



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Boyer has provided Puget Sound-area children with special needs with early intervention services designed to help them reach their maximum potential and improve their quality of life.

Date of Award:	Level:
2017 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

Specific Use for This Award:
This award was used for administrative and program expenses. 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 25 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 **18% 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.

What we knew from the case history was that Angel stayed mostly with her uncle and aunt and at night they would let her lay in the middle of the living room floor while her older cousins would run around wildly, tiring themselves out for bedtime. Angel was first to fall asleep on the floor and sometimes a cousin would bite her to wake her up. At some point the uncle put her in her crib.

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.

Claire's Story

Working with Boyer has been more than a breath of fresh air, it has been life support. Claire was born three months early, weighed less than 2lbs, and spent the first 91 days of her life in the NICU. She came home from the hospital with a nasal gastric feeding tube. Claire is now two years old. She still has a feeding tube and her preferred mode of transportation is bottom-scooting.



Claire loves working with both her physical and occupational therapists. With Boyer's help, she was able to sit on her own by the time she was one year corrected age. Today she can pull herself to stand, climb stairs, and walk while holding someone's hand. Thanks to the amazing work of Claire's therapists, she was ready for Seattle Children's Intensive Feeding Program in September. She now is able and willing to eat with her mouth! Her favorite food is coconut milk vanilla yogurt with creamy peanut butter.

Having a child with feeding and motor delays can feel extremely isolating. Our weekly home visits are something we all look forward to. The encouragement and education that they provide is priceless, and the care and compassion they share with Claire is life changing.

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!