

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Assistance League of Seattle

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GENERAL GOALS: To remove barriers to education for Seattle's children and adults through

the collective strength of volunteers and philanthropic projects.

## SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Please accept our report on the expenditure awarded to the Assistance League of Seattle (ALS) Enrichment Scholarship Program (ESP) in March of 2014. Every dollar you donated was directly and completely applied to summer programs that broaden the horizons and advance the education of talented students who may not have the resources to pursue these opportunities on their own. Almost any area in which students display a keen interest will be considered. However, funds are limited, and preference will be given to applications for programs in music, the arts, science, mathematics, language, drama, technology, leadership, and outdoor experiences.

For more information see the attached pages from Assistance League of Seattle.





February 14, 2015

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

RE: Report Code Q4 2013 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

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We have included outdoor experiences in the list of subjects because for urban young people, especially those in low-income homes, contact with the natural environment can be limited. So much so that child psychologists and educators now use the "nature deficit" to describe the emotional state of some children growing up in densely populated urban environments with limited access to parks or green spaces.

Enrichment Scholarship awards are made from a pool of funds raised specifically for this purpose. There is no direct connection between a contribution provided by an individual or an organization and an award for an individual student. While students at any income level can apply, the program is targeted to low-income students lacking the means to pursue these opportunities on their own. Further, we have a special interest in offering enrichment opportunities to students with special needs, because for these boys and girls summer enrichment opportunities may be especially limited.

The 2014 ESP scholarships were announced last April and we awarded \$22,782 to 58 students enrolled at 10 Seattle high schools and middle schools. Once again, 100% of your funds were used for summer scholarships for the students. The highest award was \$500 and there were 27 at this level. The lowest award was \$168, and the average for all scholarships was \$393. Not one cent of your \$2,500 donation was allocated to administration, overhead or any other expense.



Most of the students that applied this year submitted high-quality applications for excellent programs. The programs selected by the students included Concordia Language Villages, Space to Create, Morrowstone Music Festival, Pacific Science Center Summer Program, Cornish College of the Arts, Joffrey Ballet, Camp Sealth Outback, Taproot Theatre, Camp Sealth ADA, Centrum Jazz Festival, and many others.

Founded in 1962, Assistance League of Seattle is an all-volunteer, 501 (c) (3) organization located on North 45<sup>th</sup> in Seattle's Wallingford District. All ALS services and fundraising activities are planned, managed, staffed, and evaluated by trained volunteers. Many of our most active volunteers are senior citizens and bring to their work a wealth of business experience and practical life experience. While we have no employees, the quality of our work and our professionalism compare favorably with agencies having a full roster of paid staff. ALS operates under a rigorous set of guidelines mandated by our national organization. After the completion of each fiscal year we are required, as a condition of our charter, to submit a detailed review of all agency activities and finances. This report is reviewed by a national committee and recommendations for changes and/or improvements are forwarded to our Board of Directors.

Thank you again for your generosity. We are truly grateful for the support that you have provided over the years for the Enrichment Scholarship Program. If you have questions about the Enrichment Scholarship Program or Assistance League of Seattle, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 718-6287 or LLeland@bellevuewa.gov. Our mailing address is Assistance League of Seattle, 1415 North 45<sup>th</sup>, Seattle, WA 98103, and our web address is www.seattle.assistanceleague.org.

Sincerely,

Laurie Leland Board President