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## WIND CREEK HOSPITALITY PARTNERS WITH FEEDING THE GULF COAST FOR HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF

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In the wake of Hurricane Irma, Wind Creek Hospitality donated \$36,000 to help fight post storm food insecurity in Florida. The funds helped provide two tractor trailer loads of mixed canned vegetables to two food banks affected by Hurricane Irma. Feeding the Gulf Coast used the funds to send the truck loads of food to Harry Chapin Food Bank in Ft. Myers and Feeding Northeast Florida in Jacksonville.

Magi Williams, PR Manager of Wind Creek Hospitality said “We thank Feeding the Gulf Coast for their partnership. Their work enables us to reach those in need that we could not otherwise reach. We have been blessed to live, work and prosper on the beautiful Gulf Coast and we are honored to give back our neighbors who are in need. We also thank our guests and team members who contributed to the events that helped us raise these funds.”

“We are fortunate Feeding the Gulf Coast is part of a strong network of food banks through our affiliation with Feeding America. When disasters strike in our country, the Feeding America network of food banks band together to support each other and the communities they serve as they rebuild all they have lost. We will be there through the long recovery process in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes for our surrounding neighbors,” said Cathy Pope, President and CEO Feeding the Gulf Coast.

Wind Creek Hospitality is still working on ways to support those affected by the recent hurricanes.

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### **About Feeding the Gulf Coast:**

Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning the Panhandle of Florida, south Alabama, and south Mississippi. In 2016, the food bank distributed over 18 million meals to over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple nutrition programs, including Summer Feeding, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Community Garden, Mobile Pantry, Produce Drop, Cooking Matters, and SNAP Outreach. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit [www.feedingthegulfcoast.org](http://www.feedingthegulfcoast.org).

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**About Wind Creek Hospitality:**

Wind Creek Hospitality is an authority of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Wind Creek Hospitality manages the Tribe's gaming facilities including casino resorts in Aruba, Curacao, Nevada and three Alabama locations--Wind Creek Atmore, Wind Creek Wetumpka, and Wind Creek Montgomery, as well as racetracks in Alabama and Florida.

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.

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