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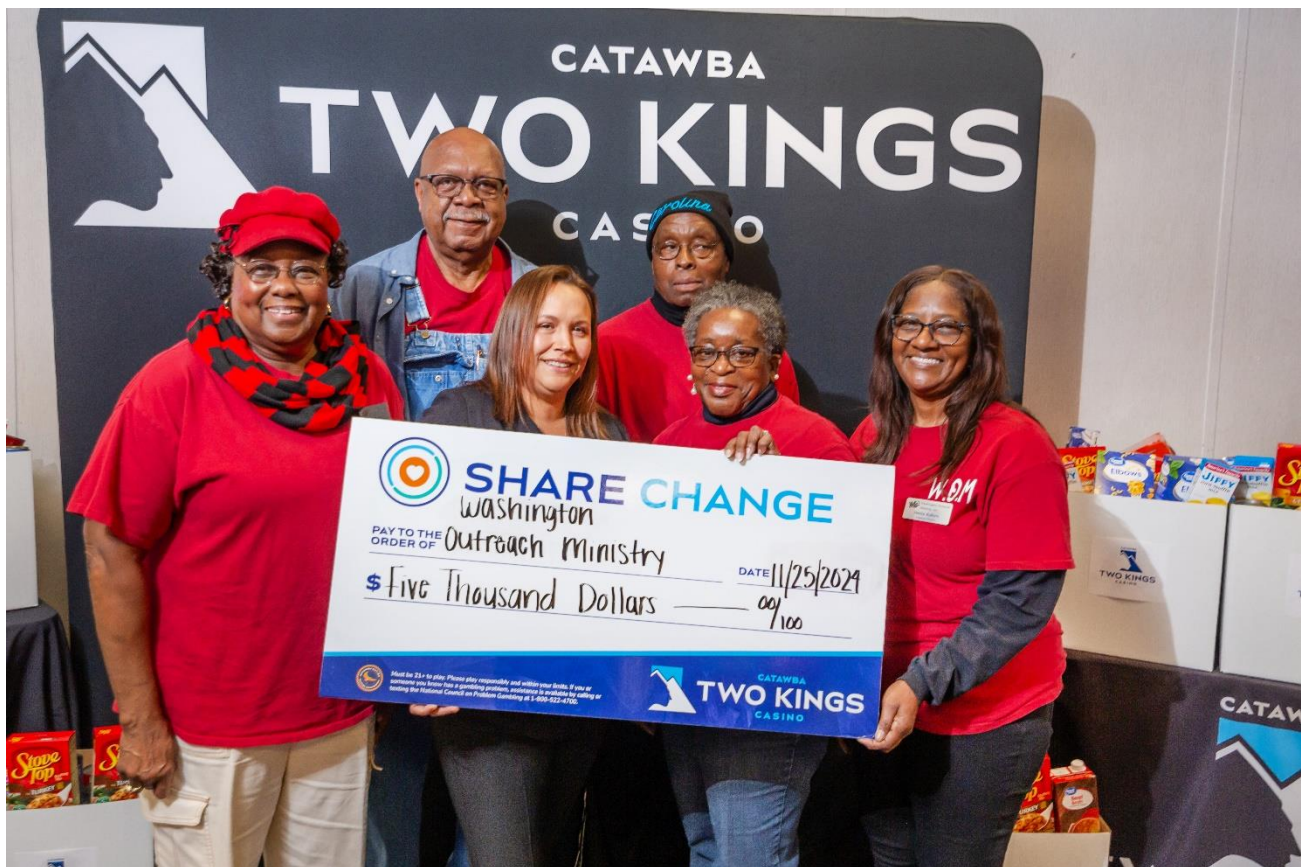
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### Catawba Two Kings Casino provides \$20,000 to community organizations through Share Change campaign

*Casino team members also donate food and collect toys for charity*



**KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. (Dec.5, 2024)** – The Catawba Nation’s [Catawba Two Kings Casino](#) recently presented four different local community organizations – Compassion to Act, United Way of Cleveland County, Washington Outreach Ministry and Common Ground Café – with \$5,000 each through its Share Change program.

**In addition, Catawba Two Kings Casino team members recently held a Thanksgiving food drive** for Washington Outreach Ministry, donating several large boxes filled with food items and certificates for free turkeys and hams.

The \$20,000 was raised from April to September this year through the Share Change program, which enables casino patrons to donate the remaining change on slot vouchers by dropping them in ticket boxes on the casino floor. The program has now provided \$130,000 to community organizations since it began in July 2021.

“I want to thank the patrons and team members at Catawba Two Kings Casino for their incredible generosity, allowing the casino to make significant contributions to these important community organizations,” said Patricia Leach, assistant chief of the Catawba Nation.

**Washington Outreach Ministry** is the largest emergency food pantry in Cleveland County, a community-based organization with a food distribution center that feeds over 15,000 clients a month. Washington Outreach Ministry's food pantry serves low-income families, single parents, senior citizens, unemployed individuals, disabled veterans, working poor and anyone else in need of assistance.

**Common Ground Café** is based on a non-profit food service model established to address food insecurity by offering nourishing meals in a restaurant setting, with a donate-what-you-can payment option. Since receiving our 501(c)(3) status in March 2018, we have successfully established a strong relational network of culinary artists, churches, local farmers, area businesses, and volunteers to enrich the lives of our patrons and provide an atmosphere where anyone, regardless of income, age, or status, can dine with dignity.

**Compassion to Act** is a faith-based ministry on the front lines of confronting modern-day slavery. The organization's hands-on approach to liberating women means they're in the clubs and on the streets, building safe relationships for women to find a way to freedom. The team commands rescue operations, short-term emergency safe-houses, and outreaches on location where women are being exploited.

**United Way of Cleveland County** is making a difference by investing in community nonprofits and their program initiatives to address our most significant challenges and create pathways to prosperity for everyone across our county, regardless of their circumstances.

**Additional photos of the presentations are available on request.**

**Caption for above photo:** Catawba Nation Assistant Chief Patricia Leach, third from left, presents a \$5,000 donation from Catawba Two Kings Casino's Share Change program to Washington Outreach Ministry. With Leach are leaders from Washington Outreach Ministry, including the Rev. Frances Webber (far left), the organization's executive director.

### **About Catawba Two Kings Casino**

The Catawba Nation's temporary Catawba Two Kings Casino is located about 35 miles west of Charlotte at 538 Kings Mountain Blvd. in Kings Mountain, N.C., just off Interstate 85 at Exit 5. It features over 1,100 gaming machines, including electronic table games (ETGs), 14 live table games, North Carolina's closest sportsbook to Charlotte and casual dining. The permanent casino resort is being developed on an adjacent site and is expected to open with an introductory phase in early 2026. The final Catawba Two Kings Casino Resort will feature 4,300 slots, 100 live table games, five restaurants, six bars and a 400-room hotel. It is expected to create 2,000 permanent jobs and hundreds of construction 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](http://www.twokingscasino.com), <https://www.facebook.com/TwoKingsCasino/>, <https://www.instagram.com/twokingscasino/> and <https://twitter.com/twokingscasino>.