

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Assistance League of Everett

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GENERAL GOALS: Assistance League of Everett is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, organization

whose philanthropic programs promote the well-being and self-esteem

of children, teens and adults in Snohomish County.

## SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund made a generous contribution to this excellent and effective program in November of 2013. We are truly grateful for your support. Over the years your organization has a loyal friend to Operation School Bell and Assistance League of Everett. We simply can't thank you enough for all that you have done to help our neighbors in need. Every dollar you donated was used to provide new school clothing for low-income students living in Everett and Snohomish County.



For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from Jobs for Assistance League of Everett.

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## ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® of Everett Volunteers Serving Snohomish County Since 1965 \*\*\*

August 5, 2014

Marilyn Sheldon Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund 8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Tulalip, WA 98271-9694 msheldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Please accept our report on the progress of the Assistance League of Everett, Operation School Bell program. Operation School Bell provides new school clothing for low-income Snohomish County students in grades K to 12. The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund made a generous contribution of (Q3 2013 14.2) to this excellent and effective program in November of 2013. We are truly grateful for your support. Over the years your organization has a loyal friend to Operation School Bell and Assistance League of Everett. We simply can't thank you enough for all that you have done to help our neighbors in need. Every dollar you donated was used to provide new school clothing for low-income students living in Everett and Snohomish County.

Operation School Bell has been active since 1965. In that time we have clothed more than 75,000 low-income students. The primary goal of Operation School Bell is to enhance the education of children living in poverty. Education is the most effective tool for addressing the repeating cycles of poverty and family dysfunction. Operation School Bell raises individual self-esteem and fosters better school attendance. All of the boys and girls we serve have documented economic need and are pre-screened by their schools based on participation in the free and reduced school lunch program. For the 2013/14 school year we served 850 high school students and 2,850 primary school students, or 3,700 boys and girls. Our total cost for clothing, shoes and other items for the children was \$388,297. This is just the cost of the items actually provided to the boys and girls and includes no supporting expenses of any kind.

Our shoe voucher program has grown in size and importance in recent years. This year we delivered approximately 1,500, \$25 Payless shoe vouchers at a cost of \$38,962. Due to budgetary constraints, some local PTA organizations are no longer able to fund the growing number of requests for shoes for low-income students. In response to this service challenge, ALE has substantially increased the number of shoe vouchers we provide to students who would not otherwise have shoes appropriate for school. Every parent knows how fast children's feet grow. In periods of rapid development a boy or girl may need several pairs of shoes in the course of a year to prevent cramping and foot deformities. Our volunteers have dressed children with shoes that were so small that they were nearly impossible (and painful) to put back on after trying on their new clothing. Worse, many boys

and girls are now wearing cheap plastic flip-flops year-round because their families cannot afford real shoes.

Founded in 1965, Assistance League of Everett (ALE) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with offices and facilities located on Evergreen Avenue in Everett. We are an all-volunteer organization providing a variety of services throughout Snohomish County, including clothing and other assistance for children K through 12, assistance for low-income adults entering the work force, and material aid for child and adult victims of rape, domestic violence and assault. Our mission is to provide direct aid to local children and families in need. The long-term goal of our organization is build a better community for all of our neighbors. We have no paid staff, and all of our programs and projects are planned, managed, staffed, and evaluated by trained volunteers. In our last fiscal year (6/1/13 to 5/31/14), 371 ALE members and community volunteers contributed 50,292 hours of labor, serving more than 6,515 vulnerable adults, children and seniors.

Thank you again for your outstanding generosity. We are truly grateful for all that you have done to provide new school clothing for low-income Snohomish County students. If you have any questions about Operation School Bell or Assistance League of Everett, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Lund, Grants Coordinator at (425) 225-6238 or margylund@yahoo.com. Our web site is www.assistanceleagueofeverett.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Day

**Board President** 

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