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~ unto the seventh generation ~

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OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SEVENTH GENERATION

The people and leadership of the Oneida Indian Nation have identified three principle, long-range goals to guide the community, as well as the economic development activities of the Nation, its administration and leadership.

The adopted long-range goals of the Oneida Indian 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 both the Oneida community and the surrounding communities.

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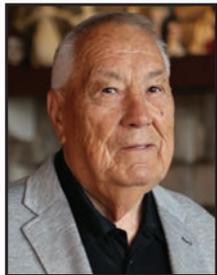


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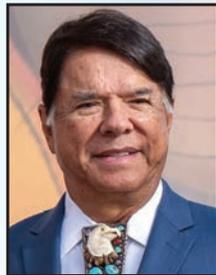


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Wolf Clan



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Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative



Jules Obomsawin

Bear Clan



Pete John



Brian Patterson



James Patterson



Kim Jacobs (Wolf Clan)
Nation Clerk

A Message from the Oneida Indian Nation Representative

Hold on to what you must do, even it is a long way from here.

- American Indian proverb

Shekólih.

Over the past year, the Oneida Indian Nation has continued to move forward with purpose and unity. Each milestone we reached reflects not only the hard work of our people, but also the long-term vision that guides our decisions. Our progress is never about a single moment—it is about strengthening the path we are laying for the generations who will inherit our collective success. Grounded in the Great Law of Peace, our leadership remains committed to creating opportunities that help our Members lead healthier, more stable, and more fulfilling lives.

One of the most memorable moments of the year came at the Great New York State Fair, where it was recognized as Oneida Year at the Six Nations Agricultural Society Indian Village. Thousands of visitors experienced Oneida culture

through our artists, dancers, storytellers, and artisans. The selection of Elaina Cook (Wolf Clan) as the 2025 Indian Village Princess highlighted the strength and promise of our youth, who carry our teachings forward. Her leadership—along with the contributions of many Nation Members—brought our culture to life and strengthened our presence across Central New York.



We also advanced significant economic initiatives that will shape our future for decades. The Turning Stone Evolution project, the largest expansion since the resort first opened, reflects our commitment to stable, sustainable growth. Combined with the Point Place Casino Hotel expansion and other strategic investments, these projects strengthen our enterprises, support local jobs, and reinforce our sovereignty in a rapidly changing regional economy.

Our investments extend well beyond economic development, too. Nation Members today have access to safer housing, expanded healthcare services, new opportunities for career advancement, and a Community Center that serves as a hub for wellness, learning, and connection. We continue to uphold and secure agreements that protect our sovereignty and restore our ancestral homelands. With more than 18,000 acres now held in federal trust—the greatest recognition of our land rights in over two centuries—we are rebuilding what was unjustly taken from previous generations.



We also remained committed to honoring the foundations of our sovereignty. We recognize and thank our veterans, whose service has strengthened our people and this country since the earliest days of the American Revolution. And we continue to uphold the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua, which affirmed our land rights and solidified our government-to-government relationship with the United States. Though our ancestors faced tremendous adversity, their resilience and determination remain central to our identity as a people.

The progress we have made this year is significant, but our responsibility endures. Protecting our lands, strengthening our Nation, and preparing the next generations will always guide our work.

Together—unified in purpose and guided by our teachings—we will continue building a future that honors our ancestors and empowers those who come after us.

Ná ki' wáh,

Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative



Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter delivered the keynote address at the Baccalaureate ceremony at Hamilton College in May, 2025. In his address, Halbritter spoke of the Oneida Indian Nation's role in the founding of Hamilton College. The College also conferred upon Halbritter an honorary degree.

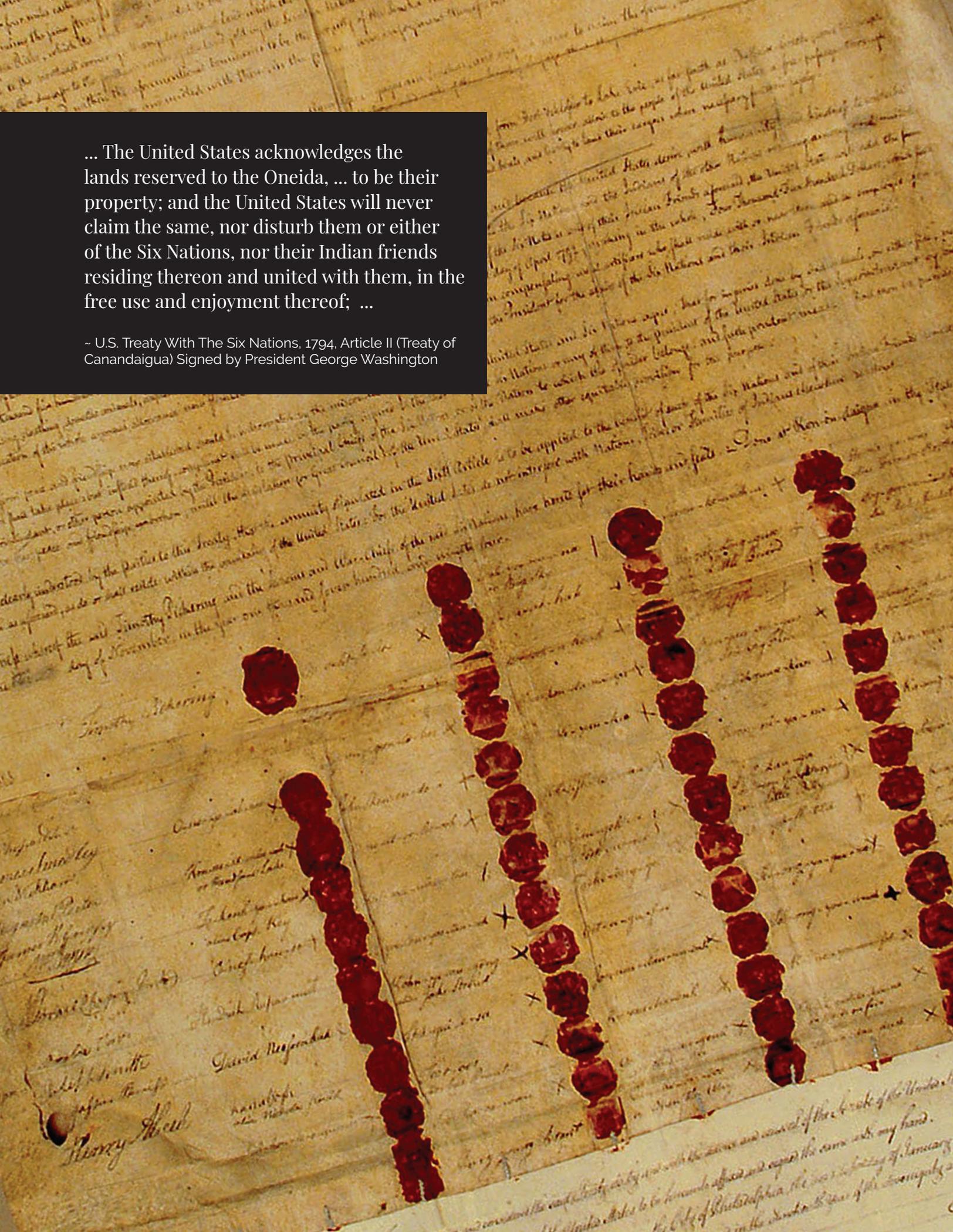
“One of the guiding principles we follow as Oneida people is to do all things for the benefit of the Seventh Generation. We know that our actions and choices have a far-reaching impact and seek to always act with our grandchildren’s grandchildren in mind. The evolution of this college from its humble beginnings and the community it is building today serve as a prime example of this kind of vision.”

- Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Ray Halbritter

Hamilton College and the Oneida Indian Nation share a relationship built on over 230 years of mutual respect, beginning with the founding of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy in 1793 through a partnership between Rev. Samuel Kirkland and Chief Shenendoah. In recent years, this connection has grown stronger through renewed collaboration, including the co-creation of a Land Acknowledgment that reflects the shared values and commitments of both communities, as well as a new grant secured by Hamilton College to support and expand these efforts. The Land Acknowledgment, collaboratively written and translated into the Oneida language, is both a recognition of historical ties and a commitment to future educational and cultural partnerships.

... The United States acknowledges the lands reserved to the Oneida, ... to be their property; and the United States will never claim the same, nor disturb them or either of the Six Nations, nor their Indian friends residing thereon and united with them, in the free use and enjoyment thereof; ...

~ U.S. Treaty With The Six Nations, 1794, Article II (Treaty of Canandaigua) Signed by President George Washington



Oneida Chief Cornelius Ojistalak declared the Oneida people’s *“unalterable resolution ... to hold fast the Covenant Chain of friendship with the United States, and with them to be buried in the same grave; or to enjoy the fruits of victory and peace.”*

- James Duane, Federal Treaty Agent, 1778

Covenant Chain of Friendship Remains Strong

As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary celebration of the July 4, 1776 adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the Oneida legacy as First Allies to the fledgling United States will undoubtedly be recalled by many. As our Oneida ancestors joined with the Americans in their fight for freedom and independence, they did so knowing full well the consequences of their allegiance. Yet they did what they knew was right, and they did it not for themselves, but for the future generations. But that legacy is more than history, it is a living heritage of mutual cooperation and partnerships that draw upon the bonds formed generations ago on the battlefields of the American Revolution.

Today, the Oneida Indian Nation remains committed to honor that legacy, and to hold fast the Covenant Chain of friendship. By participating in events that celebrate the historical bonds with the community the Nation is working to ensure that generations to come can learn about the Oneida’s important contributions to establishing the foundation of the United States, and preserve that role for posterity.



History Memorialized

In early June, Oneida Indian Nation Councilmembers Chuck Fougner (Wolf Clan) and Jules Obomsawin (Wolf Clan) participated in the unveiling of a historical marker in commemoration of the 1784 Treaty of Fort Stanwix in Rome, NY. The marker acknowledges the role The Marquis de Lafayette, a friend to the Oneida people, had in negotiating the treaty between the Haudenosaunee and the United States in September and October of 1784. The event was coordinated by the City of Rome, the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, the Fort Stanwix Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the Rome Historical Society.



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Sharing Recognition of Contributions to History

American Indian actor Wes Studi ("Dances with Wolves," "The Last of the Mohicans" and much more) was the recipient of the Lenfest Spirit of the American Revolution Award during an event held in June at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. The award recognizes individuals who advance public awareness and understanding of history. Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter and Museum President and CEO R. Scott Stephenson presented Studi with a medal during the event.

The Oneida Indian Nation was a founding donor to the Museum that opened in 2017, and the entire second-floor atrium at the Museum is named for the Nation. A prominent gallery, complete with recreated settings, pays homage to the rich historical account of the Oneida Indian Nation's heritage and role as America's First Allies.

"The names of Oneida heroes of the Revolution are etched forever in our oral history, along with the spirit and sacrifice of countless others whose actions helped form this country. They are not only Oneida patriots. They are American patriots."

- Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Ray Halbritter

Lafayette Returns: This Time to an Oneida Welcome

The Oneida Indian Nation was proud to participate in the celebration of the return of General Lafayette in Utica, NY on June 10, marking the 200th anniversary of the Revolutionary War hero's return trip to the fledgling United States just 50 years after the end of the war. In 1824, Gilbert du Motier, the Marquis de Lafayette and the last living major general from the American Revolutionary War, revisited the United States. His tour included stops along the Mohawk Valley where Lafayette famously looked for his Oneida friends. The Oneida Indian Nation had a strong relationship with Lafayette in the fight for freedom and equality, and are said to have given him the Oneida name of Kayewla, for 'great warrior,' after a meeting at Johnstown, NY, in 1778.

Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter, along with several local dignitaries, greeted Lafayette in downtown Utica prior to a dedication of Lafayette Park on Genesee Street. The American Friends of Lafayette and the Daughters of the American Revolution coordinated the event.





Oneidas Come Together with Community to Honor the 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany

On August 6, the community gathered to mark the 248th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany—one of the bloodiest and most important battles of the Revolutionary War. On that sweltering summer day in 1777, Oneida warriors and colonial militia fought side by side for liberty and self-determination, forging a partnership that helped shape the young United States.

Each year, Oneida Members return to the Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site to honor the ancestors who stood with the colonists in their fight against British oppression. Speaking on behalf of Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter and the Nation Council, Councilmember Jules Obomsawin (Wolf Clan) reflected on the powerful convictions that guided the Oneidas' decision. He explained that unlike the colonists, the Oneidas fought for a cause not originally their own. Inspired by the struggle

against tyranny, they believed all people deserved sovereignty and justice. That belief led them to fight in many battles, including at Oriskany, Saratoga, Valley Forge, and Barren Hill—choosing the principles of freedom over even the closest ties of family. Their courage earned them the title of America's First Allies, a bond that continues today.

At Oriskany, Oneida allies fought beside Gen. Nicholas Herkimer's militia to stop a British force advancing from the west. Their success prevented the British from joining troops moving south from Canada—an outcome that helped pave the way for the American victory at Saratoga. Many Oneida Members attended this year's ceremony, including Patti Welch (Bear Clan) and her mother, Kathy Patterson (Bear Clan), who continue a family tradition of honoring their ancestors, passed down by the late Bear Clan Mother Marilyn John.



Partnership Celebrates Historical Friendship

The Oneida Indian Nation's First Allies Cultural Festival, held at Fort Stanwix in Rome, NY August 2, honored the historic alliance between the Oneida and the United States during the Revolutionary War, including the Nation's role in defending Fort Stanwix against a British siege in 1777. The event highlighted the vibrant culture of the Oneida and Haudenosaunee through authentic arts, crafts, and social dance exhibitions.

The First Allies Craft Fair is presented in collaboration with the Shako:wi Cultural Center, Fort Stanwix National Monument and the Rome Historical Society.



Veterans Honored During Annual Recognition Ceremony

The Oneida Indian Nation welcomed more than 450 local veterans to its 24th annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony and Breakfast on Nov. 4 at Turning Stone Resort Casino, one of the events largest gatherings to date. Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter honored the long tradition of military service within the Nation and the region, thanking veterans for their sacrifices and commitment to liberty and justice.

Halbritter reflected on the Nation's legacy as America's First Allies, noting that today's veterans carry forward the same spirit of unity and dedication to freedom. "No matter where or when you served, you are part of this shared history," he said.

Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter also expressed their gratitude to the veterans in attendance.

During the ceremony, Oneida Indian Nation Member Nichola Aregano-Diaz (Turtle Clan) was recognized for her





service in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2001 to 2006, including multiple deployments to the Middle East. A Communications Specialist during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, she earned numerous commendations and medals for her service. She was presented with a Brave Star Blanket in honor of her contributions and continues to serve the community as General Manager of the Nation's Mary C. Winder Community Center.

Ryan McGinnis, a PGA Teaching Professional with Turning Stone's golf team, was also honored with a friendship feather for his work supporting veterans through the PGA HOPE program.

The event concluded with the Nation's donation to the Feed Our Vets Utica Pantry, supporting food assistance for veterans and their families.

Nation Receives Distinguished Designation

In Fall 2025, the Oneida Indian Nation received the Purple Heart designation from the Central New York Chapter #490 Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America. The designation was bestowed upon the Nation by Chapter Commander Joseph Fraccola during a presentation held at the Mary C. Winder Community Center. The Nation was honored for its legacy as America's First Allies, and the enduring friendship and service to local veterans and causes.

As America's First Allies, the Oneida Indian Nation is proud of its history of service and sacrifice in the U.S. Military. The Oneidas have fought alongside their American allies in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War, where Oneida ancestors contributed greatly to the American cause for freedom, suffering dearly in the process. Today, Oneidas and American Indians continue to serve in the U.S. Military at a higher per capita rate than any other ethnic group.



A Message from the Oneida Indian Nation Council

A community center is more than a building—it is a foundation for connection, growth, and possibility. Over the past year in its first full year of operation, the Mary C. Winder Community Center has become exactly that. It is a welcoming place where belonging is built-in and community comes to life. We are grateful to the dedicated staff who transformed a blank canvas into a vibrant hub for gathering, activity, and renewal.

With the flexibility to reimagine programming and introduce new opportunities, the Center's management, led by Nation Member Nichola Aregano-Diaz (Turtle Clan), created a space where all generations can come together. From staying active and reconnecting with long-standing traditions to launching new events and programs, the Center has quickly become a focal point of community life. The facility has also sparked a great sense of pride and regional engagement. From Oneida Lacrosse Club box lacrosse games to youth clinics hosted by partners such as Hamilton College's lacrosse program and Utica FC, the Center has welcomed not only our own people, but neighboring organizations into a truly world-class space. This is why the Mary C. Winder Community Center was built—not only as a place to gather, but as a symbol of leadership, partnership, and shared opportunity.

The Oneida Indian Nation views this work first and foremost as an investment in its Members, while also recognizing a

broader responsibility to lead by example. By prioritizing spaces, programs, and partnerships that serve our community, the Nation demonstrates how thoughtful collaboration, shared resources, and open engagement can strengthen an entire region. The Mary C. Winder Community Center reflects this commitment—rooted in service to Nation Members and extending outward as a place where partnerships form and collective success grows.

As more community members visit and engage with the Center, it continues to grow as both a community asset and a regional model of collaboration. Regular programming, including community dinners and seasonal events like the Fall Fest and Spring Fest, ensures there is something for everyone while supporting healthy lifestyles and meaningful connections.

Community is at the heart of everything we do. Community creates opportunity. The Oneida Indian Nation Council looks forward to the many opportunities still to come—for our people today and for generations yet to come.

Ná ki' wáh,

Oneida Indian Nation Council





Lifting Our People

Every year, the Oneida Indian Nation's Government Programs & Services strives to provide the resources that help Oneida people of all ages live fulfilling and purposeful lives. Guided by the promise to the seventh generation, the Nation invests in what will best support future generations. Whether through affordable housing, educational support, or the growing youth and recreation programs at the Mary C. Winder Community Center, these services are designed to lift our people and strengthen our future.

Community Center Continues to Grow

Over the past year, the Mary C. Winder Community Center has grown into a vibrant gathering place where Oneida culture is honored, connections are strengthened, and community spirit thrives. From the popular Community Dinners to the youth programs, weekly classes and activities, athletic events, and everyday moments in between, the energy and warmth shared have made it a true hub of belonging for the Oneida people, today and for our future generations.

The Community Center has proven to be more than just a building. It has become a symbol of Oneida resilience, determination and heritage that now serves at the core of our mission to provide the best opportunities and quality of life for our people.

In late June, the Nation marked the one-year anniversary of the Mary C. Winder Community Center with a special breakfast event featuring the Nation's Wáhta' maple syrup and the Wáhta' coffee blend created in partnership with Utica Coffee.

The Community Dinners and meals offered throughout the year proved to be one of the more popular programs offered. Many families gathered to take advantage of the affordably-priced healthy meal options provided by the Center staff.

Events such as the Spring Celebration, Honoring the Homelands Indigenous foodways event, Family Fall Fest

BY-THE-NUMBERS Community Center

Visits:

13,315 visits by Members and guests in 2025

- **457** registered family units
- **11,928** visits to the Fitness Floor

Youth Development Programs:

- **20** After School Program participants
- **26** Summer Jam 2.0 program participants
 - All participants received swim safety instructions
- **19** Teen Leadership program participants

Community Dinners:

- **1,783** meals served in 2025

and New Year's Eve Celebration brought families and community together in a safe, nurturing environment.

Community events and classes, such as First Aid/CPR certification, Lifeguard certification and Babysitting courses help ensure a safe and healthy community, while cultural classes and activities such as beading, gardening and cooking, continue the Haudenosaunee way of life.

2025 also welcomed the development of the Oneida Lacrosse Club, which hosted several games and an inaugural tournament with other teams in the region. In October, the Nation partnered with Hamilton College for a lacrosse clinic that drew dozens to the Center for a chance to work with the Hamilton College men's lacrosse team.

The Oneida Indian Nation is deeply thankful to the community members for embracing this space and to the staff of the Mary C. Winder Community Center for their passion and care in turning the Center into much more than a building.



Early Learning Center Sets the Stage for Future Success

Delivering academic and enrichment programs to Oneida Members, as well as other Americans Indians, remains a primary focus for Nation leadership. The Nation's Early Learning Center (ELC), located in the Ray Elm Children and Elders Center, is a central point of that focus.

Programming at the nationally accredited ELC is designed to nurture children's physical, cognitive, language and social-emotional growth through encouragement and interactive activities. The Center provided programming for 55 pre-school-aged children, assisting 43 families in 2025.

This year, educators at the ELC implemented ASQ-3 SE screening tool used to assess the developmental performance of the children in the areas of communication, social skills and problem-solving skills. The program also hosted a staff development day to provide ongoing reflection on inclusion, to strengthen support for children with neurodiversity challenges and to provide the staff with resources and tools to use in planning and assessing the children's learning goals.

Events at the ELC included an annual Car Seat Safety Check in cooperation with Madison County, and a family fun night held in August with Haudenosaunee social dancers led by Chris Thomas (Onondaga) and presentation by Jimbo Talbot of DrumQuest, providing inspirational musical therapy.



Summer Programming Provides Learning Experiences, Fun

Youth participating in the Oneida Indian Nation's reimagined Summer Jam 2.0 program enjoyed a variety of engaging activities and field trips that sparked creativity, stimulated learning, and connected them to culture.

The programming, which transitioned to the Mary C. Winder Community Center in 2025, followed several themes throughout the summer, including a "Healthy Me" series of activities that included fun and educational trips to go blueberry picking at Abbott's Farm, strawberry picking at Tasselberry Farm, a beach day at Jamesville Beach, and golf lessons with First Tee at Turning Stone's Sportsplex.

The Summer Jam 2.0 program closed out the season with a Family Day in August where participants received certificates celebrating their summer achievements before heading outside to enjoy the sunshine and some special activities.

The Oneida Indian Nation offers recreational and youth development programs for Nation Members and Health Services clients, all designed to support health, wellness, and personal growth.





Youth Work/Learn Program Continues to Build for the Future

The Oneida Indian Nation's Youth Work/Learn (YWL) Program offers American Indian youth meaningful opportunities for work, education, and cultural enrichment. Designed to cultivate job skills with civic responsibility, the program integrates community service, mentorship, and hands-on learning for its participants.

This past year, 14 youth participated: 8 in the Crew (ages 13–15) and 6 in the Mentorship Program (ages 16–20). The Crew balanced work, education, and cultural learning—completing projects like maintaining Nation properties,

helping prepare for the Member Family Picnic, and volunteering at The Great Swamp Conservancy. Participants in the 2025 Youth Work/Learn Crew were Adrian Rockwell, Blake Kaulback (Turtle Clan), Avery Scott, Alyssa Stout (Wolf Clan), Samantha Scott, Hayleigh Pawlikowski, Cavan Jacobs (Wolf Clan) and Toby Torres (Wolf Clan).

Cultural exploration was central to the program. The Crew attended beadwork workshops at Colgate University and visited the university's greenhouse and Visualization Lab, where they learned about stories told in the stars by various cultures. At the Shako:wi Cultural Center, they toured exhibits, listened to traditional stories, and contributed to a maintenance project by staining the front porch.

A visit to the Nation's Wáhta' Maple Farm offered a behind-the-scenes look into maple syrup production. Wáhta' Maple Farm team members guided the Crew through tools, techniques, and sustainable practices, followed by a walk through a maple grove to learn about forest management.



The Mentorship Program placed older participants in Nation enterprises to gain hands-on work experience aligned with their interests, helping them build professional and interpersonal skills. Returning to the program this year for placement with the Nation's retail operations were Larry Torres (Wolf Clan), Maple Leaf Market, Sherrill; Javlyn Aregano (Turtle Clan), SāvOn Plaza Mart, Oneida; and Braydon Homer, Territory Road SavOn, Oneida. Meanwhile, Daylah Rey Diaz, Rhys Kennedy (Wolf Clan) and Mariah Williams (Turtle Clan) assisted at Turning Stone Golf.

Education Unlocks New Opportunities

For years, Oneida Indian Nation Member Brittany Ninham (Turtle Clan) built a career in healthcare across central New York. But it wasn't until recently that she found the profession that truly resonated with her—occupational therapy. Guided by personal growth, cultural reconnection, and new academic opportunities, Brittany reshaped not only her career trajectory but also her sense of purpose.

Brittany's interest in healthcare was evident early on. She started her academic journey at Onondaga Community College and later transferred to Utica University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in health science. While working as a phlebotomist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, she met an occupational therapist whose work immediately captured her interest.

"I had never heard of occupational therapy before," she recalled. "She explained what she did and then I saw how diverse it can be."

Drawn to its broad scope—from physical rehabilitation to cognitive and mental health support—Brittany enrolled in Utica University's OT master's program. The program's community-based learning model allowed her to gain real-world experience at Crouse Hospital, Fayetteville-Manlius Elementary School, and the Center for Refugees in Utica. Each placement reaffirmed her desire to support people of all ages and backgrounds in living as independently as possible.

Her master's capstone deepened her understanding of the connection between health and cultural history. Brittany examined how intergenerational trauma in American Indian communities—rooted in the boarding school era and cultural suppression—continues to shape modern health disparities. Through a review of peer-reviewed studies, she found that early, culturally sensitive interventions are essential for healing physical, emotional, and psychological trauma. Social support, community involvement, and the guidance of Elders emerged as critical protective factors for youth experiencing stress or violence.

Though limited academic literature prevented her from focusing solely on cultural revitalization, Brittany emphasized its importance throughout her research. For Native communities, reconnecting to identity is a key part of creating safe, healing spaces.

"Helping other healthcare professionals understand the reasons behind these health disparities was really important," she said.

Brittany credits the Oneida Indian Nation's Scholarship Program with enabling her to pursue her advanced education. "Oh, I wouldn't have been able to do it without it. There's no way," she said. "I'm so thankful for that resource, especially with all the travel I had to do and my children at home."



Now newly equipped with her graduate training, Brittany hopes to serve the Oneida Indian Nation or other Indigenous communities through outreach, education, and culturally informed care. For her, occupational therapy is more than a profession—it is a means of fostering healing, empowerment, and cultural strength.

"Once I found a way to use what I've learned to help our communities," she said, "I knew that was exactly what I wanted to do."

BY-THE-NUMBERS Oneida Indian Nation Scholarship Program

20 students received scholarship assistance in 2025 to aid with the cost of higher education.

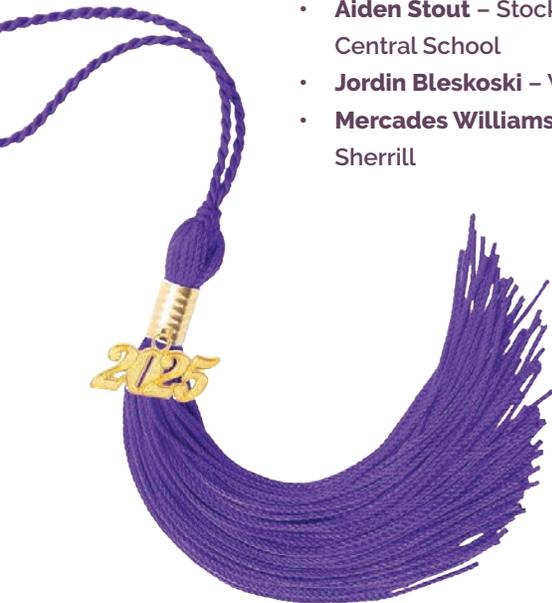
5 Degrees were awarded:

- **Claudia Cook** – MBA Degree from Syracuse University
- **Megan Chrisjohn** – BS from Miami Dade College
- **Marcella Heisey** – BA from Dartmouth College
- **Brittany Ninham** – Masters in Occupational Therapy from Utica University
- **Maegan Welch** – MBA from Hofstra University

25 High School/Middle School GPA incentives were awarded.

3 High School Diplomas were awarded:

- **Aiden Stout** – Stockbridge Valley Central School
- **Jordin Bleskoski** – Westhill high School
- **Mercades Williams** – Vernon Verona Sherrill



Onyota´a:ká: Language Program Releases Newest Children's Book

This year, the Oneida Indian Nation released its newest children's book, *Wisk Remembers*, a warm and engaging Onyota´a:ká: language-learning story that encourages readers to slow down and appreciate the teachings found in the natural world. Rooted in a traditional lesson about balance, gratitude, and mindfulness, the book highlights how noticing the world around us contributes to overall well-being.

Created in partnership with Madison-Oneida BOCES, *Wisk Remembers* is the sixth book in the Nation's language-learning series. It features original illustrations by Mohawk Valley Community College graduate Isabella Liscomb and includes both the Onyota´a:ká: text and a full English translation. Highlighted vocabulary and phonetic guides support readers in learning proper pronunciation. A QR code in the book links to an audio recording of the story in Oneida and a behind-the-scenes look at the illustration process. All language content was developed by Chelsea Jocko (Wolf Clan), the Nation's Language Instructor.

The story follows a family of chipmunks preparing for winter. While his siblings gather food, Wisk takes time to notice the colors and sounds of autumn. When winter arrives, the memories he collected help him remain calm and grounded, reminding readers that emotional nourishment is just as important as physical preparation.

“This book reflects one of our most important cultural teachings—that gratitude is something we practice every day.”

- Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Ray Halbritter

Wisk Remembers continues the Nation's long-standing educational partnership with Madison-Oneida BOCES. Copies are available at the Nation's Library and Early Learning Center.

This release builds on a collaborative effort that has produced posters, flashcards, calendars, and other resources that strengthen the Nation's language revitalization work.

Elders Stay Connected with Annual Gatherings

The Oneida Indian Nation offers a variety of events throughout the year to support its Elders and provide opportunities to reconnect with family, friends, and community. In April, the annual Elders Dinner was held in the Oneida Room at Turning Stone Resort Casino—an event long favored by Elders for its buffet-style meal and live entertainment. In 2025, the evening featured a performance by the well-known Native rock and blues band, The Ripcords, which includes Irv Lyons Jr. (Wolf Clan). The music had many Elders taking to the dance floor and enjoying the celebration together.

During the summer, the Nation's Police Department hosted its annual Elders Barbecue at the Ray Elm Children & Elders Center. This year, it welcomed a large group in the dining room, creating a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere.

In November, the Elders Program hosted its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Several Oneida Indian Nation Council members joined the Elders for the meal, which was prepared by Elders Program Cook Charisse Gibson (Wolf





Clan). Nation Police officers assisted with serving the meal, providing another opportunity to build connections with the community they serve.

In addition to these gatherings, Elders hosted their own craft fair and the annual Basket Bonanza. The Basket Bonanza serves as a fundraiser to support additional day and overnight trips—activities that remain especially popular among Elders. The craft fair, held at the Ray Elm Children and Elders Center and open to the public, offers Elder artisans another opportunity to showcase and sell their handmade creations.

BY-THE-NUMBERS Oneida Indian Nation Elder's Program

30 Oneida Elders participated in the programming along with 8 other American Indian participants.

An average of **38** meals were provided daily through the Congregate Meals Program, including dine-in, take-out and in-home delivery.

- **10,000** meals total (4000 dine in, 5250 take out, 750 home delivered)

55 off site trips were taken, including two overnight outings.

- Day trips included a visit to the New York State Fair for American Indian Day, Fly Creek Cider Mill, Verona Beach, the Cove in Sylvan Beach, the Regional Market, monthly trips to Turning Stone Resort Casino and many others.

Special event attendance:

- **200** - Elder's Dinner
- **75** - Nation Police BBQ
- **95** - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- **80** - Holiday Dinner

Three Sisters Dinner Brings Community Together with a Focus on Healthy Living

The Oneida Indian Nation hosted its annual Three Sisters Dinner at Turning Stone Resort Casino's Shenendoah Clubhouse in November. Sponsored by the Nation's Diabetes Program, the event gave attendees the opportunity to learn about diabetes management, ask health-related questions, and gain useful tools for living a healthier life.

Organized by Diabetes Program Coordinator Mollie Tracy with the Nation's Health Services team, the evening featured a panel discussion with Dr. Juan Packer, Nurse Practitioner Christina Riggall, and Behavioral Health Manager Jill Gustin. After the discussion, guests enjoyed a healthy buffet prepared by the Turning Stone culinary team. Barb George-Winton (Wolf Clan) also made the delicious corn soup for the gathering.



The Oneida Indian Nation Health Services Yukwata'kali:ték (yoon gwa duh ga lee dake) diabetes self-management education program is accredited through the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). This recognition certifies that the Nation's diabetes program meets all standards set forward by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and salutes the department's comprehensive diabetes education program that integrates educational, clinical and public health services.



A Trek of a Lifetime

When Amy Ernenwein (Turtle Clan) dipped her bike wheels into the Pacific Ocean on May 23, she wasn't chasing a record. She was beginning a cross-country adventure that would take her 4,308 miles over 109 days. With her friend Dan Mitchell, she rode through mountain passes, open plains, busy roads and quiet backcountry, carrying all her gear in four bags. Their journey ended at Coney Island, where they touched the Atlantic after months on the road.

The ride tested them in every way. Heat, wind, flat tires, steep climbs and long periods of isolation demanded patience and grit. Each morning, Amy reminded herself, "You just can't quit on a bad day." That steady mindset came from an earlier trek along the Appalachian Trail. On the fourth day of that hike, she realized she could endure far more than she once thought, and that confidence stayed with her.

What Amy remembers most about her ride across the country, though, is how many people showed kindness along the way—whether it was offering assistance after a blown tire, a ride into town for dinner after a long day, or simple words of encouragement. "People took the time for you," she said.

Their route carried them through remarkable places: Coeur d'Alene territory in Idaho, Yellowstone, the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota, and the Cascade Mountains. Back home, Amy's parents marked her progress each night in a map journal, tracking challenges and victories alike.

For Amy, the journey was never about speed. It was about resilience, curiosity and the belief that anyone can pursue an adventure if they commit to it.



Annual Member Picnic Builds Memories

More than 650 Oneida Indian Nation Members and their guests gathered in July for the 29th annual Member Family Picnic, held at the former Peaceful Pines Campgrounds in Verona. Members enjoyed a wide variety of entrées that included steaks, bison burgers, clams, salads, desserts, and other favorites prepared by the award-winning Turning Stone Enterprises culinary team.

Although a brief downpour passed through at the start of the afternoon, it did little to dampen the spirit of the event. Members came together to reconnect, share a meal, and celebrate community, making this year's picnic one of the most well-attended in recent years.





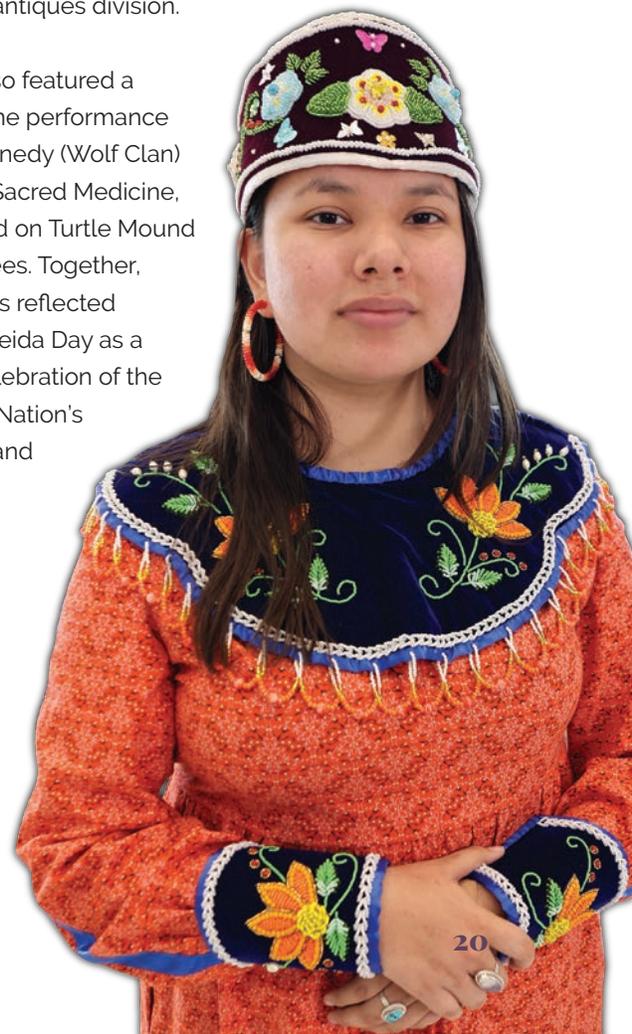
Oneida Year Celebrated at the Great New York State Fair

In 2025, as the Six Nations Agricultural Society Indian Village at the Great New York State Fair celebrated Oneida Year, the Nation was honored to select Elaina Cook (Wolf Clan) as the Indian Village Princess. Throughout the Fair, Elaina shared Oneida and Haudenosaunee traditions with visitors by leading three daily social dance presentations and engaging fairgoers in conversations about Oneida culture and history.

During the special program on Oneida Day, Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter introduced Elaina to visitors gathered at Turtle Mound and offered reflections on the history and enduring presence of the Oneida people. He also honored the legacy of Emily Johnson (Turtle Clan), a beloved Elder who spent many years at the Fair sharing her beadwork and crafts at the Oneida booth.

The Nation recently acquired one of her quilts—an intricate piece depicting the Haudenosaunee nations and honoring the lasting work of Dr. Erl Bates, who helped establish the Indian Village. The quilt was awarded first place in the Indian Village antiques division.

Oneida Day also featured a special first-time performance by Jeremy Kennedy (Wolf Clan) and his band, Sacred Medicine, who performed on Turtle Mound for Fair attendees. Together, these moments reflected the spirit of Oneida Day as a meaningful celebration of the Oneida Indian Nation's past, present, and future.





Expanding Horizons for the Future Generations

In 2025, the Oneida Indian Nation saw tremendous growth throughout its enterprises, with several expansion initiatives leading the way. The major investments are focused on strengthening the Nation's position as a leading catalyst for economic development and prosperity throughout the region. With diversification, such as cannabis cultivation, advanced information technology services and maple production to go along with the award-winning gaming and hospitality the Turning Stone Enterprises brands have come to be known for, the Oneida Indian Nation is working to secure its economic foundation and the wellbeing of the Oneida People for generations to come.

Turning Stone Evolution Ahead of Schedule, Arriving this Summer

In October, Oneida Indian Nation leadership announced the Turning Stone Evolution will arrive ahead of schedule, as The Crescent Hotel and Salt, an elevated fine-dining destination, make their debut on June 29, 2026 with the opening of The Grand Expo conference and event center to follow on Labor Day 2026.

The Turning Stone Evolution represents a generational investment in the Oneida Indian Nation's enterprises and Upstate New York. This \$370 million capital investment will also generate a one-time economic impact exceeding \$600 million and create more than 3,500 construction and related jobs. At the same time, the Evolution has dramatically increased vendor spending, with \$263 million invested with New York State vendors and more than \$161 million spent with businesses in Oneida, Madison and Onondaga Counties. Since the project began, the Oneida Indian Nation has issued 90 awards to subcontractors in support of the Turning Stone Evolution, including 60 awarded to New York State businesses.

The Oneida Indian Nation is proud to continue growing partnerships like these with local businesses, which have always been essential to its growth and success and will help create new opportunities across the region.

The Turning Stone Evolution also includes a new 1,600-space parking garage, doubling existing indoor parking capacity at the resort, and an on-site medical center that will serve team members, their families and resort guests.

“The Turning Stone Evolution is a transformational investment in bringing new people to Upstate New York and giving them reasons to return. Everything the Evolution is creating will allow us to compete with some of the top tourism and events markets in the country—destinations like New York City, Chicago, Orlando and more—and demonstrate what we have always known about Upstate New York: that we have everything these destinations offer and more.”

- Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Ray Halbritter

Already one of the region's largest workforces with more than 5,000 team members, Turning Stone Enterprises will be hiring for more than 350 positions to support the Turning Stone Evolution in 2026.

These investments in the Turning Stone Evolution build upon the Oneida Indian Nation's role as an engine for growth and economic development in Upstate New York. In 2022, an economic impact analysis conducted by Oxford Economics, one of the world's leading global independent advisory firms, found that Turning Stone and the Nation's other business operations generated a more than \$1 billion economic impact within the region.





Prior to the final beam being raised into place, Nation Members added their names to the hundreds of signatures it carried, marking the milestone event.

With strategic investments like the Turning Stone Evolution, and across all of these business operations, the Nation is able to continue our role as an economic engine for Upstate New York and, most importantly, support the essential government programs and services that support the success, well-being and prosperity of the Oneida people.

Crescent Topped in Style

Earlier in 2025, Oneida Indian Nation Members and Nation leadership joined local elected officials, construction partners and community partners for a first look at the Turning Stone Evolution progress during a topping ceremony for the 258-room Crescent Hotel.

Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Turning Stone Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter delivered remarks during the event along with Oneida County Executive Tony Picente, Madison County Chairman Jim Cunningham, New York State Senator Joe Griffo, New York State Assembly Members Marianne Buttenschon and Brian Miller along with several construction partners and community leaders.



Point Place Expansion Marks Significant Growth

Kicking off 2025 the Oneida Indian Nation gathered with elected officials, representatives of the building trades, community leaders and its team members in February for a topping ceremony to recognize a milestone in its major expansion at Point Place Casino Hotel. During the event, the final beam required for the first phase of the \$50 million expansion was raised by construction workers working on the project. Before its installation, the beam was signed by Point Place Casino team members, the Oneida Indian Nation Council and regional partners.

Over the summer, the first phase of the expansion of the Bridgeport casino was celebrated with the opening of an expanded gaming floor, more than 400 new slot machines, a renovation of the Fireside Lounge a fully remodeled and expanded Perfect Pour Café and more.



A few short months after the opening of the expanded gaming floor, the Oneida Indian Nation celebrated the grand opening of the newly expanded Point Place Casino Hotel on November 17, marking the completion of a transformative \$50 million investment that added a new 99-room hotel to the property, a farm-to-fork restaurant The Forest Grill, Birch Trading Co., and The Evergreen – a 1,500 square foot event space. Designed to be a gathering place for the Bridgeport community and to support regional tourism, Point Place Casino Hotel brings economic development and job creation to Madison County.



The milestone event brought together Oneida Indian Nation leadership, elected officials, labor partners, business leaders, and community representatives to commemorate the opening with the unveiling of an updated Point Place Casino Hotel logo over the original log used for a ceremonial log cutting to mark the property's grand opening in 2018.

“This property has not stopped growing since it opened in 2018, and it has been remarkable to see how much excitement this facility has brought to the area. The Oneida Indian Nation has been so important to the prosperity of our region, and we are just one of the many businesses that have been impacted and fortunate enough to benefit from that partnership.”

- Hayner Hoyt Corporation President Jeremy Thurston

Along with a host of exciting new offerings, the Point Place Casino Hotel expansion created approximately 250 construction jobs and a variety of full-time and part-time permanent roles for area residents.



Wáhta' Maple Farm Doubles Production Over 2024 Totals

The Oneida Indian Nation's Wáhta' Maple Farm collected 108,000 gallons of sap to produce 1,400 gallons of organic maple syrup during the 2025 season, doubling production over 2024. Beginning in March, the Wáhta' team installed 6,150 taps, allowing them to collect the sap and produce the premium-grade maple syrup.

Wáhta' Maple Farm also expanded their offerings in 2025, including partnering with Utica Coffee Roasting Co. to create a brand-new maple coffee blend and expanding its lineup. New all-organic products include a coffee bean infused maple syrup, granulated maple sugar, maple cream and cinnamon and vanilla bean infused maple syrup. In addition, maple candies, maple cotton candy, and barrel-aged syrups are available for purchase at Maple Leaf Markets and SāvOn locations, Turning Stone Resort Casino, Point Place Casino Hotel, YBR Casino & Sports Book, and the Shako:wi Cultural Center.

Maple sap and syrup hold a special place in Haudenosaunee culture, and with Wáhta' Maple Farm, the Oneida Indian Nation is able to share this tradition throughout the region. The Oneida people consider maple sap to be a gift from the Creator that provides a sweet reward for enduring the cold and challenges of Upstate New York winters.

All Wáhta' Maple Farm syrup is certified organic by NOFANY Certified Organic, LLC and produced on Oneida Indian Nation homelands using sustainable practices that honor the Nation's commitment to serving as stewards of the environment. No chemicals or pesticides are used within the sugarbush or on adjacent lands, and sustainable forestry practices help ensure that maple trees within the sugarbush remain healthy. Thanks to advanced reverse-osmosis equipment, the Wáhta' Maple Farm team is also able to maximize yield, reducing waste products related to syrup production.

WÁHTA' MAPLE FARM INCREASED PRODUCTION 2023-2025

2023

- 2,000 trees tapped
- 32,650 gallons of sap collected
- 500 gallons of syrup produced

2024

- 3,200 trees tapped
- 50,800 gallons of sap collected
- 675 gallons of syrup produced

2025

- 6,150 trees tapped
- 108,000 gallons of sap collected
- 1,400 gallons of syrup produced



Verona Collective Expands

Verona Collective welcomed guests to its newest dispensary, located in Bridgeport in September. The new cannabis dispensary spans nearly 3,800 sq. ft. with a spacious, comfortable design allowing guests to browse Verona Collective's full line of cannabis flower, prerolls, vapes and edibles, like chocolates and gummies. A drive-thru window, the first of its kind for Verona Collective, also allows quick and easy pickup for online orders.

The new dispensary is a short distance from Onondaga County and the fifth from the Oneida Indian Nation's seed-to-sale cannabis operation. It was also the third Verona Collective dispensary to open in 2025, joining new locations in Sherril and Chittenango that opened in January.

Also in 2025, Verona Collective's flagship location in the Verona Crossroads retail plaza received a beautiful new mural created by one of the Northeast's premier muralists, Russell Mason. The collaboration between the artist and the Oneida Indian Nation's cannabis enterprise was especially significant for both parties as Mason spent several years as part of the Turning Stone Resort Casino team before beginning a full-time career as an artist.

From creating the concept for the mural to painting its rich details, Mason was also excited by the energy at Verona Collective and the opportunity to enhance the dispensary with a one-of-a-kind design.



“Turning Stone was a great place to work because the culture there is like a family. Once you’re in that family, you’re always part of it. There’s also a lot of support for artists and everyone with creative passions outside of their work, which is rare to find. I’d recommend a career here to anyone.”

- Russell Mason

Since opening its first dispensary in 2024, Verona Collective has consistently exceeded all expectations for quality products, elevated guest experiences and competitive pricing. All Verona Collective products are made exclusively with cannabis grown in Upstate New York in a 50,000-sq. ft. grow facility located on Oneida Indian Nation lands and held to the same award-winning standards as all of the Nation's business enterprises.



Record-Breaking Investments Bring Jobs, Opportunities

Since the creation of its enterprises more than three decades ago, the Oneida Indian Nation has been committed to continuous reinvestment. Doing so has helped create a brighter future for all Nation Members and has made the Nation an engine for economic development and the growth of tourism across this region. This includes extensive partnerships with the region's businesses that resulted in a record-breaking \$850 million investment in its workforce, capital projects and spending with regional businesses in 2025.

These major investments grew by more than \$150 million over 2024 and include more than \$542 million for capital spending and vendor payments across the Nation's enterprises (with over \$377 million invested with New York State vendors) and over \$305 million in payroll, 401(k) retirement savings and healthcare benefits for its workforce.

Year-over-year, the Nation increased its capital expenditures by a massive 73 percent, grew spending with New York State vendors by 43 percent and raised overall vendor spending by approximately 30%. Overall, the Oneida Indian Nation generates a more than \$1 billion economic impact annually in Upstate New York.

As part of its spending with New York State vendors, the Nation also expanded investments with vendors across the tri-county area, which grew by 78 percent over 2024 to \$286,511,726 in 2025, largely in part to the Turning Stone Evolution, the largest expansion in the history of Turning Stone Resort Casino. Last year, the Nation invested with 1,319 New York State vendors, including 785 vendors across the tri-county region.

In November, the Nation celebrated the grand opening of the newly expanded Point Place Casino Hotel, a transformative \$50 million investment that added a new hotel to the property, a farm-to-fork restaurant The Forest Grill, Birch Trading Co., and a group event space. That opening came on the heels of the announcement in October that the Turning Stone Evolution will welcome guests ahead of schedule as The Crescent Hotel and Salt make their debut this summer on June 29. The Grand Expo will open shortly after on Labor Day. The Turning Stone Evolution was initially anticipated to open in 2027.

BY-THE-NUMBERS Oneida Indian Nation 2025 Employment Impact

\$305,820,548

Total Payroll, Healthcare Benefits and 401(k) Investment Plan Contributions to more than **5,200** Team Members



BY-THE-NUMBERS
Oneida Indian Nation
2025 Economic Impact

\$542,068,817

Total Vendor Spending with **2,823** Vendors

\$224,621,942

Total Capital Project Spending

\$377,175,186

Total New York State Vendor Spending
with **1,319** Vendors

\$286,511,726

Total 3-County Vendor Spending

\$260,238,825

Total Vendor Spending with
358 Vendors in Onondaga County

\$22,083,424

Total Vendor Spending with
275 Vendors in Oneida County

\$4,189,477

Total Vendor Spending with
152 Vendors in Madison County



Partnership Brings New Medical
Aesthetics Practice to Turning Stone

In March, Turning Stone Resort Casino and Rome Health launched Áhsi' Aesthetics by Rome Health, a new medical aesthetics practice located at the resort. The new medspa is fully operated by Rome Health and overseen by a team of highly trained medical professionals delivering treatments from a fully renovated space located inside Áhsi' Day Spa at Turning Stone.

With this partnership, Turning Stone continues the evolution of its current world-class spas, which have earned top honors from industry experts that include Condé Nast Johansens, Forbes Travel Guide, Spas of America and more.

Áhsi' Aesthetics by Rome Health offers a range of advanced aesthetic and wellness treatments, including LED light therapy, laser skin resurfacing, RF microneedling, and injectables like neurotoxins and fillers.

Car Care Welcomes New Technology

In September Turning Stone Enterprises celebrated the grand opening of the brand-new tunnel Car Wash at Turning Stone Car Care, including three tiers of car wash services and a Clean Ride Club to accommodate guests' needs. The original car wash at Turning Stone Car Care, located directly across from Turning Stone Resort Casino, was completely reimagined with new state-of-the-art technology.

A 'Brand' New Offering from Maple Leaf
Markets and SāvOn Convenience Stores

Also in 2025, Turning Stone Enterprises launched its own brand of pizza, called Valori Pizzeria. The fresh brand is available exclusively at Maple Leaf Market and SāvOn Convenience Stores, and utilizes products such as Utica Coffee brew flavors to craft creative offerings. In July, the 12 store locations collectively sold more than 10,000 slices in one week.



Setting a Standard for Hospitality and Entertainment

Turning Stone Resort Casino distinguished itself once again as a premiere resort destination for hospitality and entertainment in 2025, drawing guests from across the globe for remarkable events such as the International Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend and the World Series of Poker.

As part of the International Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Weekend held in June, Turning Stone Resort Casino partnered with Salita Promotions to present an electrifying night of boxing titled "Hall of Fame Fight Night," broadcast live worldwide on DAZN. The Friday, June 6 event featured USBA American heavyweight titlist Brandon Moore clashing the undefeated Stanley Wright in a bout won by Moore after five rounds.



In addition to the full night of boxing, International Boxing Hall of Fame Induction featured several events at Turning Stone, including the Banquet of Champions and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of a stellar class lead by Manny Pacquiao.

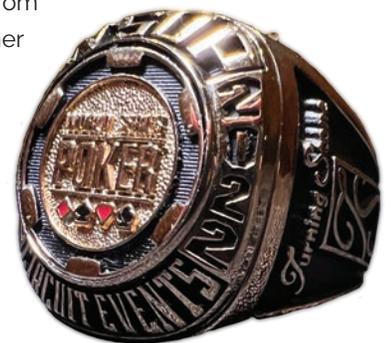
The Induction Ceremony had for years been held at the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, but was moved to Turning Stone in 2024.

The team at Turing Stone completed a flawless conversion of The Event Center at Turning Stone from a boxing venue full of 3,000 fans Friday night, to a stunning dining room that served 1,300 guests for the Banquet of Champions on Saturday, one of the largest dinner crowds ever served at Turning Stone.



In March, Turning Stone Resort Casino was the battleground for poker's most prestigious tournament, hosting its fourth World Series of Poker Circuit Events. As the only Circuit stop in New York State, the resort drew a staggering 15,063 entries, paid out \$6,078,860 in prize money and awarded 18 coveted gold rings. All 18 ring winners earned complimentary entries to the World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas and the \$1 Million Free Roll Tournament in Commerce, California.

Taylor Hart hailing all the way from Portland, Oregon, was the winner of the main event, taking home more than \$280,000 in winnings along with claiming his third Circuit ring.



TOP INDUSTRY ACCOLADES FOR 2025



The Lodge at Turning Stone received the coveted Award for Excellence in the "Immersive Experience" category by Condé Nast Johansens.

The Lodge at Turning Stone is one of 16 properties in the U.S. and Caribbean to receive the honor and the only one in the State of New York.

Forbes Travel Guide, the world's foremost authority in hospitality and luxury travel, awarded Turning Stone Resort Casino with four of its prestigious Four-Star Awards for 2025.

The Lodge, Skanā: Spa, TS Steakhouse and Wildflowers were recognized among the year's elite Four-Star Award winners.

Turning Stone Resort Casino earned 31 awards in Casino Player Magazine's 2025 Best of Gaming Awards, including the coveted #1 Best Overall Gaming Resort award and 12 other first-place honors.

The Lodge, The Tower Hotel, and Wildflowers were honored with AAA's Four Diamond Award designation for the Western and Central New York region.

Turning Stone Resort Casino once again was awarded Best Overall Dining in New York State in Casino Player Magazine's annual Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards. In addition to the Best Overall Dining Award, Turning Stone also earned 12 additional honors for 2025.

Smart Meetings, the leading community for event professionals recognized Turning Stone Resort Casino with a prestigious 2025 Platinum Choice Award, presented to the industry's top-ranked hotels, venues and destinations.

TS Steakhouse at Turning Stone Casino Resort garnered a USA Today 10 BEST Readers' Choice Award, dubbed by voters nationwide to be among the 10 best American Casino Restaurants.

Shenendoah, Kaluhyat and Atunyote all made Golfweek's list of Best Public Golf Courses for 2025 while Atunyote was listed among the Top 200 Resort Golf Courses in the U.S. by Golfweek.



Partnerships for a Better Community

Building on the Oneida people's long tradition of sharing their resources with others in need, the Oneida Indian Nation has long been dedicated to the charitable and civic causes of Central New York and throughout Indian Country.



In 2025, the Oneida Indian Nation was pleased to once again partner with the YWCA Mohawk Valley and Liberty Resources to help raise funds for their annual Purple Ribbon Campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). Donations totaling **\$7,703.30** were collected from the generous guests of the Nation's SāvOn and Maple Leaf Market convenience stores throughout the month to help the organizations provide critical, free, and confidential domestic violence crisis services in the Oneida and Madison County areas.

The Oneida Indian Nation has partnered with the YWCA and Liberty Resources in the Purple Ribbon Campaign for several years, helping to raise more than **\$64,000** since 2016.



Similar partnerships benefit organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Since the beginning of the partnership in 2004, the Oneida Indian Nation and its retail operations have raised more than **\$377,000** for the MDA, including **\$10,727.11** during the 2025 Summer Camp Campaign.

Funds raised through this campaign help the MDA enhance the lives of children and families affected by muscular dystrophy — support made possible by the continued commitment of the Oneida Indian Nation.





Oneida Indian Nation Shares Special Relationship with The Arc Madison Cortland

During a brief 10-day fundraising period in March of 2025, the Oneida Indian Nation's Maple Leaf Markets and SāvOn Convenience Stores raised over **\$6,800** for the Builders of The Arc Foundation, the fundraising arm of The Arc Madison Cortland. The fundraiser was held in March to celebrate National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

With money raised during the campaign, the Oneida Indian Nation helped the Arc Madison Cortland's mission to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our communities.

The Arc Madison Cortland recognized Turning Stone Enterprises as Employer of the Year during its annual meeting in September. The Employer of the Year award is given to organizations that show exceptional commitment to creating equal employment opportunities for individuals who are part of The Arc's vocational services program. Turning Stone Enterprises also received a Certificate of Merit from New York State Assembly Member Brian Miller for its role as an inclusive employer. In 2025, Turning Stone Enterprises employed 15 team members who were part of The Arc's vocational program in 2025.

Oneida Indian Nation Police Honor Local Law Enforcement, Celebrate Partnerships

Last fall, the Oneida Indian Nation hosted more than 140 members of local, state and federal law enforcement at the award-winning Kaluhyat Golf Course at Turning Stone Resort Casino for the 2025 Oneida Indian Nation Charity Golf Tournament.

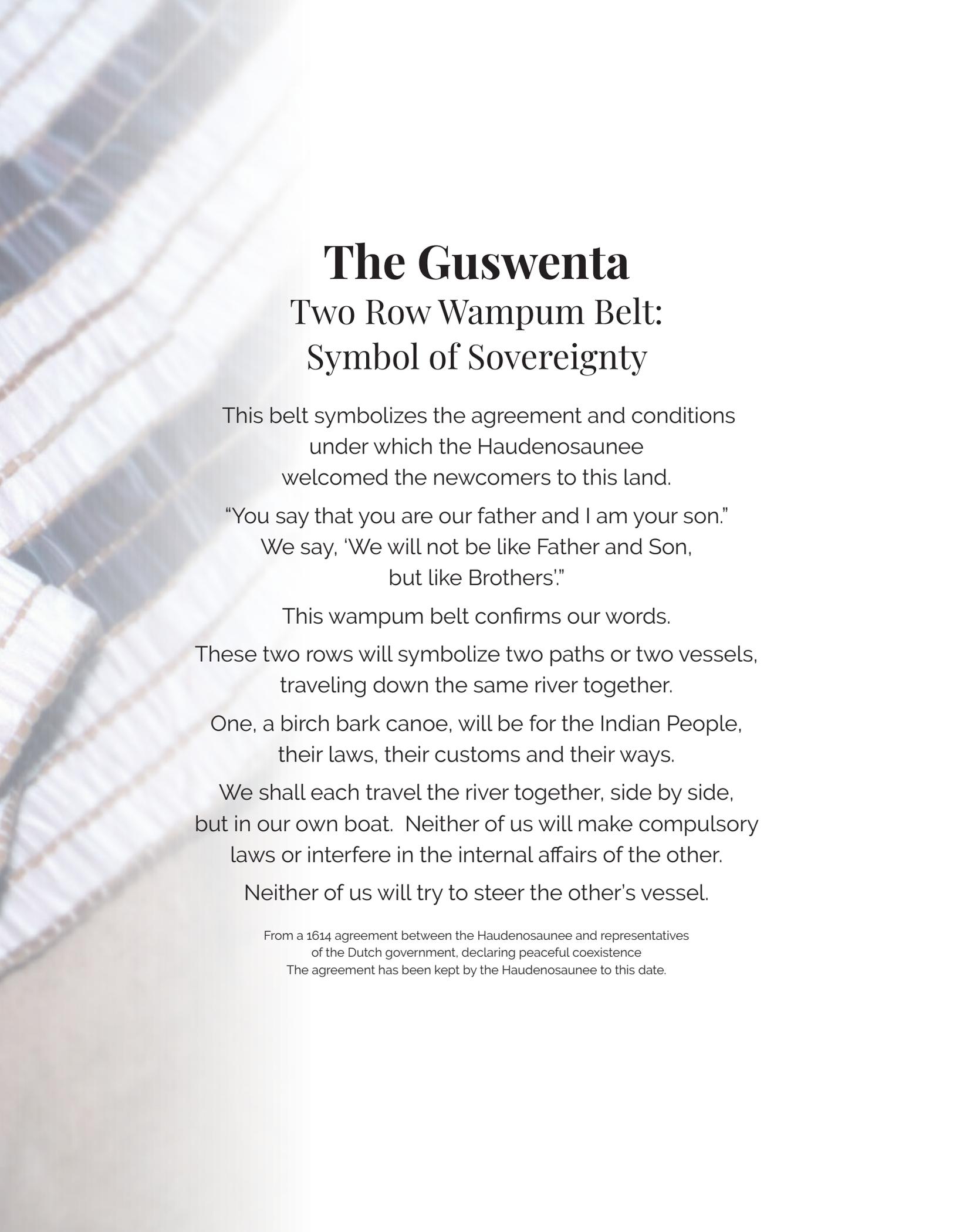
All proceeds from the Oneida Indian Nation Charity Golf Tournament hosted at Turning Stone benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization that promotes officer safety training, provides public education and honors fallen officers. The 2025 golf tournament raised **\$10,800**.



This event is held in appreciation of the commitment shown by regional law enforcement agencies in serving Upstate New York communities and to honor the strong partnerships between these agencies and the Oneida Indian Nation Police Department. These partnerships, including the deputization agreement between the Nation's police department and the Madison and Oneida County Sheriffs' Offices, have been widely recognized as a national model for tribal and local public safety coordination. Since the golf tournament's inception, nearly **\$25,000** has been raised in support of the organization.



Replica two-row
wampum belt



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 same river together.

One, a birch bark canoe, will be for the Indian People, their laws, their customs and their ways.

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 1614 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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