

DEAR FRIENDS



*Tribal Chairman
Vincent Armenta*

The story of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is a story of hope, optimism and success. It's a story that represents a dream that started many years ago with our ancestors and will continue on with future generations of our tribe.

Eleven years ago when our tribe first opened our casino, we were fortunate to have many guests walk through our doors to play on our slot machines and partake in our table games. Today, our Chumash Casino Resort – which includes our new 190,000 sq. ft. casino building and our new 80,000 sq. ft. luxury hotel – entertains thousands of guests every day.

The economic impact of our Resort has been tremendous – both within our tribe and within the community. For tribal members, the revenue generated through our gaming operations has meant more opportunities for education, better health care and a step toward the path to economic self-sufficiency. In addition, the tribe now has the financial resources to develop and enhance cultural programs designed to celebrate and preserve our Native American heritage.

For the community, our Chumash Casino Resort has meant jobs for Santa Barbara County residents, business for local vendors and significant donations to non-profit organizations. Our tribe has made a positive economic impact on the community – and it will continue. Our success with our business enterprise translates into our community's success.

Although we are very proud of our Chumash Casino Resort and all that it represents, it is just the beginning for us. We know that in order to ensure that future generations of our tribe are economically stable, we have to diversify and seize economic development opportunities as they arise.

We hope that you enjoy reading about our tribe and learning how we work together to ensure the financial strength and security of our tribe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Armenta'.

Vincent Armenta
Tribal Chairman
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
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EMBRACING OUR VISION

The Santa Ynez Reservation is located in Santa Barbara County, California and was established and officially recognized by the federal government on December 27, 1901. Today, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians remains the only federally-recognized Chumash tribe in the nation. We are a self-governing tribal sovereign nation and we follow the laws set forth in our tribal constitution, which is similar in text to the United States Constitution and the California State Constitution.

Our tribal government is responsible for establishing policies and overseeing the many complex legal and business affairs of the tribe, while providing for the economic well-being of its members. Our government leaders, a five-member Business Committee led by our Tribal Chairman, are elected to two-year terms to serve in non-paid positions.

Since Native American gaming entered the picture, gaming tribes have faced an enormously challenging environment. Being a successful tribal government leader in today's climate requires innovative and extraordinary leadership. Our Business Committee members rise to the challenge by continually seeking ways in which they can maximize their individual contributions, expand their knowledge base and provide increased accountability to their tribal membership.

Acutely aware of the far-reaching impact of their decisions, our Business Committee members spend upwards of 40 hours per week serving on behalf of the tribe to design strategies that help them manage the critical issues they face as tribal leaders. They focus on working as a team that thinks and acts strategically and puts plans into action.

Each Business Committee member brings a varied skills set to the table, combined with a tremendous amount of passion for serving as an elected tribal government official. This powerful combination has resulted in a leadership team that has worked successfully alongside tribal members on an exciting path to triumph and prosperity.

Mission

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is committed to building a future of economic self-reliance and financial independence for tribal members and the generations of Chumash yet to come. We remain committed to preserving tribal property, protecting Chumash culture and heritage, administering justice and developing community resources.

Vision

Each member of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians shares a vision for the future where every tribal member is self-reliant and independent. The tribe will take steps to lay the foundation for economic expansion and growth through current and future sources of income. Self-sufficiency for tribal members mandates that education and employment opportunities are available to improve the quality of life on the reservation, while using Chumash history, culture and customs to guide the tribe with its plans and goals for the future.

*Clockwise from lower
left: Tribal Chairman
Vincent Armenta,
Secretary/Treasurer
Kenneth Kahn, Business
Committee Member
Gary Pace, Business
Committee Member
David Dominguez,
Vice Chairman
Richard Gomez*



Tribal Gaming Commission. From left: E. Alex Valencia, Chairman Mike Lopez, Lydia Quiroga, Maxine Littlejohn & Anthony Romero, Jr.

A Successful Tribe in Action

We take great pride in our ability to govern ourselves successfully and operate our tribal enterprise with confidence, integrity and business savvy. In fact, our Chumash Casino Resort has quickly become one of the most successful business ventures in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Our tribal government structure is very similar to a corporate setting in that our Business Committee operates much like a Board of Directors of a company by playing a critical role in protecting our tribal members' interests. Our tribal members function as shareholders in a corporation with voting power and a financial stake in the organization. Every enrolled tribal member of voting age has an opportunity to vote on all issues affecting the tribe.

The management team for our business enterprise, the Chumash Casino Resort, is structured similar to a management team in a corporation. The head of the management team, the General Manager, reports directly to the Business Committee, but is ultimately responsible to our tribal members just as a CEO of a company would be responsible to the company's shareholders.

Operating as a separate arm of the tribal government is the tribe's Gaming Commission, which is organized to ensure that operations of our casino are in complete compliance with the appropriate gaming regulations.

Native American gaming is strictly regulated on several levels. Before a tribe can enter into gaming, it must

first work with the state to negotiate a tribal-state compact. Once a tribe has met the state requirements, its gaming operation is then monitored on three independent levels:

The levels of gaming regulations include:

Tribal: Our Tribal Gaming Commission is organized in accordance with our compact agreement with the state of California.

Federal: The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is responsible for enforcing the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Gaming tribes also work with the BIA, a division of the Department of the Interior, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Department of Justice.

State: The State Division of Gambling Control for the California Department of Justice monitors, investigates, and enforces violations concerning gambling activities.

The tribal-state compacts mandated the creation of the California Gambling Control Commission, which is charged with setting policy, issuing licenses with the tribal nations, and administering and regulating all matters relating to gambling in the state.



Tribal Administration

In addition to the Business Committee and the Gaming Commission, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has a variety of committees that are comprised of enrolled tribal members. The members who sit on these committees are elected to their positions and volunteer their time on behalf of the tribe:

- Ballot Committee
- Education Committee
- Elders Council
- Enrollment Committee
- Health Board
- Housing Commission
- Pow-Wow Committee

Much of the actions of the tribe's day-to-day activities are handled at the Tribal Hall, which houses the tribe's administrative offices. A staff of 12, managed by our Tribal Administrator, oversees the operational responsibilities of the tribe such as finance, health benefits, environmental issues, education and special projects.

In late 2002, the tribe relocated its administrative offices to a brand new Tribal Hall, which is located on the upper reservation. At 10,000 square feet, the beautiful new facility has enabled the Tribe to invite members of the community to use the facility for various meetings and events.

We have hosted a number of events at the Tribal Hall, including Community Emergency Response Team training, sponsored by the local fire department, the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon on Labor Day, and various educational and cultural classes.

The tribe is also involved in building solid government-to-government relationships with various local and state government entities. We strongly believe that building partnerships in the community is an essential element in being a good neighbor.

In recent years with the advent of gaming, our reservation has become a hub of activity. Our tribal leaders interact on a daily basis with both the tribal and off-reservation community to ensure that the tribe continues to move forward on all its endeavors.



EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE



The Chumash people have always valued education – whether it was gaining wisdom from our elders about the traditions of the tribe or learning about the world from teachers outside of the tribe. Our ancestors instilled in us a curiosity that served us well throughout the years and provided us with the ability and desire to learn.

Our Education Committee consists of seven elected members of the tribe whose vision includes strengthening the connection within the family, the tribe and the community, expanding individual horizons and driving student success.

Along with the Education Program Director and staff, the Education Committee sees its primary mission as creating, sustaining and enriching a Chumash learning community.

Through our scholarship program, a portion of expenses are paid for any Santa Ynez Chumash student who wants to pursue a higher education (university, community college, vocational or trade school). To date, nearly 100 Chumash students are currently participating in the scholarship program.

The Education Department oversees a successful Academic Tutoring and Mentoring program that is designed to match students with qualified teachers in critical subject areas. The tutors connect with schools and teachers, encourage computer literacy in projects and help develop learning skills beyond homework completion.

The Education Department also established a Computer Lab which offers computer instruction for both adults and children in scheduled courses taught by qualified instructors. A few other programs include ABE and GED, library tutorial night for high school students and a book club.

Recreational programs and special events are an important component in the Education Department. We have basketball and wrestling teams that compete in local leagues and travel to regional competitions. Horseback riding and education classes are offered through the local equestrian center. Family Movie Nights – Popcorn & Pillows – are scheduled to help entertain and teach families about Native American experiences and culture.

The Education Department combines education, tradition and recreation into its summer program. For this special program, the University of California at Santa Barbara, the warden of the 6,000-acre Sedgwick Reserve, invited the tribe to adapt a program based on its “Kids in Nature” model. The tribe uses the foundation of this program for its summer program and incorporates learning about nature with lessons from our elders on Chumash culture.

Thanks to the revenue we generate from our business enterprise – the Chumash Casino Resort – we can now devote more resources to educating our children and preparing them for the future. We also dedicate resources to allowing our adult tribal members to expand their knowledge base.



THE CULTURE OF THE SANTA YNEZ CHUMASH TRIBE



The culture of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is deep within the souls of every tribal member and rests within our hearts. Over the years, various political and religious groups have tried to take our culture from us. By forbidding us to speak our language, sending Chumash children to boarding schools and forcing us to move away from our traditional native religion, many of our core beliefs were stripped away from us.

The pressure has always existed for us to assimilate and forsake our culture. Despite the many attempts to eradicate our culture, we maintained our connection to our ancestors and to our core identity of being Chumash. We survived because of our strength as a tribe and our spiritual connection to Chumash heritage.

Chumash culture has not been erased over time. We continue to implement cultural enrichment programs to ensure that our culture remains strong within our tribe and is preserved for our children and for future generations of Santa Ynez Chumash.

We have made a commitment to honor, practice and celebrate culture in everyday life. The fact that we treasure our culture is supported by the recent establishment of our Cultural Programs department, which is designed to assist our youth in learning about the heritage of our ancestors. Guided by the wisdom of our elders, Chumash youth participate in rich and diverse cultural activities such as hands-on crafts, storytelling, language sessions, regalia workshops, games and traditional lifeways skills.

In addition, we are involved in on-going cultural events such as our annual Pow-Wow, held at the Live Oak Campground in Santa Ynez. Our two-day Pow-Wow attracts more than 3,000 people who are interested in seeing Native American culture up close. Although Pow-Wows were not traditionally part of the Chumash culture, our people performed and danced throughout history and we always recognized other tribes' traditions. Our goal in producing this inspiring event is to promote self-reliance and pride in Native Americans by honoring traditions and culture.

We also continue to participate in the exciting Santa Barbara Channel Island crossing. On September 10, 2005, for only the third time in more than 150 years, descendants from various Chumash nations took the journey of our ancestors using a traditional mode of Chumash water transportation – the *tomol*, a plank canoe.

Chumash paddlers who participated in the *tomol* crossing ranged from young men to elders who all had a common goal: to take the special journey of their ancestors. The *tomol* crossings have become an important symbolic testament of the modern Chumash connection to the rituals of our Chumash ancestors.

Our Tribal Community

We are young, we are old, we are wise, we are learning...we are the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Our gaming revenue may have thrust us into the spotlight, but we have always been here and still retain the core values that are the foundation of our tribe. We believe in family, culture, tradition and we believe in honoring our elders.









The Role of Elders in the Chumash Tribe

In the Chumash culture, elders are respected and honored for their knowledge and experience. Our elders have a strong voice in our tribe: they speak and we listen.

In a tribe of 154 enrolled members, a larger percentage of our tribal members are elders, which is defined by those who are 50 years of age and older. Any of our elders can participate in the Tribal Elders Council whose main responsibility is to protect and preserve our cultural resources, as well as guide cultural activities for the tribe.

The Elders Council is governed by a board of seven members with the purpose of maintaining the tribe's heritage, history and traditions. The Elders Council Governing Board performs the following activities:

- Organization and oversight of culturally sensitive dig sites through monitoring services
- Organization and oversight of recovered artifacts, pictographs, etc.
- Coordination and collaboration with historical, local, state, national and international societies and museums
- Relocation of human remains and religious artifacts
- Coordination and collaboration with other persons and entities concerning recognized sensitive sites
- Building continued relationships with outside agencies, tribes and any other affiliations that share the same preservation beliefs
- Creating a strong bond with youth



The Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic

Our Tribal Health Clinic is a private Native American-governed health care facility that serves the needs of Native Americans and the general public.

The concept of our Tribal Health Clinic first began in the 1970s when enrolled tribal member, Rosa Pace, completed a feasibility study to determine the health care needs of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. A medical professional herself, Rosa was concerned that our needs were not being adequately met and she was determined to change that. Shortly after completing her needs assessment, Rosa established the Tribal Health Clinic in a trailer on the reservation.

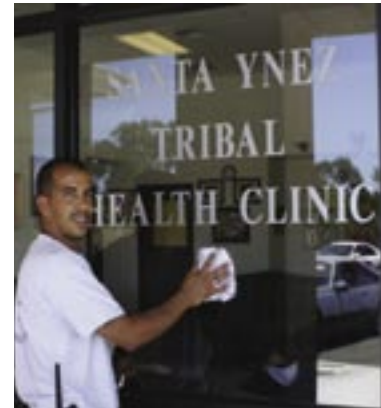
Licensed professional medical and dental personnel at our Tribal Health Clinic provide excellent health care for the many residents of the Santa Ynez Valley. The Clinic moved from the trailer into a new medical building on the reservation in the mid-1990s and in late 2002, the tribe built a brand new facility that doubled the amount of space and brought a state-of-the-art clinic to the reservation and the Santa Ynez Valley.

Because Native American people, regardless of income or living conditions, often have specific important health needs, our Tribal Health Clinic maintains services and screening programs for Native American patients of all ages, as well as non-Native American patients. Through these services, we join with others in the community to support and enhance the health and well-being of all Native Americans and general members of the community. Services at the Clinic are provided at no cost to verified Chumash Indians from the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians and other Native Americans.

To qualify, documentation of heritage is needed. Verified patients with Share-of-Cost Medi-Cal automatically reduce their deductible for the current month each time they receive care. Unverified eligibility and anyone without private insurance will be provided care on a sliding fee basis (proof of income required).

Besides sliding fee cash/check payment, EAPC, FQHC, Medi-Cal, Medicare, SB Health Initiative programs, and many private insurance plans are accepted. Children (20 years old and under) are eligible to receive free physical examinations under the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP). Although we are located on the reservation and serve the Santa Ynez Chumash population, the Clinic is open to everyone regardless of race, color, gender, age, ancestry, mental and physical abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, and national origin. Also, all Native Americans are eligible for care at our Health Clinic.

Currently, the Tribal Health Clinic has three physicians (family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics), one registered nurse and three medical assistants. Our dental department has three dentists, three dental assistants and two dental hygienists. The Clinic is managed by Executive Director, Kathleen Rodriguez.



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A HISTORY OF THE CHUMASH PEOPLE

Our region along the coast of California was first settled approximately 13,000 years ago and our people once numbered in the tens of thousands. At one time, our territory encompassed 7,000 square miles that spanned from the beaches of Malibu to areas of southern Monterey County. The tribe also inhabited inland to the western edge of the San Joaquin Valley.

We called ourselves “the first people,” and pointed to the Pacific Ocean as our first home. Many elders today say that Chumash means “bead maker” or “seashell people.”

As hunters, gatherers, and fishermen, our Chumash ancestors recognized their dependency on the world around them. Ceremonies soon came to mark the significant seasons that their lives were contingent upon with emphasis given to the full harvest and the storage of food for the winter months.

As the Chumash culture advanced with basketry, stone cookware, and the ability to harvest and store food, the villages became more permanent. The Chumash society became tiered and ranged from manual laborers to the skilled crafters, to the chiefs, and to the shaman priests. Women could serve equally as chiefs and priests.

Our Chumash ancestors found caves to use for sacred religious ceremonies. The earliest Chumash Indians used charcoal for their drawings, but as our culture evolved, our ancestors colorfully decorated the caves using, red, orange, and yellow pigments. These colorful yet simple cave paintings included human figures and animal life.

In 1769, a Spanish land expedition, led by Gaspar de Portola, left Baja California and reached the Santa Barbara Channel. In short order, five Spanish missions were established in Chumash territory. The Chumash population was nearly decimated, due partially to the introduction of European diseases. By 1831, the number of mission-registered Chumash numbered only 2,788, down from pre-Spanish population estimates of 22,000.

After mission secularization in 1834, lands formerly under mission control were given to Spanish families loyal to the Mexican government. Meanwhile, other large tracts were sold or given to prominent individuals as land grants. Authorities failed to live up to their promises of distributing the remaining land among the surviving Chumash, causing further decline in the Chumash population.

By 1870, the region’s now dominant Anglo culture had begun to prosper economically. Around 1880, the region established itself as an important hub of agriculture and horticulture. Most of the Chumash who remained in the area survived through work on area farms and ranches.

In 1901, the Santa Ynez Reservation was established by executive order and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians was officially recognized by the federal government as a tribal nation.

*Painting of Rafael Solares,
a tribal ancestor, that
hangs in the Chumash
Casino Resort*

**Chumash
Casino**
RESORT



THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE CHUMASH CASINO RESORT

Historically, Native Americans have been one of the poorest groups in the United States. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians once lived with high unemployment rates, sub-standard housing and no running water on the reservation.

Since gaming became a reality for our tribe, we have begun to realize our dream of being on the path to economic self-sufficiency. The revenues we earn from our Chumash Casino Resort are used to support vital government programs for our tribal members. From improved health care to increased educational opportunities for our tribal members and descendants, the lives of our tribal members have been greatly enhanced.

In addition to enhancing the lives of our tribal community, our gaming revenues have also helped improve the lives of residents throughout Santa Barbara County.

As the largest employer in the valley, we have made a significant positive economic impact on Santa Barbara County. You can't argue with these numbers:

- More than 1,500 jobs for Santa Barbara County residents
- In 2004 alone, \$58.3 million was paid in total labor costs – including \$4 million in payroll taxes
- We contributed nearly \$7 million over the past several years in donations to local community non-profit organizations, schools and public safety agencies
- We paid \$2.8 million to date in highway and road improvements
- We paid \$11.5 million to date into the state-run Special Distribution Fund to benefit the community
- In 2004, we paid \$74 million in 2004 to casino suppliers – many were local vendors

In fact, when you consider the multiplying effect of the dollars that the Chumash Casino Resort currently generates to employees, residents, non-profit organizations and vendors in Santa Barbara County, our total economic impact on the county will be \$436 *billion* in the next 50 years.

According to the 2005 Santa Ynez Valley Economic Outlook, a UCSB research program, the Santa Ynez Valley growth is dominated by the Chumash Casino Resort. UCSB's report also stated that the Santa Ynez Valley's economy has been significantly more dynamic than that of the County as a whole – as a direct result of the Chumash Casino Resort. It also names the Chumash Casino Resort as one of three factors that will continue to dominate the Valley's economy.

There is no question that the economic impact of our business enterprise has been significant in the community. From jobs to community donations, our economic impact is real and we have made a difference in the community. Through our successful business enterprise, we are bringing prosperity to Santa Ynez Valley and to the entire Santa Barbara County.

Dispelling The Myths of Native American Gaming



In March 2000, the majority of California voters spoke in favor of Native American gaming by passing Proposition 1A. Since then, however, the fist-pounding anti-Native American activists have come out of hiding with a specific agenda to blast Native Americans under the guise of being against gambling.

Unfortunately, the more zealous opponents of Native American gaming have created a number of myths surrounding tribal gaming. We would like to lay a few of those myths to rest once and for all:

Myth: Indians do not pay taxes

Truth: Native Americans *do* pay taxes. The United States Supreme Court, as well as the Congress, has repeatedly recognized that tribes are governments, not private, voluntary organizations. Under our system, federal, state and local governments and agencies do not pay income taxes. So neither do tribal governments. However, tribal governments pay employer and certain excise taxes, including a form of gaming taxes.

A simple rule to keep in mind: Governments don't pay taxes, but its citizens do. Contrary to common misconceptions, Native American heritage does not exempt tribal members from paying federal income tax by reason of being Indians or because their income is earned in Indian Country.

All of our tribal members pay federal income taxes. Our members who live off the reservation also pay state taxes and property taxes.

While tribal governments are not taxed, our compact agreement with the state of California provides for two forms of direct state taxation of tribal government gaming revenues:

- The Special Distribution Fund is designed to assist local governments with impacts, permitting cities and counties to apply for grants. To date, our tribe has paid \$11.5 million into this fund.
- The Revenue Sharing Trust Fund is intended to share gaming revenues with non-gaming California tribes. To date, we have paid \$5.6 million into this fund.

Myth: All Tribal Nations have absolute sovereignty and answer only to themselves.

Truth: Tribal governments operate pursuant to a government-to-relationship with the United States government. Since the early 1800s, the Supreme Court of the United States has consistently recognized that Indian tribes are governments, possessing inherent sovereign powers over their lands and their members.

Because tribes have the status of "domestic dependent nations," tribal lands held in trust by the federal government are considered federal lands and are subject to all the laws and regulations that Congress has

passed on them, including environmental, criminal and tax laws. The Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is vested with the authority to govern tribal lands and tribal government dealings.

Our opponents often paint a picture of sovereignty as a bunch of Native Americans running rampant on their reservations. That is hardly the case.

Myth: It is easy for Native American tribes to take land into trust and the reason many of them do so is for gaming purposes.

Truth: Placing land into trust is a lengthy and highly regulated process, making gaming on new trust lands highly improbable.

The process requires an in-depth application from a petitioning tribe, public comments from the local communities, and consultations with state and local officials and agencies where the land is located, in addition to the consent of federal regulatory agencies as outlined in the land-into-trust process. The federal government also requires exhaustive research, including environmental assessments, to determine if there will be any adverse effects on plans for the land to be put into trust.

The process itself guarantees that local communities will not be harmed by taking land into trust. Once the completed application and relevant documents are submitted to the Department of Interior, experts

carefully scrutinize the application, all supporting materials and written comments from interested parties before a decision is reached. Many tribes have waited for over a decade to go through this process.

The process by which recognized Indian tribes are able to place land into trust was established in 1934 by the Indian Reorganization Act, allowing the Secretary of the Interior to hold property in trust as a means to compensate tribes for the unjust taking of tribal land throughout the late 1800s, and early 1900s, when more than 90 million acres were forcibly taken from Indian control.

Land into trust provides tribes with a chance to develop economic opportunities, create adequate housing and provide education and healthcare facilities for tribal members. According to IGRA, tribes can only conduct gaming on existing reservation land. Only in very unique cases does this not apply

Myth: Native Americans place an unfair drain on the emergency services of their communities.

Truth: California is a federal Public Law 280 state. Created in 1953, the statute effectively handed power over from the federal government and mandated that states must provide services on reservation land. When the law was drafted, despite having a strong impact on reservation life, no Native Americans were consulted on the issue.

It was a ruling intended to give states more power in their relationships with Native American tribes, who before this had dealt exclusively with the federal government. According to many legal scholars, this was a sweeping blow to the sovereign status of Native Americans and their unique government-to-government relationships with the federal government.

Even so, many tribes provide or pay for their own emergency services. Though not required, there are many instances throughout the state where tribes have donated funds to emergency service departments or have established contracts with county agencies to provide emergency protection services.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has made several donations to various emergency services in Santa Barbara County, including the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies throughout Santa Barbara County.





A TRADITION OF CARING

Giving back to the community has always been a tradition of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Our elders taught us many important lessons in life – including the fact that a distinguishing characteristic of the Chumash is our spirit of generosity. We call it *'amuyich*.

In the beginning, the Chumash used bead money as currency, made from small disks shaped from the Olivella shell. We can imagine thousands of beads circulating in the community as our Chumash ancestors made significant contributions that enhanced the quality of life for many in the community.

Today, the Chumash tribe continues with our long-standing tradition of giving. Over the past nine years, our tribe has reached out to hundreds of local groups, organizations and schools in the community by donating nearly \$7 million.

In 2005, the tribe took a significant step by establishing the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation.

The goal of our Foundation is to make the community we serve a better place for all of its residents, placing particular value on activities and programs that expand opportunities for the less advantaged, protect our environment or enhance the lives of youth. In so doing, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation makes grants to vital community organizations and works to grow and manage permanent funds to meet the future needs of our region. The Foundation is governed by the Business Committee of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Just a few specific examples of the community donations from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians include:

- A commitment to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department for a firefighter/paramedic
- Purchase of thermal imaging cameras for the Lompoc Fire Department
- A \$50,000 donation to the Cottage Hospital of Santa Ynez for equipment for the hospital's radiology lab
- Donations to both the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County and Food Share of Ventura County to ensure that no needy family was without a turkey during the holidays
- Nearly \$160,000 worth of forensic equipment for law enforcement agencies throughout Santa Barbara County
- More than \$100,000 for relief for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita victims
- The tribe also supports a wide variety of educational programs in the local education community, including school sports programs, art projects, school libraries and computer requests for K-12

There was once a time when we received donations from members of the community whose generosity was appreciated by our tribal members in need. We are proud that we are now in the position to return the favor by contributing to the many worthwhile organizations in the community.

THE SANTA YNEZ CHUMASH FOUNDATION

A TRADITION OF CARING

The following is a partial list of organizations that are recipients of the tribe's generosity. It's only a partial list intended to illustrate the variety of organizations that have received donations from the Santa Ynez Chumash tribe:

- Adventours Outdoor Excursions
- Adventures in Caring Foundation
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- AIDS Housing of Santa Barbara
- Alabama Coushatta Tribe
- Alano Club - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Alice Shaw School PTA
- Alan Hancock Foundation
- Altrusa International
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Dream Foundation
- American Heart Association
- American Indian Alliance
- American Indian College Fund
- American Indian Film Institute
- American Indian Healing Center
- American Indian Health & Services
- American Junior Golf Association
- American Legion - 16th District
- American Lung Association
- American Red Cross
- American Youth
- American Youth Soccer - Lompoc
- Animal Rescue Volunteers
- Anti-Defamation League
- Arthur Haggood Elementary School Arts Outreach
- Asian Pacific Association - 30th Medical - VAFB
- Assistance League of SLO County AYSO Region 9
- B.S.A. Los Padres Council - S.B.
- Barbara Ireland Walk for the Cure
- Bethaniam Lutheran Church
- Big Bear International Film Festival
- Big Brothers Big Sisters - San Luis Obispo
- Bill Brundage Christmas Toy Run
- Birds of Prey Preservation Program
- Bishop Diego High School
- Blaine Johnson Sponsor
- Boy Scouts of America - Los Padres Council - SB
- Boy Scouts of America - North County
- Boy Scouts of America - Troop 504
- Boyd Home
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard & Port Hueneeme
- Boys & Girls Club of Lompoc
- Boys & Girls Club of SB
- Boys & Girls Club of Carpinteria
- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria
- Breast Resource Center
- Buellton School District
- Buellton Chamber of Commerce
- Buellton Historical Society
- Buellton Union School Dist
- CA Indian Vaquero Youth Assoc.
- CA Vocal Arts Ensemble
- CAAEPC Edwin Lombard
- Cabrillo High School
- CAC Head Start
- Cachuma Lake Nature Center
- Cal Poly Animal Science
- Cal Poly Rodeo Program
- Cal Works/Alternative Payment Program
- California Indian Basketweavers Assoc
- California Indian Council Foundation
- California Indian Museum & Cultural Center
- California Military Museum
- Cambria Rotary Club
- Camino Segundo
- Camp Dewey, Inc.
- Camp Whittier (near Cachuma Lake)
- Campfire USA
- Campfire USA Central Coast Council
- Cancer Hope Foundation
- Cancer Society Relay
- Captive Hearts
- Capuchin Franciscan Foundation
- Cary Calvin Oakley School
- CASA of Santa Barbara County
- Casa Serena
- Casmalia Elementary School District
- Catholic Charities
- Central Coast Alzheimer's Chapter
- Central Coast Equine Experience
- Central Coast Firefighters
- Central Coast Literacy Council
- Central Coast Ovarian Cancer Quilt Program
- Central Coast Reaches Out to the Gulf Coast
- Central Coast Tennis Club
- Central Coast Youth Basketball
- Cesar Chavez Charter school
- Charter School Jog-A-Thon
- Children's Center
- CHSRA District 7
- Chumash Council of Bakersfield
- Chumash Interpretive Center - Thousand Oaks
- Chumash Thousand Oaks Pow-Wow
- City of Buellton
- City of Lompoc
- City of Solvang
- Clak Center Performing Arts Assoc.
- Coastal Voices
- COLAB
- College School Activities
- College School District PTA
- Community Action Resource
- Community Kitchen
- Community Partners in Caring
- Core Events
- County of Santa Barbara
- Crestview Elementary School
- Cure Autism Now
- Cuyama Valley Public Library
- Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos
- District Libraries Foundation
- Domestic Violence Solutions
- Dream Foundation
- Durango Songwriter Expo
- El Camino Middle School
- El Conclio de Lompoc
- Elks Recreation
- Elverhøj Museum - Solvang
- Elwood School
- Endowment for Youth Committee
- Ensemble Theatre Company - S.B.
- Ernest Rightetti High School
- Events and Leisure International
- Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation
- Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara
- Filipino Community of SLO
- Fillmore Elementary School
- Fillmore Field Sponsor School
- Firestone Country Bike Ride
- First Americans in the Arts
- First Christian Church
- Five Cities Girls Softball
- Flamenco Arts Festival
- Food Bank Coalition
- Food Share of Ventura County
- Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
- Football Booster
- Friends of the Library of the SY Valley
- Friends of the Santa Maria Public Library
- Friends of Waller Park - SM
- Friendship House
- FSA of Santa Barbara
- Futbol Club of Santa Barbara
- Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Central Coast
- Gen Span Foundation
- Girl Scouts of Tres Condados
- Girls Inc.
- Girls Scout Troop 49
- Girls Scouts - Santa Barbara region
- Goleta Family School
- Goleta Lions Club
- Goleta Nootime Rotary
- Goleta Valley Comm. Hospital
- Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation
- Goleta Valley Senior Center
- Good Samaritan Shelter
- Green Cure
- Guadalupe Area Senior Citizens, Inc.
- Guadalupe Historical Society
- Guadalupe Senior Center
- Guadalupe Union School District
- Habitat for Humanity
- Half Measures Theatre Troup
- Hancock College Boosters
- Harding Elementary
- Hats for Hope
- Hope School
- Isla Vista Youth Projects
- Joe Nightingale Elementary School
- Jonata School
- Jonata/Oak Valley PTSA
- Joseph Matteucci Foundation - SB County
- Kellogg Elementary School PTA
- Kids Fund for Foster Children - Santa Maria
- Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria
- Kiwanis Club of Ventura
- Knights of Columbus
- Korean War Veterans Assoc
- Kristiansen Klassic Soccer Tournament
- La Cañada Elementary School
- La Purisima Audubon Society
- La Purisima School, Lompoc
- Lady Tackle Football League
- Laguna Cottages for Seniors
- Lakeview Junior High School
- Latino Peace Officers Assoc / SB County
- Leaps & Bounds
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Lifespan Foundation
- Lompoc All Star Cheerleaders
- Lompoc AYSO
- Lompoc Chamber of Commerce
- Lompoc Concert Association
- Lompoc District Libraries Foundation
- Lompoc Family YMCA
- Lompoc Girls Softball Association
- Lompoc High School
- Lompoc Hospital District Foundation
- Lompoc HS Agriculture
- Lompoc Lady Stars
- Lompoc Mural & Public Arts
- Lompoc Parks & Rec.
- Lompoc Pops
- Lompoc Public Library
- Lompoc Public Library Literacy Servs.
- Lompoc Softball Assoc.
- Lompoc Unified District - Migrant Education Program
- Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Lompoc Valley Festival Assoc.
- Lompoc Valley Flower Festival Assoc
- Lompoc Valley Master Chorale
- Lompoc Valley Middle School
- Lompoc Valley Police Act. League
- Lompoc Valley YMCA
- Los Alamos Junior Grange
- Los Alamos Old Days Celebration
- Los Alamos Senior Incorporated
- Los Alamos Valley Men's Club
- Los Olivos Outreach Dance Gallery
- Los Olivos School PTA
- Los Padres Elementary School
- Los Padres Pinewood Derby
- LOVARC
- Love & Light Leukemia Charity
- Luis Oasis Senior Center
- LVMS - Music Department
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- March of Dimes
- Mariachi Academy
- Marian Medical Center
- Marion Residence Santa Maria
- Mary Lee Geter Educational Foundation Computer Academy
- McKenzie Band
- Mech IQ
- Mexican Ladies Social Club
- Midland School
- Mission Classic Golf Tournament
- La Purisima
- Mission San Miguel
- MOMS Club of South SLO County
- Mozart Festival - SLO
- Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Museum of Mexico - SB
- NAACP
- National Child Safety & SMPD
- National Child Safety Council
- National Conference for Community & Justice
- National Disaster Search Dog
- Native American Health Center
- Native American History Project, Inc
- Native American Music Association
- Native American Student Alliance
- San Diego State
- New Life Christian Academy
- Newbury Park Feeds
- Nipomo Chamber of Commerce
- Nipomo Foothill 4-H
- Nipomo High School Baseball
- Nipomo Youth Football League
- Nordhoff High School-University Club
- North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center
- Northern SB County Special Olympics
- Ojai Film Festival
- Old Mission Santa Ines
- Old Spanish Days
- Olga Reed Elementary School
- Olga Reed PTF
- Olive Grove Charter School
- Operation Kid's Christmas
- Orcutt American Legion
- Orcutt Area Seniors in Service
- Orcutt Children's Art Foundation
- Orcutt Junior High School
- Orcutt National Little League
- Oxnard High School
- Oxnard Salvation Army
- Pacific Coast Christian School
- Pacific Coast Memories
- Pacific Pride Foundation
- Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council
- PCPA Theaterfest
- People Helping People
- Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians
- Pine Grove Elementary School
- Pioneer Valley High School Booster Club
- Pismo Senior Volunteer Services
- Playsmen Club Softball Team
- Port San Luis Marine Institute
- Project Relief
- Queen of Angels Church
- Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School
- Real Madrid Soccer Team
- Red Cross - Santa Barbara Co.
- Rehabilitation Institute of Santa Barbara
- Rightetti High School
- Rhythmic Arts Project
- Ribbons & Vines
- Ride on Therapy Horsemanship
- RideSB.com
- Rightetti High School Football
- Rotary Club of Cambria
- Rotary Club of Nipomo
- Rotary Club of Oxnard Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Arroyo Grande
- Royal Family Kid's Camp
- S.B. City Firefighters Association
- S.B. Contractors Association
- S.B. Regional Health Authority
- S.Y. Football Booster Club
- S.Y. Visitors Association
- Sacred Ways
- Saint Andrews Academy of Music
- Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church
- Saint Mary of the Assumption School
- Salvation Army
- San Francisco Thlingit & Haida Community Council
- San Lorenzo Foundation
- San Luis Mozart Festival
- San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Assoc.
- San Luis Obispo Symphony
- San Marcos Football
- San Marcos High School
- San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Dept
- Sansum Diabetes Research Institute
- Santa Barbara Boys Basketball Trust
- Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra
- Santa Barbara Children's Chorus
- Santa Barbara County Education Office
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Council
- Santa Barbara Fair and Expo
- Santa Barbara Fire Fighters Assoc
- Santa Barbara Foresters
- Santa Barbara Hispanic Achievement Council
- Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Barbara Mariachi Foundation
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
- Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Dept
- Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center
- Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Barbara Rotary
- Santa Barbara Sheriffs Council
- Santa Barbara Symphony League
- Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
- Santa Barbara Youth Football League
- Santa Barbara Zoo
- Santa Maria - Bonita School District
- Santa Maria Alano Club
- Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary
- Santa Maria Civic Theatre
- Santa Maria Elks
- Santa Maria Fairpark
- Santa Maria Museum of Flight
- Santa Maria Philharmonic
- Santa Maria Police Dept
- Santa Maria Rotary Club
- Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum
- Santa Maria Valley YMCA
- Santa Maria Youth Football
- Santa Maria-Bonita School District
- Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association
- Santa Monica Philharmonic
- Santa Paula Library Literacy Program
- Santa Ynez Business Owners Assoc
- Santa Ynez Chumash Teen Program
- Santa Ynez Football league
- Santa Ynez High School PTSA
- Santa Ynez School
- Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic
- Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
- Santa Ynez Valley Elks Recreation
- Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society
- Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club
- Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Assoc
- Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
- Santa Ynez Youth Football League
- SB Cinco De Mayo Festival
- SB Contemporary Arts Forum
- SB Contractors Assn.
- SB County Education Office
- SB County Firefighters Association
- SB County's United Way
- SB Elks July 4th Fun Fair
- SB High School
- SB Parks and Recreation Dept.
- SB Region Chamber of Commerce
- SB Transition House
- SB Womens Expo
- SBCC Golf Tournament
- SBCO Firefighters Assoc.
- Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
- SCI
- Seabee Historical Foundation
- Search Dog Foundation
- Sedgwick Reserve - Children's Fieldtrips
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Senior Volunteer Services
- Seventh Generation Fund
- Sherman Indian High School
- Sherman Indian High School Cheerleading Program
- Sigma Chi Fraternity
- SLO Civil Air Patrol
- SLO County CAHP Golf Tourn.
- SLO County Cru Sponsorship
- SLO Deputy Sheriff Assoc.
- SM Firefighter Association
- SM Valley Contractor Assoc.
- SM Valley Discovery Museum
- SMILE
- Solvang Danish Days Foundation
- Solvang Friendship House
- Solvang Lutheran Home
- Solvang Recreational
- Solvang School Band Booster Club
- Solvang School Education
- Solvang School PTO
- Soule Park Men's Club
- South Coast Com. Aquatic Center
- Southern Regional TAC
- Special Olympics - Torch Run
- Spex Forensics Edison NJ
- St. Andrew Academy of Music
- St. Anthony Celebration
- St. Augustine Academy
- St. Joseph High School
- St. Mary's Preschool
- St. Raphael School
- St. Vincent's - SB
- Standing Tall Tennis
- Stanford American Indian Organization Pow-Wow
- Stuart C. Gildred Family YMCA
- Surgical Eye Expeditions
- Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
- SVV Highschool Grad Night
- SVV Valley Cow Horse Classic
- SVV Valley Girl Softball
- SVV Valley Performing Arts Co.
- SVV Valley Volleyball Club
- SVV Water Polo Booster Club
- SVV Golf Tournament
- SVV Bow Club
- SVV Champion Swim Team
- SVV Choral
- SVV Cottage Hospital Auxiliary
- SVV Historical Society
- SVV Humane Society
- SVV Pony Club
- SVV Senior Citizens Foundation, Buellton
- SYVEA Western Show
- Tarpey Olympiad Day
- Teen Challenge International
- The Anti Defamation League
- The Bulls Basketball Team
- The Family School
- The Solvang Senior Center
- The Valley Players
- The Valley Wind Ensemble
- Thousand Oaks Rotary
- Thunder Youth Hockey
- Tommie Kunst Junior High School
- TOWV Chamber of Commerce Transition House
- U.C. Regents - UCSB Adaptive Recreation Program
- UCSB Arts and Lecture
- UCSB Athletic Dept. - Women's Basketball
- UCSB Black Graduation Committee
- UCSB Economic Forecast Project
- UCSB Educational Opportunity Program
- UNITED Boys & Girls Club
- VAFB 30th Squadron Booster Club
- VAFB Chief's Group
- VAFB Co. Grade Officer Council
- VAFB First Sergeant Council
- VAFB Jets Gymnastics
- Valley Haven
- Valley of Flowers Girl Scouts - Lompoc
- Valley Penning Assoc.
- Valley Wind Ensemble
- Vandenber - 30th Space Wing
- Vandenber AFB Top 3 Organization
- Vandenber Middle School
- Vandenber Spouses Club
- Vandenber Village Lions Club
- Vaquero Softball
- Ventura County Crime Stoppers
- Ventura County Peace Officer's Assoc.
- Ventura County Sheriff's Search and Rescue
- Ventura Elks Lodge
- Ventura Family YMCA
- Ventura High School Football
- Ventura Sharks Baseball Club
- Veterans of Foreign Wars of US Village Country Club/Vista Del Mar Union School District
- VTC Enterprise
- Westmont College
- WeTip, Inc.
- Wildhorses in Need
- Wildland Residence Association
- Wildling Art Museum
- WillBridge of Santa Barbara
- Wind River Children and Families Program
- Wishtoyo Foundation
- Women's Economic Adventures
- YMCA Ida Vista Teen Center
- YMCA Noal's Anchorage
- YMCA of Santa Barbara
- Your Helping Hands



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