



Legends Casino Donates to Support Seniors

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We are honored that Yakama Nation Legends Casino has joined with HopeSource in supporting the senior rent program, demonstrating that neighbors have no borders when there is a need.

The senior rent program at HopeSource aims to ensure that no senior (65 and older) suffers from housing insecurity. With a fixed income, some seniors live in fear daily that they will not be able to pay their rent and extensive medical expenses, let alone their basic living expenses, or that the apartment they are in will raise their rent making them unable to afford it and cause them to lose their place. It is important that seniors are able to maintain their dignity and sense of honor even in time of significant need and important for us to demonstrate to the seniors and to ourselves that we are a community that protects and cares for this valued segment of society.

Barbara's story:

Barbara had worked for years as a CPA with a firm in Seattle. She retired and moved to Ellensburg to be near her children. After her husband's death, even with her talents for budgeting, her single social security income wasn't enough to meet her needs. Her medical expenses, including driving to Seattle for chemotherapy, simply cost her too much. She knitted hats for extra income, but every month she fell further and further behind. The Senior Rent Assistance program was able to help Barbara stay in her home and allowed her to focus on her fight against cancer.

It is unfortunate that not all seniors have families to help them through this period of their long lives or to offer them a place in their homes. It makes it even more important that people like you care for and value this vital group.

Thank you, Yakama Nation Legends Casino, for the significant gift of \$2500 for the senior rent program.