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Sault Tribe's Fall 2 Percent contributions provide more than \$1 million to Upper Peninsula communities

2% total for 2011 exceeds \$1.5 million

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Upper Peninsula police and fire agencies, local libraries, public schools, indoor and outdoor recreation areas and programs, and public universities are among the recipients of \$1,009,890 in fall “2 percent” donations from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In total this year, the tribe awarded \$1,551,534 in 2 percent contributions to worthy recipients across the eastern U.P. The fall 2 percent donations will benefit communities and citizens in seven U.P. counties.

“The 2 percent money we give to our communities help so many people – from providing money to help law enforcement and other first responders, computers for schools, after school programs, city upgrades – it’s just great to see,” said Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem.

Since 1993, the Sault Tribe has disbursed 2 percent payments twice annually to U.P. communities and organizations. Funds are distributed to communities extending from St. Ignace to Manistique, to Marquette to Sault Ste. Marie. To date more than \$32 million has been awarded by the tribe based on 2 percent of slot revenues from the tribe’s Kewadin Casino properties in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas.

Top recipients of the fall 2 percent funds include \$33,941 for the Soo I-500 Project, \$15,000 for the Soo Township Elementary School Build a Dream program, \$13,941 to upgrade the Water System Tank in Mathias Township, and \$10,915 for an Interactive Classroom program in the Big Bay De Noc School District. Funds were also used for the Aging for Outreach & ALTRAN

programs in Munising, U.P. Children's Museum in Marquette, a Culture Enhancement Program in Gladstone Area Schools, and the Chippewa County spay and neuter program.

Fall selections for 2 percent funds were distributed to:

- Sault Tribe Unit I — Chippewa County, Spay and Neuter Program, \$10,000; City of Sault Ste. Marie, I-500 Project, \$33,941; Sugar Island Township, Emergency Shelter, \$7,500; Soo Township Elementary School, Building a Dream, \$ 15,000; Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools Girls on the Run, \$1,500; Kinross Charter Township, After School Activities & Christmas Party, \$7,000.
- Sault Tribe Unit II — McMillan Township, Community Center, \$5,000; McMillan Township, Newberry CLM Community Action, \$12,000; Pickford Public Schools, \$7,441; Garfield Township, \$ 5,000; Trout Lake Township, \$10,500; Pickford Township, \$5,000; Hendricks Township, \$3,000; Hendricks Township, \$4,000; Engadine Schools, \$7,500; Mackinac County, \$10,000; Detour Schools, \$5,500.
- Sault Tribe Unit III — St. Ignace Township, \$5,000; Moran Township School District, \$991.20; La Salle High School \$5,126; Brevort Township, \$4,597; Brevort Township, \$1,000; City of St. Ignace \$49,229.80;
- Sault Tribe Unit IV — Schoolcraft County DHS, Christmas Baskets \$4,000; Rapid River Public Schools Betterment of our Youth, \$ 4,217; Nah Tah Wahsh, Willow Creek, \$31,309; Manistique Area Schools, Title VII, \$2,000; Manistique Area Schools, Open Swim, \$2,000; Ishpeming School Dist. No. 1, Title VII, \$5,000; Gladstone Area Schools Culture Enhancement Program, \$3,000; Escanaba Area Schools, Title VII, \$3,500; Big Bay De Noc School District, CUP Baseball Program \$1,500.
- Sault Tribe Unit V — Marquette Area Schools, Title VII, \$10,000; Munising Memorial Hospital Mammography Equipment, \$5,000; Township of Munising Tennis Facility, \$5,000; Mathias Township, Water System Tank Upgrade, \$13,941; Munising Public Schools, Education/Academics Assistance for Youth, \$12,000.

Annual long-term commitments include:

- Unit I – Chippewa County, Gen Government Services, \$16,000; Chippewa County, Foster Care, \$4,500; Chippewa County Sheriff, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$25,000; City of Sault Ste. Marie, Gen Government Services, \$191,271; Consolidated Schools, GED, \$86,372; Kinross Charter Township, Law Enforcement, \$21,500; Lake Superior State University, Gem of the North, \$52,275; Sault Area Public Schools Title VII, \$25,316; Sault Area Public Schools, PILT, \$18,000.

- Sault Tribe Unit II — Hulbert Township, Snowmobile Grooming, \$5,000.
- Sault Tribe Unit III — City of St. Ignace, Mackinaw Straits Dialysis, \$30,000; City of St. Ignace, Straits Area Grooming, \$5,000; City of St. Ignace, Lodging/Law Enforcement \$3,500; City of St. Ignace, Road Improvements \$6,500; City of St. Ignace, Fitness Center, \$18,500; Clark Township, Gen Government Services, \$5,000; Clark Township, Les Chen Grooming, \$5,000; Mackinac County Probate Center Foster, \$10,500; Mackinac County Sheriff, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$11,250; St. Ignace Township, Gen Government Services, \$13,000; St. Ignace Area Schools, Student Advocate, \$10,000.
- Sault Tribe Unit IV — Bay De Noc Community College, YMCA, \$8,000; City of Escanaba, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$6,000; Delta County Sheriff, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$8,000; City of Manistique, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$2,500; Manistique Township, Gen Government Services, \$5,000; Schoolcraft County, Snowmobile Grooming, \$5,000, Schoolcraft County Sheriff, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$9,600.
- Unit V — Alger County Sheriff's Dept., Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$9,600; Autrain Township, Gen Government Services, \$3,500; Marquette County Sheriff, Lodging/Law Enforcement, \$6,000; Munising Township, Gen Government Services, \$3,500; Munising Township, Snowmobile Grooming, \$5,000.

For more information on how to apply for 2 percent funds, contact Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050.

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