

## Middletown tribe benefits food agency

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MIDDLETOWN &ndash; A cooperative effort by both the employees and the customers of Twin Pine Casino in Middletown has yielded a record delivery of food to the Lake County Rural Food Project for the holiday season.

The Middletown Rancheria, owners of Twin Pine Casino, reported that almost 4,000 boxes, cans and packages of nonperishable food items were collected and delivered to the Middletown Catholic Charities food bank in the past few weeks.

&ldquo;This food drive by Twin Pine Casino customers and employees is something we are proud to do, because it benefits so many deserving people and families,&rdquo; said Middletown Rancheria Tribal Chairman Jose Simon III. &ldquo;We expect to continue to serve the community in this way as long as it is so desperately needed.&rdquo;

Simon stated that community service is an important component of the tribe&rsquo;s business operations. &ldquo;We strive to contribute in many ways to many organizations and charitable events throughout the year. We are fortunate to live and work in a community of such generous people.&rdquo;

Twin Pine Casino is a principal enterprise of the Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians. The casino has operated a Las Vegas-style gaming facility of state-of-the-art slot machines and table games for the past 13 years.

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