



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Assistance League of Everett

**ADDRESS:** 5107 Evergreen Way, Everett, WA 98203

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**GENERAL GOALS:** We manage several Philanthropic Programs that are focused on lending a helping hand to those in need. Our largest program, Operation School Bell, gives children a complete new wardrobe of school clothing.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used to assist with Operation School Bell and other operational expenses. For more information please read the attached report from Assistance League of Everett.





# ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® of Everett

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November 18, 2016

Marilyn Sheldon  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

RE: Q1 2016 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Please accept our update on the progress of the Assistance League of Everett, Operation School Bell program. Operation School Bell provides new school clothing, shoes and hygiene supplies for low-income Snohomish County students in grades preschool to 12. Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions made an exceedingly generous contribution of [REDACTED] to the program in June of 2016. Your organization has been a generous donor to Assistance League of Everett in past years as well. We simply can't thank you enough for your outstanding support and for all that you have done to help impoverished children. Every dollar you donated was used to purchase new school clothing for low-income Snohomish County students in grades pre-school to 12. The 2015/16 school year was another solid success for Operation School Bell and our sister program, Teen Retail, which serves high school students throughout Snohomish County. Here are the program numbers for last year and this year to-date.

1) For the 2015/16 school year through our Operation School Bell facility on Evergreen Way in Everett we served a total of 3,549 students. Most of these were in grades preschool to eight. The cost for clothing, shoes and hygiene supplies provided to the children was \$345,362. Services for the 2016/17 school year have started well, and we have already served almost 1,200 boys and girls in our Everett facility.

2) Last year we initiated a new way of serving children in local Early Childhood Learning Programs. Sample boxes of clothing were made up by our volunteers and checked out by individual schools. The students then tried on the sample clothing for size and fit. School staff filled out clothing request forms for each child with type and clothing size noted. Our volunteers assembled individual clothing bags for each preschooler and these were picked up by school staff. In this way we were able to serve 648 preschool students without bringing them to our Everett facility. The service capacity of our facility has become a limiting factor in program growth. This new method for the preschool students holds great promise for serving many more children without having to resort to an expensive facilities expansion program. We plan to continue and expend this innovation in service delivery in coming years.

3) In October of 2016 and in cooperation with Fred Meyer stores, our Teen Retail program clothed 993 students from 30 Snohomish County high schools. This is a new record for students served. Each student received a \$125 Fred Meyer shopping credit for school clothing. ALE volunteers were always on hand for the shopping and the checkout to ensure that only approved items of apparel were purchased. Fred Meyer provides a 10% discount on all purchases and honors this discount even on sale items. The retail value for each

student was at least \$150 in school clothes. The total cost for the Teen Retail program for the 2015/16 school year was \$122,281 and we served 988 students. All of these funds were expended for school clothing and nothing else. We do not yet have the final cost for the Teen Retail program for the 2016/17 school year, but it will be somewhat more than last year. We have already served more students this year than last and may dress a few more high school students on a case by case basis throughout the remainder of this school year.

4) Our Shoe Voucher program for the 2015/16 school year was also a solid success. We provided 1,909 shoe vouchers at a cost of \$49,230. Fifty-four percent (54%) of all students served through our Operation School Bell facility received a shoe voucher. Last year we made one small change to the program. In the past the shoe voucher for students with the greatest need was \$25. Given the rising costs of shoes, for the 2015/16 school year we provided the younger, smaller children with a \$25 shoe voucher while the older and larger boys and girls received a \$30 shoe voucher. We expect to again supply about 2,000 shoe vouchers for the 2016/17 school year.

Most of the clothing items for the Operation School Bell Program are ordered and paid for in the spring and summer months between school terms. Further, we have already served 993 high school students through Teen Retail using more than \$120,000 in Fred Meyer gift cards. For this reason, we can state with confidence that we have already expended the full amount of your contribution. Thank you again for your outstanding generosity.

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. More information can be found on our web site at [www.assistanceleagueofeverett.org](http://www.assistanceleagueofeverett.org).

Sincerely,



Joanne Gunderson  
Board President