

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Common Threads Farm

DATE OF AWARD: 2016 Q2

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GENERAL GOALS: We promote a "seed to table" approach to food production, good

nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Most of our programs take place on public school grounds, during the school day in collaboration with classroom teachers and food service staff.

Additionally, Common Threads runs after-school and summertime

gardening and cooking programs.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards operational and program expenses.

For more information please read the attached report from Common Threads Farm.

Dear Common Threads, The chili was so good you guys mit the best chilling The food detectives thing was fun and I didn't know that there are hidden sugars that was mind blowing. Cooking was so fun I hope you gugs come back again, Thank you Priyanka, Carlos, and Bree it was Sincerly, Kamden Moa

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8TH ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER – A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!







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"Alaina absolutely loved it. She told me about the baby turkeys, the baby chickens, the goats, the kid who wanted to feed the goats when it was not time to, eating the kale, sorrel,

For our 8th Annual Harvest Dinner, over 100 friends and family celebrated with Common Threads the harvest of crops planted throughout the year, and the role of community in growing good eaters!

Preparation began many months prior, of course, with cultivating soil and planting seeds! In the days and weeks leading up to the event, students from each of Common Thread's 21 partner schools harvested kale, squash, apples, herbs, potatoes, beets, carrots and other vegetables. At Whatcom Middle school, students helped prepare a kidgrown menu that included sweet kale salad, butternut squash soup, roasted root vegetables, and apple crisp (recipes here!).

On the evening of the 26th, guests arrived to a Whatcom Middle School cafeteria filled with rich aromas of roasted veggies and transformed by the lively airs of Wild Ginger string band, as well as hand-crafted signs and dahlias donated by Uprising Farms...





and arugula, cooking the rice with vegetables—she got to cut the onion, making the scarecrow. I am so excited that she is excited about her experiences. She says she LOVES sorrel, and wants me to put arugula in her lunch!!!" - Dara, parent

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An information-gathering bingo game led some guests to follow colorful chalk drawings out to the Whatcom garden and greenhouse for tours by Food Educators...





Back at the cafeteria, guests enjoyed a delicious beet hummus appetizer, while many participated in crafts & face painting!





Then, a few of our fabulous community volunteers served up a delicious meal...



Just after dinner (and during the meal for many!), our Community Food Co-op presented a spectacular, gravity defying, well-balanced, performance by the Community Food Co-op's Real Food Show: the highlight of the evening!!





Afterwards, some lucky guests won bingo game prizes, including a complimentary Common Threads summer camp session. All guests were invited to take home a special PeaceHealth kitchen spatula to remember to "Stir Up Good Health," as well as a generous gift certificate from Whole Foods Market, and a colorfully entertaining placemat from our Community Co-op's The Real Food Show!

The entire event proved a beautiful reflection of the extended Common Threads community of all ages — "tied in a single garment of destiny." (Martin Luther King Jr.).





Thanks to everyone who made it out to the Harvest Dinner! What a great evening. We're looking forward to next year's event!

A special thanks goes out to:

- Our many volunteers who helped put on the event!
- The kids, teachers, & families at local schools for growing the delicious produce!
- Uprising Seeds for donating lovely dahlias, extra produce, and loads of seeds for our gardens!
- Whatcom Middle School for hosting (especially Marjorie, Anna, Dennis, and Jeff)!
- Wild Ginger for the lovely dinner music!

- Our Community Food Co-op for The Real Food Show, along with fellow event sponsors: PeaceHealth, Whole Foods Market, Bramble Berry, Superfeet, Trayvax, and Metcalf Hodges.
- Julie DeFoer of Good Eye Design, Paul Kearsley, and Threshold
 Documents, for help with our event promo poster.
- All of Common Threads' supporters for making events like this possible!
- Deanna Ellefson, for the fabulous photos she captured at the event and shared with us!

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