



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: To help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

One-hundred percent (100%) of your funds were used to match high-risk girls with caring adult women who model success and provide essential one-to-one mentoring at a critical time in their lives. This program provides vulnerable girls, children that might otherwise drift into negative and self-destructive behavior, with a strong and dependable female role model. The most significant factor in the development of a healthy child is the ongoing presence of a strong, reliable and caring mentor.

For more information please see the attached report from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County.





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RE: Q4 2015 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Please accept our update on the expenditure of [REDACTED] awarded by the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund in early March of 2016 for Mentoring Services to High-Risk Teen and Pre-Teen Girls. One-hundred percent (100%) of your funds were used to match high-risk girls with caring adult women who model success and provide essential one-to-one mentoring at a critical time in their lives. This program provides vulnerable girls, children that might otherwise drift into negative and self-destructive behavior, with a strong and dependable female role model. The most significant factor in the development of a healthy child is the ongoing presence of a strong, reliable and caring mentor.

In our proposal, we projected that we would provide mentoring services for approximately 75 high-risk teen and pre-teen girls in 2016. To date for 2016 we have already served almost 60 high-risk girls. The pace of matches in both our School-Based and Community-Based Mentoring Programs has increased with the return of children to school. We feel that we will have no trouble in making our estimate of 75 high risk girls receiving mentoring during calendar year 2016.

Most of the high-risk girls we serve live in low-income homes. However, some that participate in the program qualify due to other compelling life factors that make the presence of a caring adult mentor in their lives a critical priority. These factors may include a history of domestic violence in the home, adult or sibling drug and/or alcohol abuse, severe mental or physical illness affecting parents or caregivers, a chaotic home environment, actual or potential sexual abuse and/or developmental disability. Some of our girls experience a number of these factors.

The need for Mentoring Services to High Risk Teen and Preteen Girls is large and growing. While we serve a primarily rural and small town population, the problems that

our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls now face are comparable to those confronting urban teens - substance abuse including hard drugs, sexual and physical abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, premature sexuality, and pregnancy.

Both our School-Based Mentoring Program and the traditional Community-Based Mentoring Program provide services for vulnerable teen and pre-teen girls. The connection between Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring and the prevention of negative and self-destructive behavior is well-documented and has been endorsed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and other organizations. We match high-risk girls with strong, successful women. These caring role models help to restore diminished self-esteem and model healthy attitudes and behavior.

Thank you again for your ongoing assistance. The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund has been a loyal and generous donor to our effort to improve the lives and prospects of high-risk girls. If you require additional information about our mentoring services, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 279-0644 or ed@bbbsislandcounty.org. Our web site can be found at www.bbbsislandcounty.org.

Sincerely,



Julie Langrock
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