

SKY RIVER TEAM MEMBERS LEAD THE EFFORT TO DONATE \$3,000 AND 900 POUNDS OF FOOD TO THE ELK GROVE FOOD BANK

ELK GROVE, Calif. (January 22, 2025) – Approximately one in five Californians – about 8.8 million – currently struggle with food insecurity*. To help address this critical issue on a local level, Sky River Team Members – along with matching funds by the casino – donated a total of \$3,000 and almost 900 pounds of food to the Elk Grove Food Bank. Team members generously donated to the cause during the recent holiday season, and the much-needed funds and food were donated to the food bank at a time when storage is light after the holidays.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sky River and their incredible team members for the generous donations collected over the past few months," said Marie Jachino, Executive Director of the Elk Grove Food Bank. "So many of our neighbors are struggling to meet basic needs and facing hunger on a daily basis. We are ever so grateful to Sky River for their support of our mission, and we look forward to continued partnership to help those who need it the most."

Responding to the growing need, the annual Team Member food drive generated more than double what was collected last year. These contributions matter as every dollar donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank provides two meals to feed those in need in the local community.

"Sky River Casino is deeply committed to giving back and supporting the Elk Grove community," said Michael J. Facenda, President of Sky River Casino. "Our owners, Wilton Rancheria, have a longstanding partnership with the Elk Grove Food Bank. It's powerful to see that now extend to our Team Members. Working together, we are making a difference in the lives of those who need it most."

For information about donating to the Elk Grove Food Bank or accessing services, please visit <u>www.elkgrovefoodbank.org</u>. More information about Sky River Casino is available at <u>www.SkyRiver.com</u>.

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About Sky River Casino

Sky River Casino was built by Wilton Rancheria in partnership with Boyd Gaming Corporation, which is managing the property for the Tribe. The casino opened in August 2022 and includes 100,000 sq ft of gaming, 2,100 slot machines, 80 table games, and 18 elevated restaurants, bars, and lounge destinations. To learn more about the casino and/or future expansion plans currently underway, please visit <u>www.SkyRiver.com</u>.

*Source: https://www.cafoodbanks.org/hunger-data-reports/