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BLACK RIVER FALLS- Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented Mike DeRosa a check December 14th for \$3,000 to go towards the VFW Unmet Needs Program.

This is the 8th year Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has supported the Unmet Needs Program, which provides immediate financial help to the local families of deployed military service members of up to \$2,500. They help with car payments, electric bills, vehicle repairs, home repairs and most of their funds go towards rent and mortgage payments. If you are or know of a deployed service member's family in need of immediate help or are a member of the military who has been discharged since 9/11/01, go online to http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/ where you can request it.

All funds raised in Wisconsin stay in Wisconsin to help our local military families when they experience financial difficulties. Back in 2007, Mike DeRosa, owner of several Burger King locations, saw a need to raise funds for the Unmet Needs program. Since then, Burger King has raised over \$3.8 million. Just this year, \$18,000 has been raised plus approximately \$21,000 from special community contributions including \$3,000 donated every year by Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls.

There are over 1,000 Burger King locations around the United States that support the VFW Unmet Needs program. Go to www.vfw.org for details on eligibility and application.

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