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**GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS MAKES DONATION TO DIABETES  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

ONAMIA, Minn. – In an effort to support diabetes awareness and fund research, Grand Casino Mille Lacs donated \$2 for every concert ticket purchased for the sold-out Bret Michaels shows this past weekend on November 6 and 7. In total, a donation of \$5,000 was made to the American Diabetes Association.

Since November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, and Bret Michaels, a type 1 diabetic himself, was performing, the casino saw this as a perfect opportunity.

“We have always believed in supporting causes that are important to our guests,” said Joe Nayquonabe, corporate vice president of marketing for the Corporate Commission of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. “We know that diabetes is a growing concern and that many families are impacted by the disease. And this was the perfect tie-in with the entertainment we had lined up.”

The first 500 concertgoers through the door each night also received a Bret Michaels diabetes awareness bracelet.

“On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we appreciate the donation from Grand Casino Mille Lacs,” said Molly Duerr, associate director for the Minnesota Area American Diabetes Association. “This donation will directly benefit diabetes research and educational programs. Grand Casino’s commitment to raise awareness of diabetes and its effects will be instrumental in the movement to confront, fight and, most importantly, *Stop Diabetes*<sup>SM</sup> in the state of Minnesota.”

**About Grand Casino Mille Lacs**

Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley are owned by the Corporate Commission of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians. The casinos feature gaming, accommodations, dining, conference and banquet facilities, live entertainment, and The Grand Harmony Spa at Grand Casino Hinckley. The casinos directly employ more than 2,800 people and cover more than 3,500 people with their insurance plan. The Band taxes these entities at 100 percent and utilizes the revenues to provide health care, education, and other programs and services to Band members. The Band also invests in infrastructure and economic development that directly benefit the entire community.