

### Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Crossroads High School

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GENERAL GOALS: Crossroads encourages a desire for life-long learning in a safe and

supportive environment that prepares and empowers students

academically, socially and emotionally.

#### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Crossroads High School.



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### **Bridgette Perrigoue, Principal**

June 15, 2017

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions 8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Committee,

We would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped make these wonderful events happen. It is with pleasure that I send you this update of how your funds were used to enhance the lives of the Crossroads High School students: **Report Q1 2017 14.2** 

The funds were used for the students of Crossroads High School to experience their first high school prom, participate in drum making, and go to Hibulb Cultural Center. A totals of 155 Crossroads students and 25 additional students from around the area were positively impacted from the help of Tulalip Charitable Contributions.

There were 14 students, including one Tulalip Tribal member who had his first experience, participated in drum making and the field trip to the Hibulb Cultural Center. The students were highly engaged and interested in learning about the traditions of a fellow student and neighboring community.









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Finally, here is why the majority of the funds went toward our goal of having our first prom. Statistics and numbers would say that 65% of the students are diagnosed with mental health condition, 65% live below the poverty line, 44% have been homeless within the last year, 30% are unwilling to return to a previous school due to traumatic issues like bullying, 27% have dropped out of high school but have come back to earn a diploma, 20% have health issues that interfere with schooling (cancer, diabetes, auto-immune disease, etc), 11% are parents and 11% have been involved in the juvenile justice system. But here is who the students really are. They are students who wish they could have the "perfect" high school/life experience, students who want to earn a diploma and graduate, students who struggle to find food when they aren't at school, students who have babies they love and care for, and students who have been traumatized. They are students who take care of their siblings because no one else can/will, students who wish they didn't have anxiety, depression, fear, students who wish their bodies would stop betraying them and they could just not be sick. They are students who wish they could go back in time and make different choices, students who aren't quitters, students who want to make their lives better, but most importantly, they are students who are just kids and want the experiences and moments that other kids have.

There were 155 Crossroads students and an additional 25 students from the neighboring area that participated in the school's first ever prom. The funds were used to rent the venue, the Marysville Opera House, purchase food to feed all of the students a sit down dinner, DJ professional photographer and decorate it in the theme of the Roaring 20s.









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The primary goals/outcomes were to increase the positive experiences for the students, thus increasing their connection to school. Because of your help, our attendance has increased, referrals have decreased, and the general atmosphere is one of happy memories and a genuine excitement for next year.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the Tulalip Tribes for providing funding that enabled us to achieve our goals and bring these positive experiences to our at-risk youths.

Thank you for your generous tradition of giving to neighboring communities.

Respectfully,

Tracy Orr, Crossroads ASB Advisor

Bridgette Perrigoue, Crossroads Principal