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## **Four Winds Invitational to underwrite ambulatory equipment for Beacon Health System**

SOUTH BEND, Indiana – March 23, 2018 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce proceeds from the 2018 Four Winds Invitational will underwrite vital equipment for Beacon Health System—the purchase of two patient power-load systems for Beacon Children’s pediatric emergency transport units, as well as four portable radios to be used during MedFlight patient transfers.

The Stryker Power Load System lifts and lowers the patient cot into and out of the ambulance, reducing spinal loads and the risk of cumulative trauma injuries. The power load system and the cots are wirelessly connected for easy operation and consistent support for the cot, enhancing the safety of the patient and ambulance personnel.

The APX7000 portable radios fulfill a need for flight personnel, according to hospital staff. These portable radios allow for communication between the care providers in the field, the pilot and communication center.

“Both of these funded projects will directly enhance patient care,” said Kreg Gruber, CEO of Beacon Health System. “Year after year, proceeds from this tournament have helped us to provide the best possible healing environment for our young patients and their families. We are grateful to The Pokagon Band, Four Winds Casino Resort, Blackthorn and all of the sponsors whose efforts make all of this possible.”

“As a nation the Pokagon Potawatomi are committed to the health and well-being of not just our own citizens, but to the health of the communities in which we live,” said John P. Warren, Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “We share the core value with Beacon. It’s why we’re humbled to be in a position to support Beacon Health System through the Four Winds Invitational.”

“We are proud of the continued partnership we have with Beacon Health System. The commitment of the professionals who work there never ceases to amaze me,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “It’s an honor to help develop projects and services that give back to the community in such an important way.”

To date, proceeds from all associated Invitational events have helped construct a multi-story building above the Memorial Leighton Trauma Center for the General Pediatrics Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Newborn Intensive Care unit, and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. The building, part of the hospital’s SHINE Campaign, features extended family rooms, single family rooms, playrooms and teen hideout spaces for patients, Family Enrichment Centers, a rooftop garden, and a butterfly room for families grieving the loss of a child. Funds have also allowed Beacon Children’s Hospital to purchase a pediatric ambulance, MedFlight incubator and ultrasound, and giraffe warmers for the NICU. The 2017 Invitational funded three patient simulators to assist with educating and training area pediatric healthcare professionals.

To learn more about the patient power load systems and the MedFlight portable radios supported by the Four Winds Invitational, contact Ryann DeMoss at (574) 647-2939 or via email at [rdemoss@beaconhealthsystem.org](mailto:rdemoss@beaconhealthsystem.org).

The 2018 Four Winds Invitational takes place Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10 at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend and is part of the Symetra® Tour – Road to the LPGA®. To learn more about the Four Winds Invitational tournament, contact Tim Firestone of Blackthorn Golf Club at (574) 232-4653, or visit [fourwindsinvitational.com](http://fourwindsinvitational.com).

### **About the Four Winds Invitational**

The Four Winds® Invitational was established in 2012 as part of the Symetra® Tour - Road to the LPGA®, and is sponsored by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Four Winds® Casinos. It is held at Blackthorn Golf Club, located at 6100 Nimitz Parkway, South Bend, Ind. The tournament features a field of professional women golfers from around the world. More information is available at [fourwindsinvitational.com](http://fourwindsinvitational.com).

### **About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians’ sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its approximately 5,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band’s 10-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011 and Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013. Four Winds South Bend opened January 16, 2018. It owns and operates a variety of business via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe’s non-gaming

investment enterprise. More information is available at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com) and [www.mno-bmadsen.com](http://www.mno-bmadsen.com).

### **About Four Winds Casinos**

Four Winds New Buffalo, located at 11111 Wilson Road in New Buffalo, Mich., Four Winds Hartford, located at 68600 Red Arrow Highway in Hartford, Mich., Four Winds Dowagiac, located at 58700 M-51 South in Dowagiac, Mich., and Four Winds South Bend, located at 3000 Prairie Road in South Bend, Ind., are owned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Four Winds New Buffalo offers 130,000 square feet of gaming with more than 2,600 slot machines, 50 table games, five restaurants, entertainment bars, retail venues, a pool, and a 415-room hotel, making it the premier gaming resort in the Midwest. Four Winds Hartford features more than 550 slot machines, nine table games, a 74-seat restaurant, and a 15-seat bar. Four Winds Dowagiac features 400 slot machines, seven table games and one restaurant. Four Winds South Bend has 55,000 square feet of gaming space, 1,800 games, four restaurants, three bars, a players lounge, a coffee shop, and a retail outlet. Please play responsibly. You must be 21 years of age to gamble. For more information on Four Winds Casinos, please call 1-(866)-4WINDS1 (866-494-6371) or visit [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com). Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds Casinos on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino](http://www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino) and follow on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino](http://www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino).

### **About Beacon Health System**

As the largest, locally owned and operated health care system in the region Beacon Health System is the region's most trusted partner and guide in creating and maintain health. Elkhart General Hospital, Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Beacon Children's Hospital and Beacon Medical Group are powered by more than 7,000 associates and 1,000 physicians who provide the best care possible to people of all ages. Beacon is also a research and education organization, guiding clinical research trials and helping train medical residents in the fields of family medicine and hospital pharmacy.

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