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Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

As the largest provider of early intervention programs and services in Seattle, Boyer is recognized as one of the region's premier resources for children with neuromuscular disorders or developmental delays. For nearly 75 years, our highly-skilled experts have provided thousands of families with support, guidance, and hope for a brighter future.

Date of Award:	Level:
2019 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Boyer Children's Clinic.

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Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund

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On behalf of the young children and families we serve at **Boyer Children's Clinic** (www.boyercc.org), thank you for your generous support. Below is a report outlining how the Tulalip Tribe's funding helped us achieve our programmatic goals this year.

Accomplishments

Funding from Tulalip Tribes was applied to support the efforts of Boyer's CHERISH Program that serves young children with disabilities in foster care, and their foster parents.

Boyer served more than 20 children with special healthcare needs who are in the foster care system. Foster parents increased their ability to form relationship and sustain attachment with their foster child. Achievement of this goal is measured through a Parent Infant Relationship Global Assessment Scale (PIR-GAS) through a pre- and post-evaluation. The measure indicates how well the foster parent is adapting to his/her foster parenting role and their relationship with the child in their care. Ranging from 1-100, the scale evaluates the parenting role from "dangerously impaired" to "well adapted." Our goal was to see that foster parents increase their scores by 20% from pre-to-post surveys, and our results to date demonstrate that foster parents made an **32.8% improvement in their PIR/GAS scores**.

Boyer's specialized programming for children in foster care and their foster parents addresses the social and emotional functioning in young foster children, the formation of attachment relationships with foster parents and the effects of trauma in a child's development. In addition, the CHERISH program provides support, resources, and coaching for foster parents - not only in their relationship with the child - but also in navigating the complex child welfare system.

Infant mental health services and foster care support services provided under the CHERISH program do not charge a fee and are covered through Boyer's private fundraising revenue. Support from Tulalip Tribes makes it possible for Boyer to provide these essential community services, to support foster parents in gaining skills and resources to prevent child abuse and neglect for young children with special healthcare needs in the foster care system.

Story of Impact

Boyer is pleased to share two stories below: 1) "Angel"; and 2) Claire. Due to the confidential and ongoing child welfare proceedings, we respectfully request that Angel's story is not shared in your marketing materials.

At the beginning of this year, Boyer's social worker started working with a 1½ year old. "Angel" came out of a home situation of parental drug use, abuse and neglect. Once placed into foster care, one of her biggest challenges was falling to sleep at night. When laid into her crib she would start screaming with terror and not be able to stop without sometimes 2-3 hours of holding and soothing. Once she finally fell back to sleep she would regularly wake up later in the evening with that same frightened crying. Sometimes the foster parents would take her out of the crib and hold her until she could calm down and go back to sleep. Sometimes she could cry herself back to sleep in a few minutes.

The foster parents have received some coaching from a private attachment therapist and from Boyer's social worker in their home over the last seven months. At this point, Angel's sleep routine requires only 30 minutes of rocking or holding, before she can be confidently placed into her crib for sleep. Even if she wakes up in that transfer process she still goes off to sleep peacefully. She might wake in the middle of the night and can put herself back to sleep now without any screaming. She is also starting to wake in the morning cooing, talking gibberish to herself and playing happily in her crib, which is new for her. All of this has been a relieving and encouraging accomplishment for everyone involved.

As we shared Angel's story last year, below is an update on her progress. This year, the success has been the healthy transition back to her mother and the opportunity to be a support to these foster parents: (1) in their grief; (2) in their desire to support Angel's reunion with her mother; (3) in their making meaning of their fostering journey and (4) in looking ahead to their future. It has been a privilege to work with these foster parents and it may happen again someday, once they have had a little time to heal and prepare themselves for their next fostering experience.

PJ's Story

PJ was born 5 weeks early and 3.7 lbs. In utero, he suffered from a rare blood flow condition that affected his liver, heart and resulted in two brain hemorrhages. By 19 months old, PJ had nine hospital stays, five surgeries, including open heart surgery, been under anesthesia seven times, and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Immediately following their return home from the NICU, PJ's family started working with Boyer through home visits working on gross and fine motor skills, as well as feeding therapy. PJ has since added occupational therapy, early childhood special education, toddler class, and continued feeding and physical therapy. Today, PJ goes to class twice a week. He sings and plays, learns patience and how to follow directions, as well as other important social skills. He watches the other children and is encouraged by them to try new things. He works on gross motor skills in the gym, all while playing on the fun equipment. Then he moves to his therapy session focusing on fine motor skill development.



Conclusion

We are grateful for the support from Tulalip Tribes. Thank you for your commitment to serving families in need throughout our community, and your direct support of Boyer Children's Clinic. If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us: (206) 325-8477 or mike.stewart@boyercc.org or ellen.kuo@boyercc.org. We look forward to our continued partnership!