

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Bellingham Childcare and Learning Center

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GENERAL GOALS: In partnership with the community, we provide high quality, affordable childcare

to families of all income levels, assisting low-income families to become self-sufficient. Our well qualified, nurturing staff offers a developmentally

appropriate and safe learning environment for young children."

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Your funding made it possible to install carpeting in our one-year old classroom fondly called the Duckling Classroom. Many of these young toddlers are just learning to walk and talk. They spend a great deal of time on the floor and now, thanks to your generous contribution, our littlest toddlers can crawl about on a plush, clean, beautiful carpet. You can see from the photos attached just how attractive the environment looks.

Our mission is to provide high quality, affordable early learning services to families of all income levels. Your contribution directly impacts the quality of our program. If our building is not safe and sanitary, we do not have a quality program. Through your generous gift, you have ensured that our children will be cared for in a safe and healthy classroom.

We care for twelve (12) toddlers in the Duckling Classroom between the age of 12 months to 24 months of age. Over the lifetime of the carpeting you provided, your gift will have touched no less than 120 children.









Old Carpet

New Carpet

For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from Bellingham Childcare and Learning Center.





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September 29, 2014

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

Re: Code Q1-2014-14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Please accept this update on the donation awarded by the Tulalip Charitable Fund to Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center in May of 2014 for <u>carpeting in one of our toddler classrooms.</u> We simply can't thank you enough for your generosity. The top priority for the board of director's and the staff is to maintain the highest standards in health and safety for the children we serve at Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center. In order to assure a safe, sanitary environment, replacement of the carpeting in our toddler classroom was necessary.

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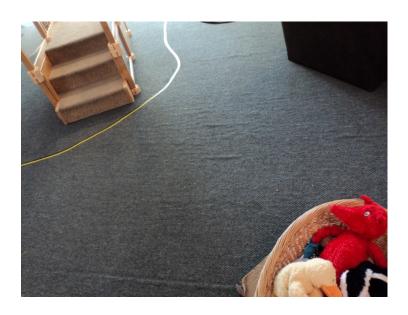
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In closing we would again like to thank everyone involved with the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for your generosity. We understand that you receive far more requests for funding than can ever be approved, and we are truly grateful for your assistance. At Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center we believe that education, and most especially early childhood education, is the best and most lasting answer to economic poverty and the poverty of the spirit that afflict so many of our neighbors. We also believe that every child, regardless of income, deserves the best possible start in life. If you desire additional information about our organization or our mission, please visit our website at www.bellinghamchildcare.com and do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 676-0950 or karen@bellinghamchildcare.com.

Sincerely.

Karen Ekdahl Executive Director





Here you can see the old carpeting. The seams were separating and there was literally no padding left at all due to the constant cleaning over the years to keep the carpets clean. You can see all the ripples in the above photos.



Here you can see our wonderful toddlers experiencing the soft, plush carpeting with their toes!

Below are a couple of photos showing the beautiful environment for our youngest toddlers.

THANK YOU
TULALIP TRIBES!!



