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Catawba Two Kings Casino donates \$12,000 to local nonprofit organizations

Share Change program has now raised \$39,000 for charity during casino's first year



Trent Troxel (far right), vice president of the Catawba Nation Gaming Authority, and Catawba Nation Assistant Chief Jason Harris (far left) present checks to the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council and the HealthCare Foundation of Cleveland County. The funds were raised by the Catawba Two Kings Casino from patron donations. At the presentation were (left to right) Scott Neisler, mayor of Kings Mountain and board member of the HealthCare Foundation; Dick Baker Jr., executive director and CEO of the HealthCare Foundation; Dwayne Rogers, a council member on the Catawba Nation Executive Committee; and Cathy Robertson, executive director of the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council. [A video of the presentation is available here](#) (password = twokings2022).

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. (Aug. 9, 2022) – The Catawba Two Kings Casino Share Change program has raised a total of \$12,000 for two organizations: the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council and the HealthCare Foundation of Cleveland County.

Share Change, the Catawba Nation's charitable initiative through the casino, enables patrons to donate the remaining change on slot vouchers by dropping them in the Share Change ticket boxes located on the casino floor.

“The Share Change program is an important initiative to help the Catawba Nation and Catawba Two Kings Casino make a positive change in the community,” Catawba Assistant Chief Jason Harris said. “We are thankful for our generous casino patrons and are happy to support these wonderful organizations.”

The casino launched the Share Change program several weeks after its July 2021 opening, and new charitable recipients are designated every three months. With this donation, the program has provided \$39,000 to organizations in the Cleveland County community since the start of the program.

Both the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council (APC) and the HealthCare Foundation of Cleveland County each received \$6,000. The funds were raised from April through June 30, 2022.

The APC provides professional, nonjudgmental services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In addition to serving as Cleveland County’s only rape crisis center, the APC provides access to free services such as professional therapy, crisis counseling, advocacy, shelter and transportation services. All services aim to alleviate the distress associated with the survivors’ trauma to increase emotional stabilization and safe, independent living moving forward.

“Thank you so much for supporting the community,” said Cathy Robertson, executive director of the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council. “All the services we provide are completely free of charge because we believe being a victim should not cost. This will help us to continue to provide those services to Cleveland County residents.”

The mission of the HealthCare Foundation is simply to improve the health and wellbeing of all citizens of Cleveland County. The organization provides Community Health Grants to qualified nonprofit organizations in Cleveland County that seek support for innovative programs or initiatives that address targeted healthcare concerns and/or the social determinants of health and wellbeing in the community.

The HealthCare Foundation relies on grants, donations and partnerships to help fund initiatives such as “Project Pink Cleveland,” which funds mammograms for at-risk uninsured women over the age of 40, and “Snacks & Thanks” campaign, which is provided to frontline healthcare workers. Every dollar raised by the HealthCare Foundation is reinvested back into the community.

“We will invest this back into the community through partnership with other nonprofit organizations in Cleveland County that have health and wellness initiatives,” said Dick Baker, executive director and CEO of the HealthCare Foundation of Cleveland County. “This donation, along with our major grant funding, goes a long way to be transformative and hopefully improve the health and wellness of all the citizens here in Cleveland County.”

About Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort

Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort is being developed by the Catawba Nation at a 17-acre site at 538 Kings Mountain Blvd. in Kings Mountain, N.C. The site is near Interstate 85 Exit 5 and about 35 miles west of Charlotte. A temporary “pre-launch” gaming facility opened July 1, 2021, with 500 gaming machines to provide an initial opportunity for patrons to game with limited food & beverage and other guest amenities. An expansion of that facility with 500 additional games, including electronic table games, opened Dec. 15. At full buildout, the casino resort project is expected to create thousands of construction and permanent jobs in the region. The Two Kings name celebrates the Catawba Nation’s history and hopeful future in their ancestral lands in North Carolina, paying tribute to the 18th century Catawba Chief King Hagler and the City of Kings Mountain. For more information visit www.twokingscasino.com, <https://www.facebook.com/TwoKingsCasino/>, <https://www.instagram.com/twokingscasino/> and <https://twitter.com/twokingscasino>.