



## News Release

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### **Southland Gaming & Racing Donates \$3,028 to The Jackson-Wonder Elementary School**

**WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. (September 10, 2018)** – On August 29, 2018, Southland Gaming & Racing presented The Jackson-Wonder Elementary School in West Memphis, AR with a check for \$3,028 on Wednesday, August 29. Southland Gaming is Jackson-Wonder’s partner in the West Memphis, AR Partners in Education program.

Partners in Education is a nationwide organization that is designed to partner individual schools with local businesses in their community to assist the schools with issues they may have throughout the school year above and beyond their normal operations. The West Memphis school district is a longtime participant in the PIE program and several businesses in West Memphis partner up with individual schools. Normally, schools located in lower income areas are targeted first in order to make sure they have a business partner to assist them, however, West Memphis has a business partner for each of the schools in the West Memphis school district.

“Education is economic development,” said Neki Catron, Southland Gaming Community Outreach Manager, “Our economy depends on a skilled, educated workforce, and Partners In Education helps foster relationships between businesses and schools that last generations.”

Jackson-Wonder School Co-Principal, Leman Brown stated, “This Southland Gaming contribution will be used to expand learning activities in literacy, mathematics, and science by enabling the school to purchase additional manipulatives, supplies, literature, and audiovisuals that will aide in our school creating more inclusive environments for our scholars.”

Jackson-Wonder School Co-Principal, Annette Frazier said, “As this is the first year as the Jackson-Wonder Elementary School, we are focused on functioning as one team with one vision.

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We are excited about our journey to aspire the Leaders of Tomorrow through enhanced focus on Literacy, Mathematics, and Science, and are thankful for the gains our scholars made during the 2017/2018 school year. We look forward to strengthening our relationships with parents, and the community as we work together to promote the health, wellbeing, and learning of all students.”

**About Southland Park Gaming & Racing**

Southland Gaming & Racing has been a major racing venue for more than 60 years and has over 2,000 electronic games of skill -- including video poker and blackjack -- as well as the World Market Buffet, Bourbon Street Steakhouse, Sammy Hagar’s Red Rocker Bar & Grill and the Starting Gate Event Center. Southland Gaming has long been a pivotal fixture of the West Memphis community, strongly supporting the community with jobs, business stability, and economic contributions. It has consistently won awards for its outstanding community service, including millions of dollars donated to neighborhood charities and educational institutions. Southland Park is owned and operated by Delaware North Gaming & Entertainment. More information is available at [www.southlandpark.com](http://www.southlandpark.com).

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Left to right: Jim Wilson, Southland Gaming Director of Gaming, Leeman Brown, Jackson-Wonder Elementary School Co-Principal, (not pictured) Annette Frazier, Jackson-Wonder Elementary School Co-Principal