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Fond du Lac Tribal Leaders Partner To Address Food Security

Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN (October 9th, 2020) The pandemic has caused furloughs and lay-offs leading to income instability across the Country; making usual grocery purchases for many difficult. Since the beginning of COVID-19, the Fond du Lac (FDL) Reservation Business Committee has worked tirelessly to ensure the needs of the Band and the community are met.

Most recently the FDL leadership teamed with two organizations to address food security spurred by the pandemic. This initiative includes Carlton and St. Louis Counties both located within the FDL Reservation.

In September, FDL leadership worked B&B Market, a local food store that has been a pillar of the Cloquet Community for over 60 years. “Working with B&B Market allowed us to serve a need in our community and support the local economy by buying from a family business”, said Secretary Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau. “We look forward to continuing to partner with John in the future.” From that effort 2,473 community members received a food box.

“We appreciate our partnership (with FDL) and hope it helped the community.” says B&B owner, John Lind.

FDL and Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank will provide food boxes to the Fond du Lac Community. The event will be held on October 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fond du Lac Head Start Parking Lot (33 University Road, Cloquet, MN 55720). This event is open to anyone in need of food while supplies last.

“We’re excited about this partnership. The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) has been a wonderful opportunity to provide fresh food to families, children and seniors in our region” states Second Harvest Executive Director, Shaye Moris.

About Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band (Nagaajiwanaang; where the water stops) is one of six Chippewa Indian Bands that make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The Fond du Lac Reservation was established by the La Pointe Treaty of 1854.

Archaeologists, however, maintain that ancestors of the present-day Chippewa (Ojibwe) have resided in the Great Lakes areas since 800 A.D. The Band includes 4,200 members.

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