



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Cloud Mountain Farm Center

DATE OF AWARD: 2017 Q2

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GENERAL GOALS: CMFC envisions a thriving, collaborative community in which regional agricultural business are prosperous and contribute to a healthy environment and the well-being of all citizens.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards programs and operational expenses.

For more information please read the attached report from Cloud Mountain Farm Center.



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Marilyn Shelden

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

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Award Number: Q2 2017 14.2

Dear Ms. Shelden,

On behalf of the Board and staff of Cloud Mountain Farm Center (CMFC), I want to thank you and the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund for your philanthropic support of agricultural education in our region. At CMFC, we were honored to receive funding to deliver a series of five workshops on gardening and orcharding to patrons at rural branches of the Whatcom County Library System (WCLS) and we are pleased to report on the five workshops those funds supported.



East Whatcom County is an area spanning 620 square miles, and is home to approximately 9,000 people. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has classified this area as a “food desert,” because it is a low-income area in which at least a third of residents lack access to grocery stores or other places to purchase healthy food. A number of organizations, including the Foothills Food Bank, the Opportunity Council, and the Twin Sisters Farmers Market, are already working to address food access issues in the region, as part of the Foothills Community Food Partnership. To date, however, none of those organizations have focused on promoting food sovereignty (the ability of residents to grow their own food) in the area. With this project, CMFC has joined its partners in addressing food access by providing free educational opportunities for area residents to gain the skills and knowledge needed to produce more of their own food.

With support of the WCLS, CMFC completed five workshops: Learn to Grow a Vegetable Garden at the Sumas Library; Starting Plants from Seed at the North Fork Library; Learn to Grow Organic Fruit at the Deming Library; Learn to Grow Fruit Trees at the Sumas Library; and Learn to Grow a Vegetable Garden at the North Fork Library.

CMFC successfully partnered with WCLS to schedule and promote these workshops. All workshops were promoted through both CMFC and WCLS via, social media, print catalogs, monthly emails and posters at participating libraries. Workshop attendees received handout information, as well as a coupon to purchase any fruit tree or edible plant from CMFC’s plant nursery at 50% off the standard pricing, other free samples depending on the specific workshop.





These workshops were taught by CMFC staff, all of whom have years of experience teaching and farming in Whatcom County. CMFC anticipated that the project would serve between 75 and 100 residents of rural Whatcom County. With a total of 97 total participants the workshops were successful in bringing together these communities. These workshops combined our standard teaching, while leaving extra space to address specific topics for growing in these different communities. Each workshop addressed topics that were directly related to support these

communities to increase the amount of fresh food available to them. As East Whatcom County is designated as a food desert it is important to make sure that there is enough support for the community to build their knowledge around growing food.

Without the support of Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund we would not have been able to support the success of these programs. Cloud Mountain Farm Center looks forward to the opportunity to work with the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions again.

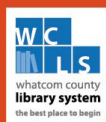
Sincerely,

Tom Thornton
Executive Director
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LEARN TO GROW A VEGETABLE GARDEN



Vegetable gardening is about more than planting seeds! Join staff from Cloud Mountain Farm Center for a practical overview of how to successfully grow a wide variety of produce throughout the year. The workshop will cover how to get your garden started, from buying seeds and plant starts and planning your plantings, to managing your soil and fertility inputs and timing for multiple harvests.



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