



**CHARITABLE  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

8802 27th Ave NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

**TulalipCares.org**

# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**

**Christmas House**

**Mailing Address:**

PO Box 717  
Everett, WA 98206

**Contact:**

(425) 338-2273  
<http://www.christmas-house.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**

Christmas House is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization in Everett, Washington that provides an opportunity for qualifying, low-income, Snohomish County parents to select free holiday gifts for their children age infant-18.

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**Date of Award:**

2013 Q3

**Level:**

\$2,501 to \$5,000

**Specific Use for This Award:**

For more information, please read the attached report from Christmas House.

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February 28, 2014

Ms. Marilyn Sheldon  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Marilyn:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Christmas House we were honored to be chosen once again to receive a generous donation from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund in the amount of [REDACTED]. Your donation will be spent on the youngsters whose parents are unable to provide Christmas for their children. We are proud of the fact that 99% of your [REDACTED] will go directly to the children.

This past Christmas season we served 9,061 children from 3,066 families. From the more than 800 volunteers who gave over 8100 hours of service performing tasks such as moving inventory from storage, setting up our "store" in the Boys and Girls Club gym in North Everett, to helping parent shoppers find just the right gift, we could not do any of it without your continued financial support. Your generosity makes it possible for Snohomish County low-income families have a Merry Christmas!

Please convey our heartfelt appreciation to everyone at the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund who is responsible for your generous gift. Thank you so very much!

Sincerely,

Mel Hammond  
Director & Grant Writing Chairperson

Rick Kvangnes  
President

Enc:

Q3 2013 14.2 Report

*Serving the children and families of Snohomish County since 1981  
Christmas House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization - 91-1177244*



**CHRISTMAS HOUSE 2013**  
**Grant Evaluation Summary for Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund**  
**Q3 2013 14.2**

**Organization Name:**

Christmas House  
P. O. Box 717  
Everett, WA 98206

**Contact Person:**

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**Project Information:**

Christmas House 2013

\$504,000 budget (based upon value, not cost)

Project timeline 03/01/2013 to 02/28/2014

Number Served was 9,061 children from 3,066 families

Project Cost Per Person Served was \$55.62 (again value, not cost)

Project Service Area: all of Snohomish County

Our mission is to provide Christmas gifts for children of low-income families residing in Snohomish County, many of whom would have no gifts to open on Christmas morning were it not for our help. We began 2013 with a goal to serve at least 10,000 children in December 2013. On our last scheduled *open store* day, December 21, we stayed until the last parent who wanted our help was served.

With our grant funding and other donations we purchase toys and clothing for children's Christmas gifts that we make available for selection at no cost by a financially qualified parent during an almost three-week time period each December. Our Procurement Committee shoppers are skilled not only at finding the best buys but also at negotiating even greater discounts so that we proudly share that the value we provide our families is at least three times what we have paid. *We stretch your dollars as far as we can!* Available funds permitting, we are in the stores within days after each Christmas House concludes, shopping the best deals of the year and negotiating for additional discounts. With volunteer help, we then box and store these thousands of gifts until the next Christmas House.

Christmas House fills the need of thousands of low-income Snohomish County families who want the same things during the holidays that we all want...to give our children a joyful Christmas!

FY2013 larger donors were:

Financial

The Everett Clinic Foundation  
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Boeing Employees Fund  
Whidbey Island Bank  
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians  
Bowman Manufacturing Inc.

In-Kind

Alexander's Printing  
Canopies by Fred  
Comcast  
The Daily Herald  
Everett Silvertips  
ILWU Local 32  
Judd & Black  
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Judd & Black Golf Tournament  
DV & Ida Mceachern Charitable Trust  
Mountain Pacific Bank Giving Fund – GECF  
Rotary Club of Everett – Port Gardner  
Allison Foundation Trust  
South Everett – Mukilteo Rotary  
Lamoureux Real Estate  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund  
Nysether Family Foundation  
Red & Gold Families – King’s Riders  
Northwest Packer Backers

Mobile Country Club Community  
Pacific Copy & Printing  
Pacific Power Batteries  
Play It Again Sports  
Red & Gold Families – King’s Riders  
Sharing Wheels  
Steve Kukull, CPA, Inc., P.S.  
Toys-R-Us  
Viamedia

We believe our program is successful if we are able to serve huge numbers of children while maintaining our costs at less than 1%. We consider this an incredible accomplishment, reachable only because we are a 100% volunteer organization and because we do not own a facility or vehicles.

Our 2013 program was successfully operated on the timeline we had outlined and within the budget we set for ourselves earlier in the year. As mentioned above, we didn’t close our doors on our final shopping day until the last person who wanted our help was served, hundreds of families on that day. We served 9,061 children from 3,066 families over a period of almost three weeks. We were assisted in this task by a cadre of volunteers who turn out each December to do the heavy lifting starting with transporting tens of thousands of gifts from storage to the Boys & Girls Club gymnasium in North Everett. There, they help to set up our “store” and work as *shoppers helpers* once the “store” opens. After Christmas House closes, volunteers help us pack up, clean up the gym and return any leftover inventory to our storage spaces.

We will continue with our annual program so long as we have the support of our community. ***We do one thing and we do it well, but we couldn’t do any of it without the financial support of generous individuals, workplace donations and numerous charitable foundations or without the incredible turnout of community volunteers who help us make it happen each December!***

## CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Celebrating Giving Since 1981

Mel Hammond  
February 28, 2014

Enclosures: A one-page grouping of four Christmas House 2013 photos.



# CHRISTMAS HOUSE 2013



## Everett Boys & Girls Club Gymnasium

Christmas House always begins with move in day! Over 200 Volunteers begin by loading all of the boxes of toys into the Boys and Girls Club. The top left picture shows the "Bucket Brigade" as box after box arrives. Once the boxes are loaded in the unpacking begins. The top right photo shows the back room where the gifts are stored waiting to be placed on the tables for our parent shoppers. Once we've unpacked, the gifts are ready to go out on the floor where they are placed on tables according to age groups. Here in the lower left photo is our Teen table all set up and ready for shoppers to pick just the right gift for their teen girl or boy. Finally opening day is here and we're excited to begin. Our last picture shows our director volunteers ready to greet all the parents and spread holiday cheer! We're on our way to a successful 2013 season.