willingness to be a healthcare partner with us, as we work to improve our technology and ultimately the quality of care for our patients. The digital mammography equipment will be the center piece of our planned renovated “Women’s Center” here at the hospital.”

### **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; Creek Casino Wetumpka in Wetumpka; and, Creek Casino Montgomery 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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Shown left to right are Paul McLendon, Volunteers of American, Micahel Dillaber, Mennonite Disaster Services, Breann Rolin, Hannah Grace Foundation, and Chris Griffen, D.W. McMillian Hospital.