

**RUMSEY BAND OF WINTUN INDIANS AWARD THIRD
ROUND OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2004
*MORE THAN \$275,000 GIVEN TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS***

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BROOKS – The Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians announced their 2004 third quarter charitable donations totaling \$277,500, of which \$55,000 went towards previous multi-year commitments, to strengthen regional programs and services in Yolo County and surrounding areas. The Tribe, through its Community Fund, a philanthropic branch of tribal government, has given more than \$4.75 million dollars since its inception in October 2000 to local organizations supporting education, community health, arts and humanities, environment, community development, and social services.

Beneficiaries of the Rumsey Community Fund contributions during the third quarter include the Esparto Child Development Center, Food Bank of Yolo County, and the Yolo Family Service Agency.

The Esparto Child Development Center provides child care with play and learning activities to low income families in Esparto and surrounding areas. An effective Montessori Program, the Development Center offers a rich environment for children ages 3-5 to thrive. Though parents of children attending the school recently came together to repaint fences and plant roses, a new County program – the Safe Route to School Sidewalk Project in Esparto – will require costly alterations to the grounds of the Development Center to be made. The contribution from the Rumsey Community Fund will fund in part, replacement of the fence and relocation of the roses. The Tribe has challenged the County of Yolo to compensate the Development Center for additional costs incurred in meeting the requirements of the Safe Route to School Sidewalk Project.

The Food Bank of Yolo County, an organization established as a backyard gleaning operation in Davis in 1971 as the Yolo County Coalition Against Hunger, was also awarded a grant by the Tribe. With warehouse space totaling 15,000 square feet, the Food Bank of Yolo County supplies 45 nonprofit agencies, 23 school programs and 23 USDA Emergency Food Assistance sites with food, personal hygiene and other items that serve the needy, elderly, mentally ill, or disadvantaged in Yolo County. The Food Bank of Yolo County will use its gift from the Rumsey Community Fund to upgrade the organization's antiquated computers.

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The Tribe also gave to the Yolo Family Service Agency (YFSA), a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing professional counseling services to families and individuals in Yolo County. As part of the agency's ongoing commitment to strengthening family life in Yolo County, YFSA has developed a wide variety of programs and services to meet the needs of families in our community.

Individual, couple, family, and child counseling is available, as well as group therapy and educational programs addressing specific issues concerning family life. YFSA will use its gift from the Rumsey Community Fund to help provide culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services to Yolo County's Latino community which makes up 25 percent of the County's population.

"As a member of the community, we are not only making a financial commitment, but a commitment to creating a better place to live," said Paula Lorenzo, chairwoman of the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians. "To be able to give to so many worthy causes enriches our people as much as it enriches those who receive."

Other beneficiaries of the Rumsey Community Fund third quarter donations include the Association California Symphony Orchestras, California Lawyers for the Arts, California Military Museum, Cache Creek Lodge, Capital Public Radio, Capitol Foursquare Church, CASAS, Center for AIDS Services, Center for Land-Based Learning, Children's Receiving Home, Citizens Who Care, California State University Sacramento, Developmental Disabilities Service Organization, Dingle Elementary School, Esparto After School Program, Esparto Child Development Center, Firefighters Burn Institute, Kiwanis Family House, Leed Sacramento, Mexican American Concilio of Yolo County, National Organization for Victim Assistance, Northern California Center for Deafness, Northern California Children's Therapy Center, Plainfield Elementary, River Oaks Center for Children, Sacramento District Dental Foundation, Sacramento Opera, Stanford Home, Touch of Understanding, W.R.O.K., Wolfskill Continuation High, Woodland Adult Education, Woodland Community Options, Woodland Opera House, Yolo Basin Foundation and Yolo County S.T.A.R.S.

The Rumsey Tribe, founders of the Rumsey Community Fund, is located in Brooks California where they own and operate the Cache Creek Casino Resort. A federally recognized Indian tribe, the Rumsey Tribe is a sovereign government, making the establishment of its philanthropic fund even more unique. The Tribe receives no tax advantage for making a charitable contribution to any group. The Rumsey Community Fund is recognized as one of the first such funds formally established by an Indian tribe.

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