

Unto the Seventh Generation



Oneida Indian Nation
Annual Report 2015





Tsya:ták na'tewatlé:slanet ohátú yátwanuhtunyúheke'
(Seven layers of grandchildren ahead, we will be thinking of)



Our Commitment to the Seventh Generation

The People and the leadership of the Oneida Indian Nation have identified three principal long-range goals to guide the community and economic development activities of the Nation and the administration and the leadership of the Nation. The adopted long-range goals of the Oneida Nation are as follows:

Help our Members achieve their highest potential in education, physical and mental health, and economic development;

Implement the legal and administrative structure for the stability and protection of Nation sovereignty, treaty rights, and government to government relationships; and;

Acquire, develop, and secure resources to achieve economic and social empowerment and self-sufficiency for the Oneida Indian Nation.

These long-range goals have been adopted by the Nation as a guide toward the accomplishment of a progressive dream. Simultaneously, the Nation plans to use the economic incentives available to a sovereign nation to inject new wealth and create jobs for the Oneida community and, significantly, the surrounding communities.



A Message from the Oneida Nation Council

As we begin our journey into a new year, 2015 certainly will be remembered as the year many of our initiatives have come full circle. As in the Thanksgiving Address, “when we put our minds together as one, we will all be thankful as a People that it’s still possible for us to have peace of mind.”

The spirit of that truism is evident in yet another prosperous year – one that, once again, improved the health of our people, strengthened pride in our culture, further secured our land base which we had fought so hard to protect and continued our investment in the community.

In 2015 the Oneida Indian Nation worked persistently to enhance healthcare. We have succeeded in making exceptional services more accessible to Oneida Nation Members and to the larger community. Our hope is to empower Members and healthcare clients to live to their fullest and healthiest potential. Part of healthy living is creating secure and

nurturing beginnings. We are fortunate to have established just that in the Nation’s Early Learning Center. Teachers and staff were honored for their dedication to our community’s children in November when we celebrated the center’s 20-year anniversary. The center has been a beacon for childhood education and development since opening its doors in 1995.

The Nation’s commitment to the Youth Ambassador Program further underscores our commitment to the coming generation by believing in our youth and, more importantly, enhancing life skills and mentoring the leadership talents in tomorrow’s adults.

As we invest in our health and our children, we also continue to invest in our heritage and culture – a big component of which is preserving our language. Through the Oneida Language Program, adult learners are now teaching youngsters the basics of Onyota’a:ká: at the Ray Elm Children and

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- Thanksgiving Address

Elders Center. The program has cultivated a relationship with Madison-Oneida BOCES in order to create a curriculum specifically designed for early learners. Buttressing this effort is an initiative to bring language into the home through the free Oneida Basic iPhone application, and in a series of greeting cards that also showcase visual elements of our culture. The cards, created by the class and illustrated by a Member, are available at Shako:wi Cultural Center.

Another highlight added to our Cultural Center this year focuses on the Creator’s game of lacrosse. We have long known about the power of the game and its rich history. It seemed that 2015 was the appropriate time to share our pride and connection to the sport with the larger community, as well, when we unveiled the permanent exhibit – **Ká:lahse’ — A Haudenosaunee Tradition.**

On top of those efforts, 2015 was a banner year for the Nation’s cycle of Ceremonies

as we have seen not only increased participation and attendance, but more use of our traditional language during these sacred events. Several Socials were held throughout the year, as well, further strengthening our community.

Ultimately, all that we are able to provide – from housing to higher education, Elder care to traditional craft classes – are made possible through unwavering commitment to expand and improve our enterprises – which included our successful gaming expansion with the opening of Yellow Brick Road Casino in Chittenango.

As always our decisions are driven by our responsibility to the seventh generation. Every addition and improvement means ensuring a healthy future for our Members and our surrounding neighbors and communities. With our minds as one, together we will continue down this flourishing and rewarding path of success.

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BEAR CLAN



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2015: IN REVIEW



AHL All-Star weekend presented by Turning Stone Resort Casino



Turning Stone golf courses highlighted among "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses"

Turning Stone golf courses ranked among top 10 courses in New York State for 2015 by Golfweek



Turning Stone celebrates "Diamond Anniversary" of earning the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award

25 Years of High-Stakes Bingo Celebrated



Annual Oneida Nation Elders Conference a hit with Members

JANUARY

Oneida Nation launches Onyota'a:ká: language app



'Fight of the Year' candidate comes to Turning Stone on HBO Boxing After Dark

Pino Bianco and Peach Blossom honored with OpenTable's Diners' Choice Awards



FEBRUARY

MARCH

New lacrosse exhibit showcased at Shako:wi Cultural Center



APRIL



Nation celebrates 20th Annual Three Sisters Dinner

MAY

Yellow Brick Road Casino Grand Opening Celebration



Oneida Nation unveils refreshed and rebranded SavOn Store at Oneida Lake



Hermione Voyage sheds light on Oneida involvement in American Revolution

JUNE

Annual Kid's Day event kicks off summer



Two of Turning Stone's golf courses recognized in Golf Digest's ranking of America's 100 Greatest Public Courses and Tiger Woods and Notah Begay III return to Turning Stone



Oneida Nation hosts 15th Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony



Oneida Nation Early Learning Center reaches milestone, celebrates 20 years



Annual Oneida Member Picnic unites families, friends



Annual Oneida Nation Spa and Wellness Night hits milestone, celebrates 10 years

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Growth in Oneida Nation First Tee Program doubles



Oneida Nation announces partnership with Bassett Healthcare Network and new Nation Health Services location in Oneida



The Lodge at Turning Stone honored by Condé Nast Johansens as the Best Countryside Hotel

Oneida Nation partners with Northland Communications



The Showroom at Turning Stone Resort receives top honors in National Casino Entertainment Awards

Annual Halloween Bash a hit at Nation Recreation Center



The Gingerbread Village at Turning Stone gets national acclaim

Boxing returns to Turning Stone with HBO Boxing After Dark

A Message from the Oneida Nation Representative

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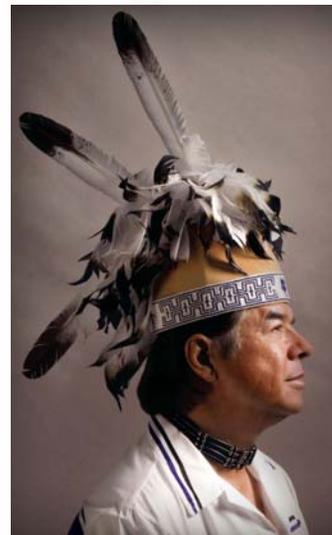
"Everyone who is successful must have dreamed of something" -- that powerful American Indian proverb rings particularly true for the Oneida Indian Nation since we resurrected and resuscitated our people over these last two decades. As you review this annual report, you will see that through hard work, diligence and planning, what had been a mere dream of revival has now become a concrete story of success that will benefit our people now and in the future.

A good example of how our continued commitment and investments benefit Oneida Nation Members and the community at large was spotlighted in August,

when construction began on two new state-of-the-art healthcare facilities that will greatly expand the quality health care options available to our people.

One is a new facility to consolidate all of the Oneida Nation Health Services into one location, providing a substantial upgrade to the quality of care delivered to patients. Currently the Health Service program provides family healthcare, comprehensive diabetes care and education, dental care, community health, and behavioral health services.

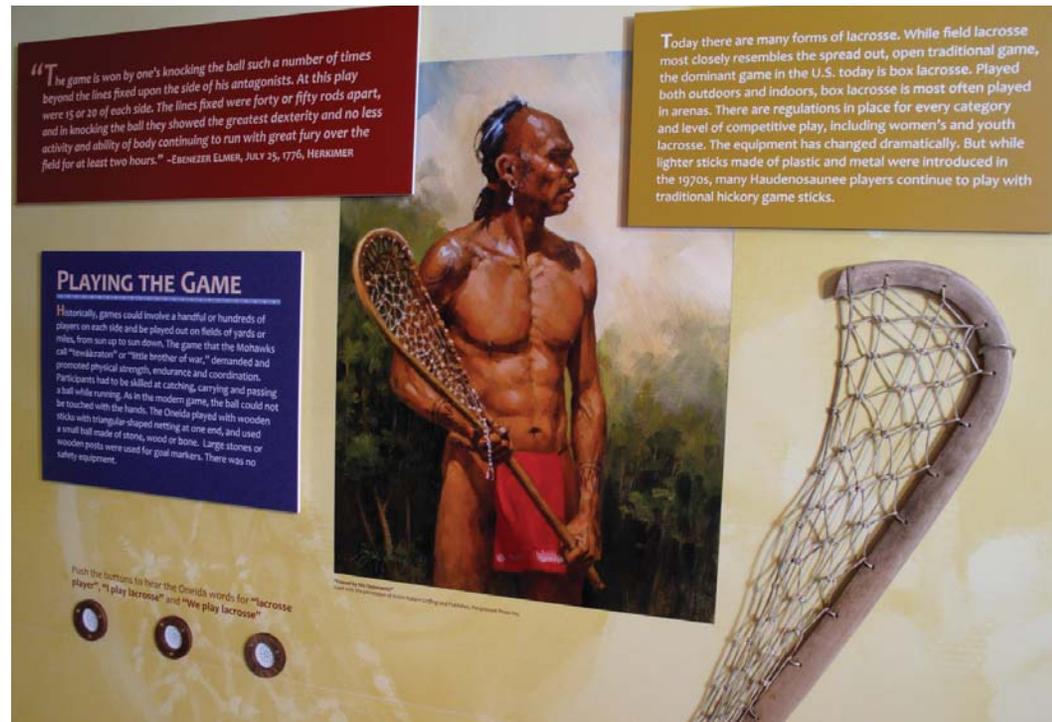
At the same time, Bassett Healthcare Network announced it will be opening the Bassett Oneida Health Center in the same plaza as the Oneida Nation Health



Exhibits such as the new Ká:lahse': a Haudenosaunee Tradition, at the Shako:wi Cultural Center, help ensure the preservation of our history and cultural traditions for generations to come.

Services. The new facility will be one of more than two dozen community-based primary and specialty care centers operated by the company in an eight-county region. The Bassett Oneida Health Center will be open to the public, as well as Oneida Nation employees and their families. It will offer a full range of family healthcare services including lab work, X-ray/imaging and radiology services and will also provide new laboratory and radiology services for Indian Health Services.

This year we also made new investments in preserving and promoting our culture — specifically our people's connection to a sport that is growing in popularity: lacrosse. In 2015 the Oneida Nation's Shako:wi Cultural Center unveiled a new exhibit showing how this sport derived from an ancient Haudenosaunee game. Visitors get a chance to look at the traditional game of lacrosse played



by the Oneida and compare it to today's fast-paced game.

The exhibit was timed to the release of a new documentary film called **Lacrosse Stick Maker — Ká:lahse' ká:nhi' latun:nihe'**. The film follows Oneida Member Ron Patterson's journey through the process of creating lacrosse sticks by hand. From historical footage of finding the right trees, to current interviews with various key players who helped Ron hone his skills, the movie explores how

American Indians view the hand-carved stick to have meaning. The 45-minute film made its debut on April 10 with a special private showing for Oneida Members, followed by a showing at the Karl May Film Festival in Germany in May.

Protecting our land is also of the utmost importance in preserving Oneida historic and cultural sites. It will assure that our lands remain under our control, beyond the reach of other governments' taxing and



Oneida Nation Representative Ray Halbritter discusses leadership and development in Indian Country with Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow in April.

regulatory power. Neighboring governments strenuously opposed our efforts because it means they lose authority over our lands, but there is no authority that will be more prudent stewards of our lands than the Oneida people. This is our sacred and eternal homeland — the one we have been fighting to reclaim for more than two centuries.

Already, we have seen the fruits of this victory: we announced a new initiative to construct a state-of-the-art luxury shopping

facility on our lands with a world-renowned architect. We were able to facilitate this project on our own terms, and in a way that will make sure our people benefit from the commercial revenues that are generated.

That project was one of many efforts to continue adapting and expanding our enterprises in the always-competitive entertainment economy. One of the most exciting of those efforts was the opening of the Yellow Brick Road Casino. This 60,000-square-foot venue in Chittenango celebrates the

region's connection to "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" with Oz themed games, a general store, and restaurants. In the ever-changing tourism business, this is a way for us to maximize the iconic history and heritage of Central New York -- and use its fame to continue investing in this region.

Another way we have secured our people's future is by continuing the hard work of implementing our historic settlement with the State of New York and our surrounding counties. This year was the one-year anniversary of the agreement, which ended age old disputes, created a more predictable economic landscape and put our enterprises on firm ground. It has also strengthened our sovereignty and brought us closer to living up to the Two Row Wampum our ancestors envisioned: The two rows of purple beads on a background of white signify two vessels traveling down

“Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start living the life the Creator intended for you.”

- American Indian proverb



the river of life together. The two shall travel side-by-side, but never touch the other side — we are equal but separate.

As a distinct people, we have a duty to do what we can to preserve and protect our culture when we are disrespected — and so this year we continued our support of the campaign asking the National Football League to stop using a dictionary defined racial slur as the name of Washington's professional team.

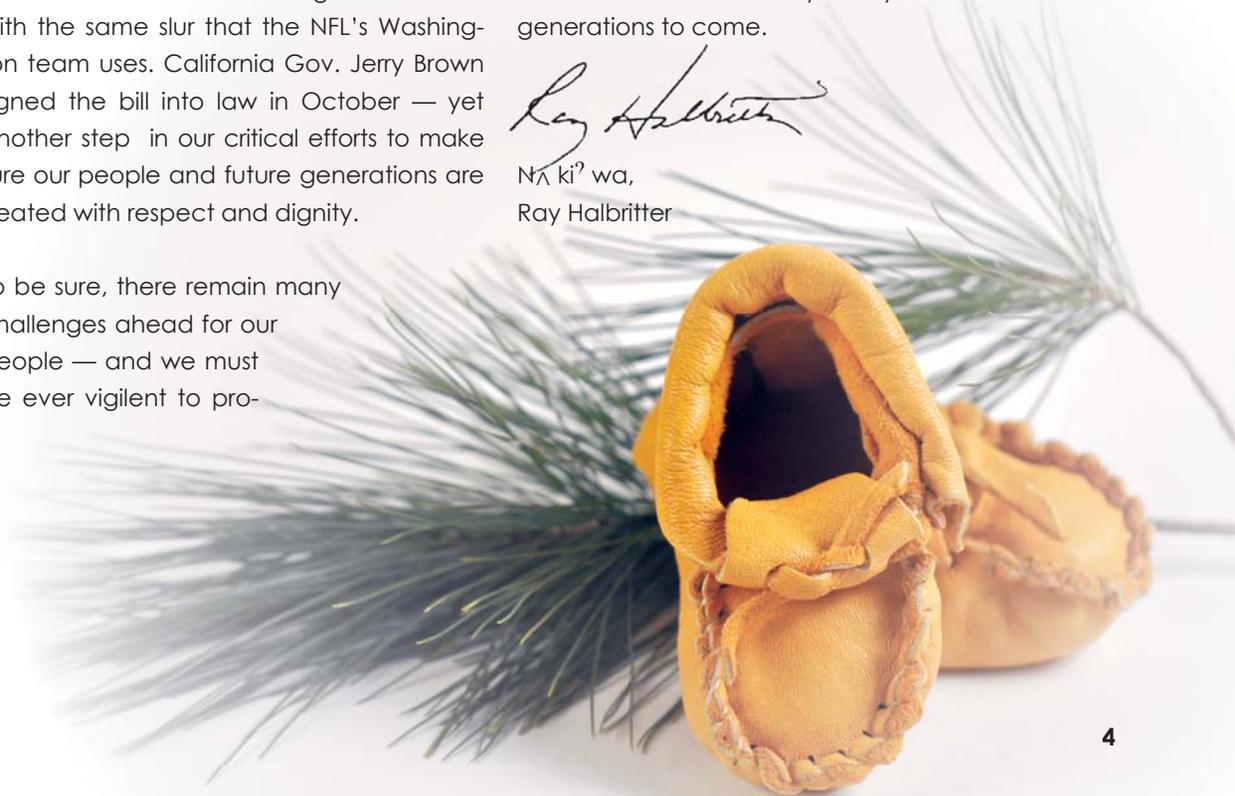
This broad Change the Mascot campaign has attracted the support of Indian nations, civil rights groups, religious leaders, public health organizations, Members of Congress of both parties and the President of the United States. Indeed, at the 2015 White

House Tribal Nations Conference, President Obama reiterated his support for changing the name, saying it was time to “break stereotypes.” Just as significant, California's legislature passed a bill prohibiting the state's public schools from naming their teams with the same slur that the NFL's Washington team uses. California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law in October — yet another step in our critical efforts to make sure our people and future generations are treated with respect and dignity.

To be sure, there remain many challenges ahead for our people — and we must be ever vigilant to pro-

tect the gains we have made this year and over the last few decades. But as we prepare for the road ahead, this annual report stands as a memorial to how we are continuing to transform our people's hopes and dreams into a new reality today — and for generations to come.

Ná ki' wa,
Ray Halbritter



Today's Determination Leads to Bright Tomorrows

In the traditional words of the Haudenosaunee, gratitude is given to the sun, the moon and the stars, for their purpose continues, just as our focus continues to the seventh generation.

For the Oneida Nation our purpose has been and always will be to assist our community with needed services, ranging from community events that result in an immediate obvious impact, to programs that go unseen to the general public — unless sought out.

This past year will be remembered for the many ways Oneida Nation Government Programs and Services (GP&S) empowered our people, created jobs and economic opportunities for our Members, and strengthened Oneida culture and heritage. These successes renew our continued determination to secure a bright outlook for our future generations.

"Our quest to provide a patient-centered medical home for our patients makes this a very exciting time," Dr. Seelan Newton, clinical director, Oneida Nation Health Services.

Health Services Expansion Reflects Devotion to Healthy Living

Among the developments in 2015 was the Nation's announcement of a new medical home to unify the Oneida Nation Health Services program. The new building, located at Dreamcatcher Plaza in the city of Oneida, will bring together our expert care at one convenient location, with Behavioral Health services being united with medical, dental and specialty care.

"We've been talking about this move with Nation leadership for years," Dr. Seelan Newton said following the announcement. "This is a very exciting time."





Crystal Torres (Wolf Clan), husband Larry, along with children Lacota, Toby and Larry Jr., and her nieces, praised the annual Kids Day event held at the beginning of summer vacation. The event, organized by Government Programs and Services, promotes healthy living and safety.

Providing the Tools for Healthy Generations

The Nation's focus on health was also represented at Kids' Day — an annual event in which several departments come together to promote safety and healthy living. Celebrated in early July, this free event welcomed more than 120 guests — including Members, Health Services clients of all ages, and children enrolled at the Early Learning Center.

"Our patients are able to access healthcare when they need it," added Heidi Vernold, health operations director for the Oneida Nation. "We are able to get them in to see a physician within 24 to 48 hours. It gives us a lot more room to offer our patients, and it's convenient for them."

Adding to the welcoming atmosphere at the center will be elements of our culture

in the building's interior and exterior design — something Nation leadership has long championed. The cultural cues will act as a subtle reminder of the commitment we have to our Members, other American Indians and future generations to help them live to their fullest and healthiest potential, just as the Creator intended.

Mary Cook (Wolf Clan), focused on the learning aspect of the program as she had her children — Elsie, Kailee, Elaina, Kaylene, Adriane and Janice — all in tow. "We come every year. The kids love it so I make sure I bring all of them," she said. "I like how all the departments come together and do an amazing job on this event. They make it better year after year. They make sure every kid is safe."

2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Four Oneidas earned master's degrees; two earned bachelor's; one earned an associate's degree; four graduated high school; four vocational graduates

Eighteen Oneidas are currently enrolled in a 2-year college program, 34 in a 4-year program, 11 in graduate programs, three doctoral students and one enrolled in a trade/certificate program

Upgrades performed on four townhome roofs in the Village of White Pines, all four townhomes were repainted and the front and rear deck of each townhome unit was stained

Announced plans for an all new Oneida Nation Health Services Center to open in Dreamcatcher Plaza in the city of Oneida in 2016



Nearly 100 Oneida, including Brenda Bush (Turtle Clan), second from left, with grandson Dylan Williams, granddaughter Tammy Tarbell, and daughter Cricket Williams, gathered for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Three Sisters Dinner.

Each year, the Nation arms Elders — its most precious entity — with knowledge, health resources and events to foster healthy living. Every spring families gather to enjoy a feast featuring the Sustainers of Life, the Three Sisters.

Nearly 100 Oneida gathered for the 20th anniversary celebration held at the Shenendoah Clubhouse. The event, sponsored by the Oneida Indian Nation Health Services Diabetes Program, promotes the benefits of eating corn, beans and

squash, considered to be special gifts from the Creator. In order to maintain a healthy lifestyle one must eat a balanced diet, be active and honor the Three Sisters.

Helen Jones (Turtle Clan), who attended the dinner with her daughter, grandchildren and niece, said this event is a nice celebration after a tough winter. “We don’t all live in the same place, so it’s a nice event to attend. It’s nice to get together with other people.” She also looks forward to receiving new Three Sisters recipes. “We have a

binder we have from all of the dinners. We get new recipes each year and they’re so healthy. ”

Eating well is a main focus of the Three Sisters dinner, as well as the 15th annual Elders Conference held in May. “Aging Well: The Diabetes Journey — Mind, Body and Spirit,” focused on the specific struggles of managing diabetes, and how to make the most of the later years.

“I love it. I cannot believe all the things I’ve learned already,” first-time attendee Pam Hjort (Turtle Clan) said about the 15th annual event. “I have been very impressed with the event. I’m so glad they (the Oneida Nation) host this.”

Nearly 200 Elders and caregivers came out to listen to guest speakers, physicians, dietary specialists and American Indian healthcare

2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS - ELDERS PROGRAM

Elders Program Basket and Bake Sale raised \$2,245 to directly benefit program

Enter the Healing Circle 10th Anniversary Event, designed to address all aspects of a healthy lifestyle including physical and emotional well-being, welcomed more than 100 guests

Twenty-five people attended the Diabetes Wellness Day held at the White Eagle Conference Center

Healthy Heart Lunch, another event focused on healthy eating, served 60 Elders in February

experts. More importantly, guests were able to socialize with others facing similar experiences.

Many of the programs and strategies explored during the conference were examined in detail during a six-week program for those with chronic diseases. Thanks to a partnership between the Oneida Nation and the Oneida County Office for the Aging, a Stanford University-developed course was offered to a select group.

"I think this class is very informative," Rhonda Berger (Turtle Clan) said. "It would be good for everyone, not just those with chronic diseases. It's just about staying healthy. You have these goals, weekly goals and, sometimes, you don't reach your goal. But having those short-term goals eventually lead to long-term changes."

Three Sisters Impacts Three Generations

Paula Terwilliger (Turtle Clan) has made it a point to attend as many Three Sisters dinners as possible. It's something Paula, who works as multi-games manager at Turning Stone, feels not only keeps



Paula Terwilliger (Turtle Clan) with her son Chris Eddy (Turtle Clan) and granddaughter Isabella Eddy.

her grounded to her heritage, but helps keep special traditions alive.

The importance of this dinner became abundantly clear to her this year as seeds she received at the annual event were planted, harvested, and then returned back to Paula this fall. And the resulting squash from those precious seeds was used to create mouth-watering butternut squash bread.

"We each got a little packet of seeds at the dinner so we sent some out to mom in Tennessee. She grew the squash and made bread," which she brought back to Paula and family during a visit in September. "She saved the seeds, dried them out, and returned them back to New York. She surprised us with our own seeds."

Paula said this exemplified exactly how generations of Oneidas before had exchanged seeds.

"We decided then to keep this tradition going. I feel, as I get older, it's

more important (to do this). More importantly, I like to share this with my granddaughter.

"When I came to work for the Nation they started having dinners and ceremonies, so I started going to these events. We didn't have these growing up. To be able to share this with my granddaughter is important to me."

And as for the bread that resulted from the harvest? Paula said it was similar to zucchini bread and added it was "delicious."

"This is something that you hand down from generation to generation. As long as my father continues to garden, and she can garden, we will continue."

Teacher Vicki Davis, right, stopped and visited with families during a special dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Oneida Nation Early Learning Center. Established in 1995 the center provides education and care for children aged six weeks to 12 years. The program has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children since 2000.



Here's to 20 Years - Celebrating Exceptional Childcare

The Oneida Nation's Early Learning Center celebrated a milestone anniversary when children, families and staff gathered for a congratulatory dinner and kid-friendly entertainment to honor the staff and teachers responsible for creating a healthy and educational environment for our children. Opening its doors in 1995, the ELC first received accreditation in 2000 from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators. The ELC's dedicated staff has worked diligently to maintain that recognition ever since.

"No matter if you've been here for two decades or one decade, no matter how long you've been employed, I think every one of us standing here would agree that one of the most rewarding things for us is going to work every single day and working with your children," recalled ELC manager Tricia Narolis. "We would just like to take a minute to say thank you, to all of you, for all the support that you have shown us throughout the years."



2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS - EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Four teachers are currently working toward bachelor's degree

An eight-week toddler social skills play group was developed with assistance from Oneida Nation Behavioral Health Department

An Emergency Operation Plan was created with assistance from Oneida Indian Nation Police Department and other GP&S administrators

Celebrated 20 year Anniversary in November

“Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me, and I may not remember.
Involve me, and I’ll understand.”

- American Indian Proverb

Instilling Pride and Purpose in Our Youth

The Nation provides opportunity and activities to inspire and educate young Members and other American Indians in the area through programs such as Summer Jam, Youth Ambassadors, Junior Youth Ambassadors, and a variety of activities at the Oneida Nation Recreation Center, including seasonal celebrations.

This year, Summer Jam participants met Haudenosaunee astronaut Joseph Connelly



and Oneida Nation Members who participated in the very first Summer Jam. They also had the opportunity to interact with professionals from several Nation departments, including the Elders Program, Shako:wi Cultural Center, the Oneida Nation Police Department and Behavioral Health. Summer Jam participants include children of Nation Members and Health Department clients who are entering grades 3 and 7.

One of the program's highlights, the national initiative First Tee aims to build character, help children make healthy choices, and instill life-enhancing values through golf. At the end of the session participants were rewarded with their own set of golf clubs.

“This is the second year of the Oneida Nation First Tee program,” said Director of Golf Operations at Turning Stone Miles

2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS - NATION LIBRARY

Twenty-three new patrons joined library
which now serves 1,120

Cataloged holdings at 10,484





The First Tee – made available to students who participate in the Oneida Nation Summer Jam program – doubled in participation from 15 in 2014 to 30 in 2015.

Nation Police, Oneida Member Benefits, Oneida Nation Government Programs and Services, Human Resources, Turning Stone Security and EMT, Team Member Café, Opals, Car Care, and Turning Stone Player Services.

Blundell. “Last year we had approximately 15 students. This year we doubled that number to almost 30.”

“First Tee is a very important part of our program in that Summer Jam, and all Oneida Nation youth programs, try to match the values of the Nation: integrity, honesty, respect, and, inherent in that, is manners,” said Jackie Logan, Oneida Nation youth programs coordinator. “First Tee is much more than learning golf. It’s learning all of those things, plus good sportsmanship.”

Collaborating for Festive Celebrations

Among the more notable seasonal events is the annual Halloween Party held at the Oneida Nation Recreation Center. This year more than 300 guests enjoyed food, games, a haunted house and carnival-type games. Open to Oneida children and clients of the Oneida Nation Health Services, the annual event brings a safe and fun kid’s event to the community. Pitching in to create a memorable event were Oneida



2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS - RECREATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

First Tee/Summer Jam had successful second year with 30 participants

After-school program logged 32 participants

Oneida Nation community, including employees, took advantage of several programs during the year such as 30/60 workouts, noon workouts, circuit training, walking for wellness, Turning Stone weight loss challenge and more

More than 100 children and families participated in annual Egg Hunt

Junior Youth Ambassador Program welcomed 21 children

Youth Ambassador Program welcomed 12 Members

More than 80 families attended events in 2014

Chelsea Jocko (Wolf Clan) has created original art for use with the children's language program at the Ray Elm Children and Elders Center.

Promoting Our Language Across Generations

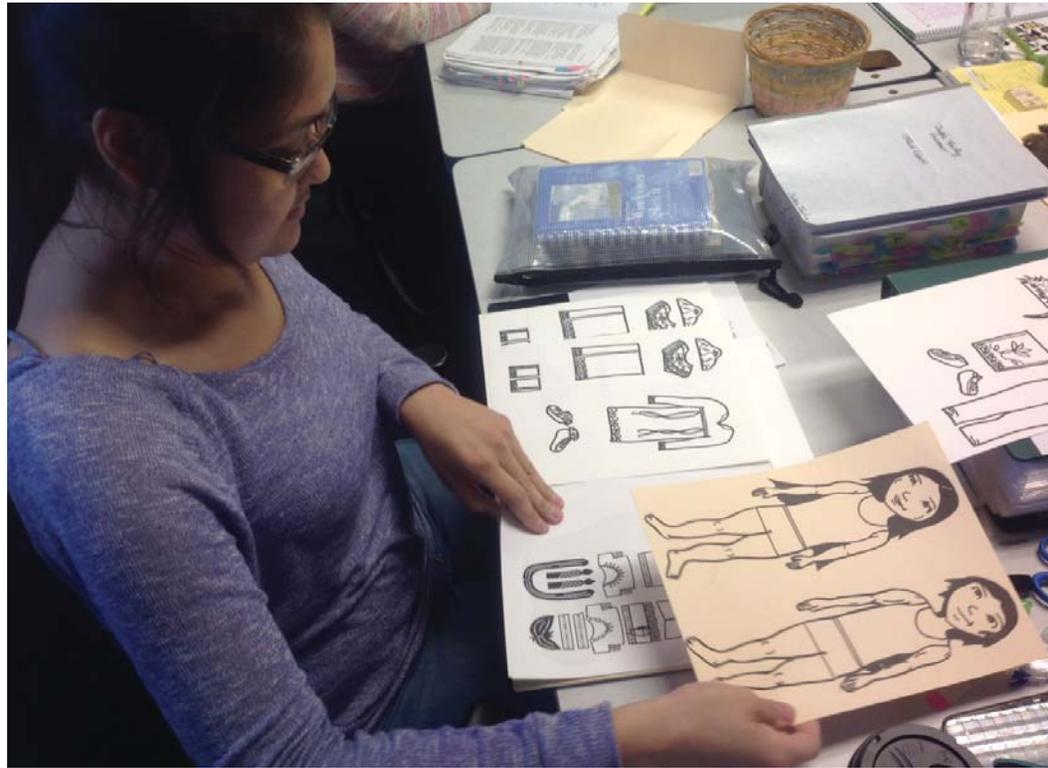
As the language program remains focused on helping adults become fluent in Onyota'a:ká:, new technologies were also welcomed this year to reach young Members. After 500 Oneida words and phrases were loaded onto the "Oneida Basic" iTunes application, the free smart-phone program officially launched in February. Thornton Media developed the application for the Oneida Nation.

"This will ensure the language will forever be protected from becoming obsolete," said Randy Phillips,

education assistant manager for the Oneida Nation Education Department. He added that there have been nearly 650 downloads of the application from iTunes.

Instructor Mary Blau (Turtle Clan) and her class are working with Madison-Oneida BOCES to develop language curriculum for children attending the Early Learning Program. With the help of student and

artist Chelsea Jocko (Wolf Clan), posters of different Haudenosaunee kasto:wíhe' (or kostoweh) were created to use in classrooms. Chelsea also created Oneida male and female paper dolls complete with proper regalia, and illustrations for children's stories, all used in the children's language program at the Ray Elm Children and Elders Center.



2015 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS - LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Created and provided Oneida/English grocery list, placemats and bookmarks

Visited 15 area schools and addressed approximately 1,000 students in traditional language

Created Oneida fry bread and Three Sisters cooking class DVDs

Implemented new program at the Oneida Nation Early Learning Center



Human Resource's Patty Duke, left, and Mary Blau (Turtle Clan), right, assist with an Oneida-language inspired Memory Game at the 22nd annual Kids Day event.

Finally, after seeing another tribe's American Indian-themed greeting cards featuring stock photos and cartoons, the Oneida Nation Language Class improved the concept. Fueled by the desire to share our traditional language, the class created greeting cards to showcase items vital to Oneida culture. They are sold at the Shako:wi Cultural Center and feature every day, common Oneida objects such as the Iroquois feather fan featured on the 'Happy Birthday' card and Iroquois moccasins highlighted on a 'Thinking of You' card.

"The fan, you see that when they're going into a Smoke Dance at the (New York State) fair," said Mary, who compared her own feather fan to the finished card. "You usually see them around and they're universal. Both men and women use them."



"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

- Rita Mae Brown, author



A traditional stick is on display next to a modern lacrosse stick at the Shako:wi Cultural Center. The new exhibit -- Ká:lahse' -- opened in 2015 and was made possible by the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

oped by Princeton and Yale. In actuality, it's been played by our people for years."

From the halls of Shako:wi to the big screen, "**Lacrosse Stick Maker – Ká:lahse' ká:nhí latun:níhe**"— features Ron Patterson (Wolf Clan) and his amazing talent and craftsmanship in carving lacrosse sticks. "It's more than just a stick," Turtle Clan Council Member and Four Directions studio operations director Dale Rood explained. "We believe that it has a life of its own. It's the Nation's goal to teach people, to show them that lacrosse is not only a game we play, but it's significant to our culture."

The 45-minute documentary is following the path of "My Home" and "Raccoon & Crawfish," the Four Directions Productions films that made the festival rounds in prior years.

The quickest-growing sport in America has a distinct history among our people – lacrosse came home to the Shako:wi Cultural Center this year with **Ká:lahse' — A Haudenosaunee Tradition**. The exhibit, made possible by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, talks about the ancient game of lacrosse and showcases everything from how to string a lacrosse

stick to images of early lacrosse balls. The exhibit will soon be featured online as well.

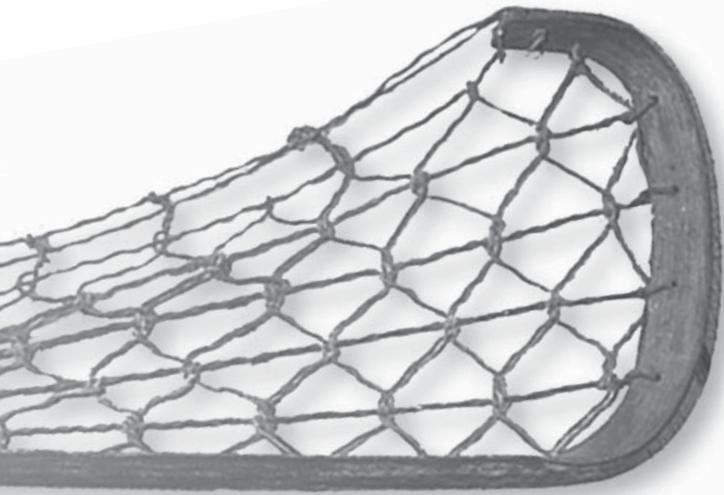
"If this exhibit can pique the interest in playing this sport, if it can help people connect with lacrosse, I think that would be wonderful," Kandice Watson (Wolf Clan) said shortly after the exhibit's April 2015 opening. "A lot of people think this sport was devel-

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- Dale Rood, Turtle Clan Council Member
and director of studio operations, Four Directions Productions



"This particular documentary is different because it comes from the perspective of the native people," Rood added. "Thank goodness we have the leaders who have the foresight to use our resources for preserving our stories, and our culture, as a people. Without the leadership's support we wouldn't be able to do these things and we're thankful for that."



Top: The staff from Four Directions Productions celebrated the release of the documentary Lacrosse Stick Maker during a special screening for Members held April 10.

Above: Turtle Clan Council Member Clint Hill views the exhibit.

LACROSSE STICK MAKING

An important piece of... A male child may be... and be buried with his... hand-crafting lacrosse... men dedicated to... Senoasnee lacrosse.





Oneida Nation Enterprises Build on Solid Foundation

Libby and Ben Welch (Bear Clan) took to the stage at Turning Stone's Showroom, this past holiday season, when a unique chance to perform with the Chittenango Select Choir and The Tenors presented itself. Turning Stone's many entertainment venues provide Members and local entertainers exclusive platforms to collaborate with big name talent and get some much-deserved credit of their own.

This is just one of many examples of how our enterprises open the doors for the Oneida Nation to give back to its Members and the community. These ventures lay the groundwork for the Nation to be able to provide unparalleled educational opportunities, superior healthcare, housing options, job prospects and creative platforms for sustaining our culture.

Growth of Oneida enterprises is steadfast. With the continuation of this mindful planning and dedication, our enterprises will continue to grow at this dynamic rate and to provide vitality and prosperity to our current and forthcoming Members. Here's a look at key milestones of 2015.

Yellow Brick Road Casino Quickly Exceeds Expectations

It was June when the doors of the Yellow Brick Road Casino opened and our hopes for growth and renewal were soon realized. Jobs were added, tourism boosted and partnerships emerged after we took a chance on making over an under-used plaza in Madison County.



The Yellow Brick Road Casino opened June 2, 2015 in the Village of Chittenango.

In December, the Yellow Brick Road Casino, already exceeding expectations, added tables games to the more than 440 Vegas-style slot machines already offered to guests.

Progress at Emerald Plaza exceeded our expectations, fast. Three hundred construction jobs were created, as well as 250 permanent positions with our \$25 million investment in Chittenango. Then once again, and just in time for the holidays, we created more than 30 jobs, including several management and supervisory positions, with the addition of Las-Vegas style table games at the casino.

Loyal partnerships quickly emerged. We worked closely with local businesses, including Tops Supermarket, Dunkin' Donuts and All Things Oz Museum to invite and welcome guests. Tops even celebrated a grand-reopening. Together we continue to set Chittenango apart and give the locals and tourists a truly one-of-a-kind place to work, live and visit.



With the addition of our Oz-themed casino, we embraced the local heritage and infused life back into the plaza with more than 430 slot machines, two restaurants and bars and live entertainment. The devotion to the beloved story of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" among locals is strong and also brings more than 20,000 people to the area each year for the Oz-Stravaganza! Festival, a local celebration of the book's lore.

The Oneida Indian Nation continues its tradition as the presenting sponsor of the village festival and now Yellow Brick Road is a must-see destination for travelers to an event that now basks in regional and national spotlight.





The rebranding of the SāvOn chain of convenience stores began in 2015 with a fresh new look and expanded gaming options. The "PlayOn by SāvOn" concept was introduced at the Oneida Lake SāvOn in June.

A Fresh, Interactive Look for SāvOn

Continuing to update our enterprises and provide guests with cutting-edge offerings, this past year we launched a rebranding of our SāvOn chain of convenience stores to provide gaming and a fresh new look. The first store to add gaming was Canastota followed by our Verona store on Patrick Road. Our guests quickly embraced the additions.

The "PlayOn by SāvOn" concept was then introduced at the Oneida Lake SāvOn. With

more than 30 Las Vegas-style cash slot machines, this section of the store is intended to invite guests in to stay and play, offering comfortable and engaging amenities including a custom-made beer cave and a walk-in cigar humidor. We also partnered with Dunkin' Donuts to provide fresh coffee and food inside or on-the-go with the drive through addition. We will continue to roll out the new SāvOn brand at the remaining locations over the next few years.

Continuing to embrace this electronic and interactive era, we offer the SāvOn mobile app as a way for our guests to stay connected with their favorite store. It offers access to play spin and win games for SāvOn prizes, special offers as well as event updates. The expansion of our TS Rewards loyalty program also allows guests to earn points on all SāvOn purchases.

Plans for Luxury Shopping Complex Grow

The "next big thing," got even bigger. Before there was even an opportunity to break ground on the shopping center, an overwhelming demand from interested tenants suggested we change direction. And that's just what we did. An additional 50,000-square-foot is being added to make room for more stores, restaurants and enhancements. The planned location has moved too. The shopping center, originally planned for the south side of the casino, is moving to connect with Exit 33, putting the retail center closer to the gaming floor. This enclosed venue will be a destination in itself.

We have been working with the renowned developer of the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Gordon Group Holdings, to produce a shopping masterpiece that will boast dynamic features, including fountains to host a daily water show. Increasing to 300,000-square feet the retail center will offer a place for visitors and locals to shop at more than 60 luxury brand stores. There will be plenty of new dining options, including nationally-acclaimed restaurants. We are eagerly awaiting spring when we can begin the next phases of this anticipated expansion and create hundreds of additional jobs for our region.



Four Diamond Award
Lodge at Turning Stone

The Lodge at Turning Stone has received the AAA Four Diamond rating every year since it opened, while The Tower and Wildflowers are each on their ninth consecutive award.

2015



Recognition for Outstanding Service, Hospitality Continued in 2015

It is our exceptional guest service and superior amenities that continue to bring people to our region and resort time after time. Again this year, the Oneida Indian Nation and its enterprises have been honored with a bounty of awards and accolades. While our visitors' loyalty is our true test of success, these awards also stand as a sign of the hard work and determination of creating a one-of-a-kind tourist destination. We remain humble and thankful for all of the continued efforts and dedication we've found in our nearly 5,000 employees who recognize our vision and help make these great strides a reality.



Lodging, Spa and AAA Awards

Turning Stone accepted three AAA Four Diamond Awards, this year, for The Lodge, The Tower and Wildflowers restaurant and is the only resort in New York State with three AAA Four Diamond venues at one property.

The Lodge at Turning Stone Resort Casino was named Best Countryside Hotel by Condé Nast Johansens.

TripAdvisor® awarded The Lodge with a Certificate of Excellence and Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame award.

Wildflowers is also distinguished as the only AAA Four Diamond restaurant in all of Central New York.

The Oneida Nation's The Villages RV Park received a perfect rating from the 2015 Good Sam RV Travel & Savings Guide.

Turquoise Tiger at Exit 33 was named the International Hotel & Property Awards 2015 Winner.

Skaná Spa ranked in the top 3 among "Top 100 Spas of 2015."





Atunyote, as well as the other fabulous courses at Turning Stone Resort Casino, continues to receive accolades.

and **Atunyote** eighth in all of New York on Golfweek's Best State-by-State Courses You Can Play for 2015.

Kaluhyat, **Atunyote** and **Shenendoah** were listed in Golfweek's Best Casino Courses for 2015. **Kaluhyat** held onto the No. 22 spot, while **Atunyote** jumped up seven spots to No. 24 and **Shenendoah** moved up four spots to No. 42.

Atunyote and **Kaluhyat** were listed on America's 100 Greatest Public Courses by Golf Digest. And **Shenendoah** was ranked 6 out of 12 Best Public Courses in the Northeast by Golfweek.

Atunyote Golf Shop, **Shenendoah/Kaluhyat Golf Shop** and the **Golf Superstore** all received Association of Golf Merchandisers Platinum awards for 2016.

Restaurant Awards

OpenTable award lists: **Pino Bianco**: Upstate New York's Best Italian Restaurants and Most Booked Restaurants; **Peach Blossom**: Best Service and Best Asian Restaurants in the New York/Tri-State Area; **TS Steakhouse**: Best Service, Most Booked Restaurants, Best Ambience and Most Romantic; **Wildflowers**: Best Ambience, Most Romantic and Best Continental Restaurants in the New York/Tri-State Area.

TripAdvisor, honored **Upstate Tavern**, **Pino Bianco**, **Wildflowers** and **TS Steakhouse** with the Certificate of Excellence.

Wine Spectator's Awards of Excellence went to **Wildflowers**, **Pino Bianco** and **TS Steakhouse**.

Golf Awards

Kaluhyat and **Atunyote** were listed in the top 10 courses in New York by Golfweek Magazine. **Kaluhyat** ranked fifth

Director of Golf Operations at Turning Stone, Miles Blundell was named the PGA of America's National Resort Merchandiser of the Year and Teaching Professional Marty Nowicki was awarded the 2015 CNY PGA Teacher of the Year Award for a fourth time.



Gingerbread Village Gets More National Acclaim

For the second year in a row, Forbes has listed the Gingerbread Village at Turning Stone Resort Casino among their top nine in the country. This year's listing was "Nine Deliciously Festive Gingerbread Houses."

Architect magazine also took a big interest in our edible architecture this holiday season. A write-up and nine-photo spread detailing the sophistication, process and detail of the Turning Stone Gingerbread Village appeared in the design section of the online version of the magazine, as well as their social media.

Meetings & Conventions

Turning Stone Resort Casino received the Gold Key Award and the Gold Service Award from Meetings & Conventions magazine; and Best of the East from Meetings Today.

Entertainment Accolades

The Showroom at Turning Stone was named Showroom of the Year at the 2015 G2E Casino Entertainment Awards and The Event Center was a finalist for Casino Arena/Amphitheater of the Year.

Lava Nightclub received a "Best of Syracuse" award; named "Best Dance Club" of 2015.

Turning Stone's country dance hall Tin Rooster saw its featured

house band, The Beadle Brothers, nominated for the Country Group/Duo of the Year in the 2015 New Music Awards. This is just one local group among many musicians spotlighted at our entertainment hotspots. During the holidays, Kenny Rogers sang with a Chittenango High School choir at The Event Center and The Tenors teamed up with a children's choir, also from Chittenango School District. We are thrilled to be able to open doors for talented locals to take the stage.



The Beadle Brothers, Tin Rooster's house band, was nominated for a 2015 New Music Award.



4,646

Central New York employees
- **250** jobs added at Yellow Brick Road Casino

\$127,206,877

total payroll paid to employees

\$4,408,759

401(k) contributions made by the Oneida Nation

\$4,732,248

bonus distribution (paid out in FY 16)

FISCAL
YEAR
2015
BY THE
NUMBERS

\$296,377

\$12,505,513

Federal Income Taxes paid by employees

\$4,499,467

New York State Income Taxes paid by employees

\$7,355,920

Social Security paid by the Oneida Nation



\$178,966,161



spent with
1,557

New York State
vendors

\$46,769,000

spent on capital
projects/construction

+300

local construction
jobs created

178,214

Spent with

3,350

total vendors
in FY 2015

includes capital spending

\$95,713,262

spent with **940** vendors in Oneida,
Madison and Onondaga counties



\$40,840,671

spent with **316** vendors
in Oneida County

\$54,539,203

spent with **449** vendors
in Onondaga County

\$333,388

spent with **175** vendors
in Madison County



Working Together With Our Partners In The Community

Forming partnerships is a big part of who we are as a Nation. We pride ourselves on connecting with our neighbors, local entrepreneurs, companies and leaders. Since the beginning of time it's these partnerships that have defined us as a people — preserving our legacy as the United States First Allies and strengthening our ability to provide for future generations.

The Oneida Indian Nation looks forward to these continued ties that bond us in the shared goals of security, prosperity and an improved quality of life for our region of Upstate New York. The following are among the partnerships that emerged or strengthened this past year.

Local Leaders Come Together For Dialogue on Progress of the Region

In October we held an unprecedented legislative breakfast attended by more than 50 prominent leaders in the region. This was a celebration of working together toward common goals. We connected key community representatives and government officials with our Nation leadership and executives to talk about progress now and in the future. We have worked together to build a booming tourism destination here in Upstate New York and have strengthened our region and economy through reinvesting in the community and consistently creating jobs.

Our work, although successful, has only begun. The support of these leaders has been vital to our growth and success and we will

“We welcome the opportunity to help expand access to primary care in the region as well as meet the needs of Nation employees and their families.”

-Vance M. Brown, MD, president and CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network

continue to work closely with this group of esteemed individuals and teams to reach our goals of providing security and opportunity unto the seventh generation.

Redefining Community Healthcare with Bassett

Partnerships and investment for the benefit of our Member and community welfare are two of our highest priorities – and in 2016 both will be accomplished. One of our proudest initiatives is our advancement in Member and community healthcare, which we are able to accomplish in partnership with Bassett Healthcare.

Last summer the Oneida Nation leadership announced that construction had begun on two new state-of-the-art healthcare facilities that will introduce exciting new healthcare options to Members, employees and the local community. In February, Bassett Oneida Health Center opened to the public and to Oneida Nation employees and their families, and later in the year the new Oneida Nation Health Services will open right next door in the Dreamcatcher Plaza in Oneida.

“The new Oneida Nation Health Services will allow us to expand our healthcare options and continue to build on the excellent health services we’ve been providing Nation Members for more than two decades,” said Ray Halbritter, Oneida Nation Representative and Nation Enterprises CEO at the announcement. “We’re equally excited that Bassett Healthcare

will be opening a new facility in Oneida and bringing their network of services to the area,” Halbritter said. “We know our Members, employees and our community will greatly benefit from Bassett’s leadership, expertise and innovative approach to preventive healthcare.”

Technology Investment Benefits Entire Region

The Oneida Nation continues to set the bar for technology in Central New York by investing in state-of-the-art infrastructure to benefit all Oneida Nation Enterprises as well as provide our guests with the best guest experience. Partnering with Utica-based Northland Communications we opened up a fiber optics network to take our enterprises to the next level. By laying the groundwork for this advancement, we also opened the doors for other local businesses to tap





“The partnership with the Oneida Nation provides a huge growth opportunity for us and also creates an advanced and more competitive market for other area businesses.”

- Jim McCarthy, president
Northland Communications

into this communication technology and its many benefits. The advanced fiber network is the future of internet technology and telecommunication applications and without our investment, the technology would have been years away for our region. The Oneida Nation works closely with many other leading technology companies including Konami, Bally's, Avaya and Neudestic.

Joint Ventures Support Local Vendors

Partnering with Critz Farms in Cazenovia, Yellow Brick Road Casino now serves exclusive 12oz bottles of Glinda's Gold Hard Cider made by the beloved local cidery. The brew is served at the casino's two bars – Heart and Courage Saloon and Winged Monkey. This new partnership is among the many relationships Yellow Brick Road Casino established for the new gaming facility. From the building of the

60,000-square-foot casino, to enhancing the guest experience with unique features, Yellow Brick Road Casino used dozens of local vendors. The Cyclone of Cash, the iconic centerpiece of the casino, was built by Phoenix Welding & Fabricating, located only 30 miles away.

Before going nationwide with their new grab-and-go Handwich, Central New York's Hofmann Sausage Company chose Oneida Nation's SāvOn stores to launch their new premium snack sandwich. It's



“Hofmann has a rich legacy in Central New York of crafting exceptional quality meats and, in honor of our roots here, we wanted to give Central New Yorkers the first chance to experience the new Handwich.”

- Reginald Bailey, Hofmann Sausage Company CEO, standing with Sean Brown, Nation director of retail operations.

these exclusive partnerships that keep us closely connected with our community and neighboring businesses. Together we create mutual opportunities for success that continue to invigorate and strengthen our economy and region.

PGA Event to Showcase Golf Legends, Turning Stone and Central New York

In 2015 the Oneida Nation announced a significant partnership with the PGA and we are excited that our resort and Atunyote and Shenendoah golf courses will be the setting of the 49th PGA Professional

National Championship this coming June. Our groundskeepers and golf professionals will be busy preparing for this event that will bring our courses to the living rooms of millions of viewers all over the world as they tune in to watch the greatest golfers of our time tee off in Upstate New York. This will be a return visit for the PGA who held the same tournament at Turning Stone Resort in 2006.

Offering Guests a Safe Ride Home

Following through on our commitment to providing first-class guest service, the Oneida Nation partnered with StearClear to offer guests a safe, innovative and cost-effective way to travel home after a fun night enjoying Turning Stone's nightlife venues at its Exit 33 entertainment complex, and also from Yellow Brick Road Casino. StearClear offers an app-based designated

driver network enabling users to request a safe ride home in their own car.

Oneida Nation Hot Ticket Events Boost Regional Tourism

Turning Stone Resort Casino has made a name for itself in the boxing world. Our last feature fight for 2015 was in December and marked Turning Stone's 16th nationally televised boxing event. These fights are selling out, top

The Oneida Indian Nation's Atunyote golf course will be the setting of the 49th PGA Professional National Championship in June.





“The combined efforts of County Executive Picente, Turning Stone Resort Casino, the American Hockey League, the Utica Comets staff ... made this year’s All-Star Classic unforgettable for all involved.”

- Utica Comets President Robert Esche, pictured with Oneida Nation Representative Ray Halbritter, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Chris Nikolis of the American Hockey League

sports media professionals are checking in to our resort and fans around the world are tuning in to fights hosted at The Event Center and aired live on HBO Boxing After Dark. ESPN, NBC and Showtime have also broadcast boxing events from Turning Stone. The Matthysee-Provodnikov fight, a serious contender for “fight of the

year,” was held at Turning Stone this past April. The next night, entertainment icon Tony Bennett took the stage, adding to the excitement of a star-studded weekend that could have been pulled from the pages of a legendary Las Vegas resort.

Another milestone event was pulled together when we partnered with the Utica Comets, Oneida County and the AHL to host and present the 2015 American Hockey League All-Star Classic.

Thousands of fans and visitors – many coming to the area for the first time – were welcomed to our growing region. Without our alliances with one another these great opportunities to showcase our region to the world would not be possible. All of these

efforts and partnerships solidify our region as a top-tourist destination. Today, tourism generates almost \$2 billion a year worth of spending in this area. That spending supports more than 34,000 local jobs.

This success did not happen overnight, nor was it done alone. Commitment to careful planning and cooperation proves what can be accomplished when we join forces in a continued and collaborative effort to build prosperous communities.



Oneida Foundation Benefits Local, National Charities and Organizations

This year, the Oneida Nation Foundation distributed more than \$18,000 to nearly 80 local charities. Donations went to groups serving education, youth, healthcare, veterans and the environment.

Among the organizations the Foundation awarded donations to are: American Legion Post 25, ARC of Onondaga, Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse, Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Great Swamp Conservancy, National Kidney Foundation of CNY, Rescue Mission of Utica, The Food Bank of CNY, Utica Center for Development, Vera House,



VFW Post 153, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 944, YWCA Mohawk Valley and many more.

Employees and guests also contributed to a variety of community charities through Oneida Nation Enterprises. In December alone, \$3,650 was raised through our SāvOn stores for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 21 families had their wish lists fulfilled through Catholic Charities Adopt-a-family program and 200 toys were collected to help local kids in need. Turning Stone partnered with the United States Marine Corps and Utica radio station Kiss FM to join efforts in Toys for Tots and Stuff the Bus, two local toy drives.



Once again Oneida Nation Enterprises employees teamed up with the Catholic Charities Adopt-a-family program and donated gifts for 21 in-need families in the area during the holiday season.

“Oneidas at the Battle of Oriskany” by Don Troiani. Known as one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Oriskany took place on Aug. 6, 1777 and took the lives of many Oneida and colonial militia, but also served as a key turning point in the fight for freedom.



Time-Honored Tradition Honors Veterans

As First Allies of the United States during the Revolutionary War, Oneidas proudly stood with our colonial comrades, suffering many sacrifices in the fight for freedom and sovereignty. Oneidas have served as members of the military on behalf of our Nation, as well as the United States of America ever since. This year we celebrated more than 350 veterans of the military service and their family members at our 15th annual Oneida Indian Nation Veterans Recognition Ceremony held at Turning Stone Resort Casino. During this event, the Oneida Nation presented a \$1,000 donation to the Utica Feed Our Vets Food Pantry, continuing our commitment to stand with our allies.

Double Duty at Turning Stone Resort Recycling Efforts Help Those in Need

This marks the first full year that Turning Stone Resort has supplied emergency relief aid for developing countries and homeless shelters in partnership with Clean the World, Inc. By recycling hygiene products from its four lodging properties, Turning Stone has helped distribute more than 36,000 bars of soap, 4,000 pounds of plastic and 11,000 pounds of waste. Through this program, Turning Stone is able to help prevent

hygiene-related deaths and illnesses, as well as significantly boost childhood development in many struggling countries.

In a continued effort to keep prescription drugs from getting into the wrong hands, the Oneida Nation Police hosted a successful National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The public came out to discard 90 lbs. of unneeded and expired medications at Turning Stone Resort Casino.

“Since the Nation was the First Allies from the Revolutionary War, we still carry on this tradition, through other Oneidas who serve and through hosting the recognition ceremony.”

- Carl Fogelberg, Oneida (Turtle Clan), U.S. Army Veteran

Community Support

The Oneida Nation has a proud history of supporting those in need in our community and across the region.



38

productive units of blood collected during American Red Cross blood drive held at Turning Stone Resort

\$18,000

donated through the Oneida Nation Foundation to nearly

80

local charities and organizations

\$1,000

donated to Feed Our Vets Utica Food Pantry

36,000
bars of soap

4,000 **11,000**
pounds of plastic pounds of waste

recycled through partnership with Clean the World, Inc.

21

families assisted during the holidays through employee efforts with Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family program

200+

toys collected for Toys for Tots and Stuff the Bus at Exit 33

\$10,776

raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by SāvOn in 2015

\$74,686

total raised for the MDA since 2011 by SāvOn

2016: PREVIEW

SAVE
THE
DATES

MARCH 28
Three Sisters Dinner



APRIL 10
Elders Brunch



MAY 26-27
Elders Conference



JUNE 24
Kid's Day





JULY 24
Oneida Member Picnic



AUGUST 6
Battle of Oriskany
Commemoration



ONEIDA

AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 5
Six Nations Village
at New York State Fair



SEPTEMBER 28
Enter the Healing Circle
Health Fair





The Guswenta

Two Row Wampum Belt: Symbol of Sovereignty

This belt symbolizes the agreement and conditions under which the Haudenosaunee welcomed the newcomers to this land.

“You say that you are our father and I am your son.
We say, ‘We will not be like Father and Son, but like Brothers.’”

This wampum belt confirms our words. These two rows will symbolize two paths or two vessels, traveling down the river of life together ~ side by side.

Our path, a birch bark canoe, will be for the Indian People, their laws,
their customs and their way of life.

We shall each travel the river together, side by side, but in our own boat.
Neither of us will make compulsory laws or interfere in the internal affairs
of the other. Neither of us will try to steer the other’s vessel.

~ from a 1613 agreement between the Haudenosaunee and representatives
of the Dutch government, declaring peaceful coexistence ~

The agreement has been kept by the Haudenosaunee to this date.



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