



Benefits of Gaming:



*How Gaming
Supports the
Community of
Akwesasne
2011 - 2013*

Misty Lazore

Helping Build a Better Tomorrow

Iakhienawá:se' Sénha Aioianerénhake ne Enióhrhen'ne



Wa'tkwanonhwerá:ton/Greetings,

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, we are pleased to report that the Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC continue to make important and significant contributions to the community of Akwesasne.

*Sheila Cooke
Escobar*

Since 2012, the Tribe's gaming operations have contributed more than \$19 million annually to support more than 200 essential community services and tribal programs.

Revenue from the Mohawk Gaming Enterprises continues to serve as a critical funding source for tribal programs and services. Several of these services are funded completely through the Tribal General Fund. Numerous community organizations, initiatives and athletic programs also receive support. These contributions help strengthen our community and our families.

It is our pleasure to provide you with a detailed breakdown of how gaming revenues are being utilized to enrich the lives of *Akwesashró:non*. The financial reports, which include a year-end comparison from 2011-2013, have been separated to clearly delineate the four sources of gaming revenues, that combined, comprise the "Benefits of Gaming":

- Tribal General Fund Program Support
- Tribal General Fund Community Support
- Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC
- Community Partnership Fund

We invite you to familiarize yourself with the information contained within this publication and to learn how gaming continues to benefit Akwesasne. Inside, you will find how gaming revenues are allocated to provide the greatest positive impact for our people by funding the following strategic priorities:

- Cultural Restoration
- Economic Development
- Environmental Protection
- Education
- Healthcare
- Land Claims
- Law Enforcement
- Sovereignty & Self-Reliance

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the *Benefits of Gaming*.

Skén:nen/Peace,

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council

*A Donation from
the Community
Partnership Fund
Helped Bring the
Vietnam Moving
Wall to Akwesasne*



A DECADE OF GAMING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has developed sustained programs that directly contribute to the health, education and cultural restoration of Akwesasne. Since 1999, gaming enterprises have contributed more than \$136 million to fund essential community services and tribal programs.

The Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC that encompasses the Tribe's bingo and casino operations directly employ over 820 people; with more than 40 percent being tribal members. Revenue from the gaming operations funds a variety of social, economic and recreational activities in Akwesasne.

The Tribe leverages the \$19 million annually to pay for programs that support the health, wellness, education and social services of our community. It either funds entire tribal programs or supplements grants received from state and federal agencies. It also helps provide employment for more than 650 tribal employees, with nearly 80 percent being tribally enrolled members.

Year	Contribution
1999	399,475
2000	230,555
2001	300,000
2002	600,000
2003	603,000
2004	1,375,000
2005	6,580,000
2006	10,960,000
2007	14,620,000
2008	15,000,000
2009	15,000,000
2010	15,000,000
2011	*17,308,775
2012	*19,321,838
2013	*19,313,832
Total	\$136,612,575

** Includes donations made by the Mohawk Gaming Enterprises LLC and Community Partnership Fund.*



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BENEFITS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and its gaming operations is the largest employer in Northern New York State with nearly 1,500 employees - we take this responsibility seriously. The economic strength of our gaming and tourism positively impacts our neighboring communities through employment, businesses and revenue sharing payments to New York State. These payments are equally divided between St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties and help strengthen county budgets.

The quarterly revenue sharing payments amount to 25 percent of slot machine revenues from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort or the equivalent of \$20 million annually. The 2003 Gaming Compact between the Tribe and New York ensures that an eight county exclusivity zone is protected and prevents any competing gaming interests from threatening these benefits to our neighbors.



The Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort

TRIBAL GENERAL FUND PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Tribal General Fund amounts to \$20 million dollars annually; with monies that are primarily generated from within the Tribe's gaming enterprises. It also includes revenue from tribal licensing fees, investment income, the Tribal Clerk's Office and the Tribe's Solid Waste Transfer Station. The revenues provide financial support to ten tribal divisions and more than 200 tribal programs.

	2011	2012	2013
Animal Control	118,681	141,477	142,988
Broadband Initiative <i>*Repayable Loan to Program</i>	184,500	*4,756,033	781,765
Communications Department	284,543	280,143	251,988
Community & Family Services	1,357,768	553,499	724,556
Diabetes Center for Excellence	--	143,000	--
Economic Development <i>Akwesasne Employment Resource Center</i>	206,531	267,234	320,565
Education Division <i>JOM Summer Student Program</i>	409,928	621,484	1,596,393
Emergency Planning	176,097	158,376	179,600
Environment Division <i>Spring Cleanup, Chipping Project, Transfer Station, Urban Forestry</i>	535,411	366,883	529,155
Finance Division	330,028	378,358	323,009
Food Distribution	47,260	136,650	144,664
Health Services	4,471,645	2,146,008	1,569,914
Home Improvement Supplement	706,729	789,978	928,865

TGF PROGRAM SUPPORT

Historic Preservation <i>CKON Mohawk Language Programming</i>	250,478	298,326	268,491
IGA Mortgage/Loan Payments	1,868,298	1,868,298	1,868,298
Judicial Oversight Commission	-	17,860	35,065
Land Dispute Tribunal	26,622	21,392	10,549
Law Enforcement	3,073,613	2,594,045	2,510,076
Legal Department	1,014,964	1,211,759	1,101,810
Office for the Aging	381,249	91,199	578,997
Planning & Infrastructure <i>Construction, Water and Wastewater Treatment Programs</i>	1,187,265	1,045,747	1,291,453
Social Services Division	724,426	456,376	453,981
Tribal Administration <i>Public Computer Centers, Generations Park, Capital Improvements & Infrastructure Planning</i>	234,924	275,652	944,401
Tribal Council	956,207	1,047,773	1,194,234
Tribal Clerk	298,858	261,858	256,724
Tribal Courts	120,061	73,508	81,595
Total	\$19,965,279	\$20,002,918	\$18,092,136

In addition to standard operating and administrative program expenses, some special projects are funded as listed above.

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TRIBAL GENERAL FUND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Support is distributed by the Tribal Council and is included in the \$19 million that provides financial support to local organizations—many of them volunteer groups coordinated by community members. It is designated to assist community organizations that are not tribally managed or funded; but have a positive impact on our community's health, education, public safety and cultural enrichment. In addition, unlike other Native communities, Community Support has been utilized from 2011-2013 to provide more than \$6.3 million in home heating fuel assistance for our tribal members, the majority of which is supplied by local fuel vendors. Elderly tribal members have been consistently prioritized within the annual fuel assistance planning and will continue to be a priority for this program into the future.

Year	Contribution
2011	2,630,357
2012	2,752,889
2013	3,801,970
Total	\$9,165,216

*Akwesasne Freedom School
Survival Race*



TGF COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department 60th Anniversary Celebration.

	2011	2012	2013
Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club	300,000	300,000	317,761
Akwesasne Christmas Basket Fund & Mountain of Toys	3,000	-	-
Akwesasne Cultural Center	50,000	50,000	50,000
Akwesasne Freedom School	35,000	35,000	100,000
Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit	189,346	189,346	450,207
Cemetery Upkeep	1,000	2,000	4,000
Detox Center	-	60,000	-
Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department	130,540	117,000	189,244
Home Heating Fuel Assistance	1,844,232	1,860,469	2,596,919
Miscellaneous	\$26,395	\$86,460	\$22,579

MOHAWK GAMING ENTERPRISE, LLC



Ironworker's Festival

Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC, is a Tribal corporate entity that owns and operates the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Class II and Class III gaming operations—Mohawk Bingo Palace and Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, respectively. In 2013, both gaming operations merged to create the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort that features over 130,000 square feet of gaming floor, over 2,000 slot and video gaming machines, and a 150-room hotel.

Year	Contribution
2011	15,284
2012	23,693
2013	60,829
Total	\$99,806

	2011	2012	2013
HAVFD - Fire Protection Fee			
Ladder Truck Payment	--	--	42,000
Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club	4,151	4,285	2,500
Ironworkers Festival - Pension Fund	7,150	14,788	9,911
Mountain of Toys	3,983	4,470	3,833
Community Event Sponsorships	--	150	2,585

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

The Community Partnership Fund was formed in 2004 to provide the Tribe with a mechanism to distribute contributions from the gaming enterprises in collaboration with the Pepsi Corporation donations. The Partnership Fund exists to support Tribal members' initiatives, committees, organizations and non-profit causes in areas in and around Akwesasne—many that serve as an intrinsic part of our community and the life-blood of so many of our families.



*Sadie
Thompson*

Year	Gaming	Pepsi Corp.
2011	240,000	40,000
2012	240,000	40,000
2013	240,000	40,000
Total	\$720,000	\$120,000



Kids For Fishing

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Athletics

In support of our mission to *Build a Better Tomorrow*, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Community Partnership Fund provides sponsorships to help our youth sports associations, teams and individual athletes. Many of our teams receive funding to travel to tournaments and special training, opening doors to higher levels of competition, teaching perseverance and teamwork. The community's organized sports programs may apply for funding to assist with operational expenses, such as floor/ice time, field maintenance and team uniforms.

Akwesasne has talented athletes who have competed at regional, state, international, collegiate and professional levels. The development of athletes of this caliber requires talent, personal and family sacrifice and support from an entire community. The Tribe proudly recognizes each of our athletes for their achievements and commitment to representing Akwesasne through sportsmanship.



*Bill Loran
Courtesy of Akwesasne
Cultural Center*

Year	Contribution
2011	48,250
2012	54,250
2013	46,115
Total	\$148,615

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

*2015 New York State
Wrestling Champion,
Nolan Terrance*



Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association, Akwesasne Attack Lacrosse, Akwesasne Minor Hockey Association, Little NHL Hockey, Akwesasne Indians and Women's Warriors Lacrosse Associations, St. Regis Braves Senior "B" Lacrosse, North Franklin Sports, Salmon River Central School and Massena Central School Athletics, Massena Minor Lacrosse Association, Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse and Haudenosaunee Women's Lacrosse, Regional Elite Youth Lacrosse and Hockey Programs, Team Quebec Senior, Pee Wee Lacrosse, Northern TRIBS Swimming Club, Soaring Eagles Volleyball League, Standing Rock Boxing Club, U.S. Amateur Hockey, World Dwarf Olympics, Annual Akwesasne Memorial Softball Tournaments, Dick's Sporting Goods National Lacrosse Championship and Robotics Competition.



*Salmon River Varsity
Girls Volleyball*

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Community Events

The Community Partnership Fund has supported numerous annual events in and around Akwesasne—events that have become much-anticipated and help contribute to strengthening the community. Community events that receive support help showcase the many positive qualities that Akwesasne has to offer and share with visitors; which includes numerous athletic, cultural, and educational events.



Shayleen Thompson

Year	Contribution
2011	92,809
2012	87,288
2013	38,390
Total	\$218,487



Akwesasne Winter Carnival Obstacle Course

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment, Wellness Day, Roadside Cleanup, HAVFD Fire Prevention Week, Tewathahitha Walking Trail, Akwesasne Winter Carnival, Ionkwanonhsaseti Adolescent Treatment, Akwesasne Japanese Concert, Kids for Fishing, Akwesasne Cancer Support Group, Latchkey, Diabetes Center for Excellence, Mini Tombola, 4-H, Akwesasne Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Vietnam Moving Wall, SRCS All Night Grad Party, Parade of Nations, Stuff the Bus, PICEI, Akwesasne Pow Wow, Darts Alive, Cats Program, Comlinks Backpack Program, Akwesasne Freedom School Quilt Auction & Survival Race, Kateri Statue, SRCS Drama Club, Native American Music Awards, Akwesasne/Kahnawake



*Diabetes Center for Excellence
Grand Opening*



Tina's Pride Breast Cancer Walk

Co-Ed Softball Tournament, Class of 2014, Tina's Pride Breast Cancer Group, St. Regis Mission, North Country Life Flight, Racing Against Drugs, Just 4 Youths, Akwesasne Toastmasters, AMBE Parent Committee, Original Medicine Games, St. Regis Mohawk School 6th Grade Graduation, Louie King Softball Tournament, St. Regis Mohawk School Transportation, Good Seeds We Are Planting, Akwesasne Basket Fund, Iohah:io, Rourke Benefit Dance, Events Hosted by Recreation Centers, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort Year End Dinner, Beauty and Bridal Make Up Camp, Eagala Training Workshop, Tsi Snaihne School, Aboriginal Territories Training, St. Regis Mohawk School 5th Grade Graduation, Shamrock Sports Network, 4-H Equine Group

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Cultural Programming

The Community Partnership Fund supports efforts to maintain and strengthen traditional Mohawk cultural practices, promote Mohawk language, and to support our traditional teachings. It is used to support cultural institutions, including youth outdoor education programs and horticultural programs for medicine, healing and nutrition; as well as individual Mohawk people who help strengthen the language, songs, dances and special ceremonies.



*Mary A.
Clause*

Year	Contribution
2011	10,000
2012	-
2013	25,500
Total	\$35,500

*Akwesasne Cultural Center, Ronathahonni Cultural Center, Haudenosaunee
Coalition, Reach Out Volunteer Program, Ohero:kon Rites of Passage*



*2012 Youth
Culture Camp*

Fundraiser Events

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe believes in helping our own people in their moment of need and utilizes the Community Partnership Fund to support local organizations and individual tribal members in raising funds for important events; including athletic and academic competitions, family emergencies, and to assist with organizational expenses.

Year	Contribution
2011	20,150
2012	9,774
2013	5,600
Total	\$35,524

National Honor Society, Care Packages for Soldiers, Friends of Akwesasne Freedom School Annual Quilt Auction and Dinner, Avon Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon, Wellness Day Trivia Night, Akwesasne Freedom School Equipment, 4-H Mentoring Group, Akwesasne Cancer Support Group Annual Walk/Run, American Heart Association. Hole and prize sponsorships for golf tournaments: St. Regis Mohawk School Parent Teachers Association, SRCS All-Night Graduation Party, Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club, Akwesasne Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, Hunter's Hope, Men's Golf League, Owen Francis, Akwesasne Wolves Hockey Club, Lorraine Bero, American Legion Post 1479, Wellness Day



National Honor Society Inductees

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Funeral Expenses

Losing a member of our community affects everyone; our tradition teaches us to care for one another in our time of need. Akwesasne comes together to support our families during the most difficult of times, such as the loss of a loved one. The fund initially provided \$500 towards the expense of a funeral or unexpected travel. In 2013, Tribal Council agreed to increase the donation amount to \$1,000 in recognition of the increased cost of funeral expenses.

Year	Contribution
2011	18,500
2012	18,750
2013	49,500
Total	\$86,750



Alicia Cook

Giving Back to Our Elders

Tsi Tetewatatken (Office for the Aging) was the recipient of nearly \$580,000 in 2013, an increase of more than 51 percent compared to 2011. The Community Partnership Fund supplements this funding to support an assortment of services tailored for our seniors. These combined resources enabled many of our elders to take a once in a lifetime pilgrimage in 2012 to Rome, Italy where they witnessed the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), Lily of the Mohawks, as the first Native American Saint.

Year	Contribution
2011	14,877
2012	15,000
2013	4,500
Total	\$34,377

SRMT Senior Citizen's Club, SRMT Senior Games, Friends of Kateri Tekakwitha Club, Iakhihsobtha Home for the Elderly



Training & Development

Extracurricular activities and educational enrichment is vital to the success of our young talented artisans, aspiring scientists, future ambassadors, community leaders, and cultural preservationists. The funding to supplement field trips and specialized training and development helps expose our youth to conferences and important gatherings. It is our hope that we are helping to feed the imagination of our youth and giving them the opportunity to be inspired by the world.

Year	Contribution
2011	13,499
2012	20,134
2013	4,100
Total	\$ 37,733

*AISES National
Conference*



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND



Weaving Webs

AISES Science Fair and National Conference, Lego World Festival, Catholic Heart Work Camp, National Honor Society Field Trip, Autism Program Playground Equipment, People to People Ambassador Program, National Grid Engineer Pipeline Program, Northeast Regional Conference, Akwesasne Cultural Gathering for the Deaf, SRMT Activities Committee, National Young Conference, Salmon River Central Theatre Group, Salmon River Central Class of 2016, Latchkey Program, AMBE Parent Committee, National Youth Leadership, FBI, World One Music Festival, Medicines Conference, Youth Exchange Program, International Beadwork Conference, Original Medicine Games Video Project, Weaving Webs Conference, Lisa LaFrance Memorial Scholarship, Massena High School Class Trip, Clicker Expo, Childrens Book Printing, Photography Exhibit, Sacred Circle Gathering.

“Existence, All That Is, Was and Became...” Photography Exhibit



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Hardship Fund

The fund allocates a portion of money to assist in personal or family emergencies. It is administered through the Division of Social Services. Devastation to a family home, unexpected expenses and financial challenges are often more bearable when not faced alone. As a result, when a tribal member experiences hardships that impede them or their family from accessing critical needs; such as food, shelter, heat and utility services; funds are available to help them bridge the gap. In 2013, the Tribe was able to help nearly 200 tribal members during their most difficult times.

Year	Contribution	Tribal Members Assisted
2011	75,407	151
2012	92,949	185
2013	79,298	191
Total	\$ 247,654	527



Alice Porter

Applications for Funding

General Requests

All community requests for financial assistance must be accompanied with a completed application form to the Community Partnership Fund and submitted to the Tribal Administration Office. Applications will be reviewed by a six-member Community Partnership Fund Committee comprised of three employees each from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC.

The Committee meets on the third Friday of each month and can accept the application to fund or will forward it to the appropriate funding area: Tribal General Fund Community Support or Mohawk Gaming Enterprises, LLC.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please visit the Tribal Administration Office located in the Community Building.

Hardship Requests

Requests for financial assistance to help respond to a personal or family emergency should be accompanied with a completed application form and submitted to the Social Services Division. Applications will be reviewed by a Hardship Fund Committee that meets twice each month.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please visit the Social Service's Administration Office located in the HUD Training Facility.

Medical Requests

Requests for financial assistance to deal with a medical hardship should be accompanied with a completed application form and submitted to Health Services. Applications will be reviewed by a Medical Hardship Committee and are limited to providing assistance with travel to medical appointments made through Patient Registration and lodging to visit family members in the hospital.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please visit Health Service's Administration Office located in the Tribal Clinic.

NOTE: Recipients of the Community Partnership Fund are asked to provide community services in exchange for approved funding.

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*Randa
Martin*





*Shaylan and Haylee
Jacco in South Africa
with the Reach Out
Volunteer Program.*



*Caroline
Bigtree*

*Zombie Obstacle Course
Hosted By Akwesasne
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