



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** The Chief Seattle Club  
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**GENERAL GOALS:** Providing a sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native peoples.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

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For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from The Chief Seattle Club.

**Funding:** 2013 was a year of tremendous growth and we successfully met an ambitious fundraising goal of \$650,000. We were honored to nearly double the amount of support from tribes and Native non-profits to \$90,000, and for the first time received grants from tribes outside of Washington State. Individual donors remain the core of our operating funds, with over \$280,000 raised from hundreds of donors through major gifts, special events and direct mail.

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**Accomplishments:** In 2012, the Club began discussions with Seattle King County-Public Health’s (SKCPH) Health Care for the Homeless to develop a mental health partnership. SKCPH already partners with the Club, by funding the on-site nurse through Seattle Indian Health Board, and understands the unique role the Club serves for homeless Native Americans. Due to Seattle’s disproportionate rate of homeless Native Americans, SKCPH redirected funds to support an on-site Mental Health professional to serve this population. In March 2013, the Club formed a partnership with Harborview Medical Center (funded by SKCPH) to begin offering on-site mental health services at the Club four days a week, including counseling and case management. Last year, Harborview maintained a caseload of 54 Club members who were 100 percent homeless/at-risk of homelessness, 98 percent facing substance abuse issues, 41 percent women and 100 percent of the women survivors/victims of domestic violence and or/sexual abuse. All of them were referred for a psychiatric consultation, with the majority of them seeing a psychiatrist for the first time and many obtaining necessary medications as well. Conditions include PTSD, bipolar, anxiety and depression.

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<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Anticipated 2014</b>	<b>% change</b>
Number of members	2,032	2,352	2,587	10%
Meals (number of meals)	60,060	60,050	60,050	0%
Showers/laundry (number of showers/laundry) <sup>1</sup>	7,056	4,389	5,047	15%
Housing/utility assistance (number of households)	42	94	103	10%
Mental health assistance (numbers of individuals)		54	81	50%
Legal assistance (number of households)	44	36	40	10%
Public benefit applications (number of applications) <sup>2</sup>	574	588	566	-4%
Bus passes, birth certificates, tribal and State ID cards (number of individuals)	111	135	135	0%

**Challenges:** In 2012, we had a 60 percent staff retention rate, which caused a lot of strain with position vacancies, recruitment, training, workload and employee morale. In 2013, we stabilized our staff and had a 100 percent retention rate. However, our Executive Director, Jenine Grey, departed in January 2014. Ms. Grey served Chief Seattle Club for 11 years, and stepped down to take time off from the

<sup>1</sup> In 2013, the number of showers and laundry decreased due to deferred maintenance of shower renovations and replacement of washer/dryer.

<sup>2</sup> In 2014, we anticipate decreases to public benefits due to the elimination of some state benefits.

often grueling position of Executive Director. The Club is in a strong position with stable staff, significant reserves and a long-standing board. The Board of Directors began a regional search in January, and anticipates hiring a new Executive Director in Q1 2014. The Board President, Denise Stiffarm, is serving as the Staff Liaison, and Ken Gordon, Board Fundraising Chair, is overseeing fundraising. Shelley Means is acting as Strategic Advisor to the board and staff during this transition period. Ms. Means formerly served on the Chief Seattle Club board and has a broad range of experience in Indian Country, non-profit and philanthropic sectors.

**Future:** Due to the leadership transition, we have deferred two planned programs until 2015: hosting tax assistance and launching a new employment program. We have been in discussions with the IRS and Northwest Native Asset Coalition to be a VITA Facilitated Self Assisted Site. Our board has decided to postpone to the next tax season, since recruiting volunteers and launching a new program in January 2014 would be burdensome to staff during this transition. We have made initial contacts with potential employment partners (Seattle Goodwill, YWCA and United Indians of All Tribes), but will defer further discussions and program development until our new Executive Director is on board. The Club has been in our new facility for six years, and is planning to renovate and/or upgrade our restrooms, kitchen, laundry and HVAC.