



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Community Homes Inc.

**DATE OF AWARD:** 2017 Q1

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 1240, Bothell, WA 98041

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Supportive housing for adults with disabilities starts with Community Homes, Inc. Our non-profit organization, based in Bothell, Washington, creates rich, full lives for adults with developmental disabilities by providing and promoting quality, community-based housing and services.

### **SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

This award went towards programs and operational expenses.

For more information please read the attached report from Community Homes Inc.



Report Q1 2017 14.2

May 31, 2018

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Community Homes is deeply grateful for the support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. With your generous grant award of [REDACTED] in May 2017 for general operating support, you have helped us provide the highest quality residential settings for 51 adults with developmental disabilities as well as the opportunity to grow our organization in the areas of family education and state-wide advocacy, serving more than 100 families. With the partnership of the Tulalip Tribes, we are proud to share with you our recent accomplishments:



*Our workshops helped families understand how to navigate housing for their loved one with a disability.*

**-Workshop growth and outreach:** In 2016, Community Homes launched a series of educational meetings to help families learn how to navigate the housing journey. It became clear that this journey is very individualized, and without a state-supported system to guide them, every family has a different experience in understanding how to access services. The number of families contacting Community Homes at a crisis level due to aging parents inspired the organization to re-envision and enhance the education component. Community Homes presented the first Housing Readiness Workshop in January 2017. The organization was awarded a contract through King County Developmental Disabilities Division to provide 4-6 workshops in 2017/2018. Since that time, 9 housing workshops have served 305 parents/guardians and more than 88 unduplicated individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Puget Sound area.

**-Housing Now!**

**Conference:** Community Homes was a key partner

in the planning, coordination and execution of the Housing Now! Conference in March 2018, held at Highline College. Other key partners were King County Developmental Disabilities Division and the Arc of King County. This conference attracted 400 individuals who wanted to learn more about accessing housing for adults with disabilities. Community Homes provided three sessions on housing, serving more than 120 individuals.





*Our 51 residents enjoy rich, full lives in the community.*

**-Consistent stewardship of current homes and support:**

Community Homes sustains current housing and residential support for 51 residents in our 7 Adult Family Homes and 7 Shared Living Homes with 100% occupancy and strong care provider support and retention. Once a Shared Living home is operational, family members have the option to continue to contract with Community Homes for operation support. In 2017, two homes achieved stability, moving off the Community Homes caseload, and two new households are currently in production.

In March 2018 we contracted with one of our care providers to oversee the Care Provider Respite Program, which enables all of

our full-time, live-in care providers to take needed time off. All homes are monitored on a regular basis to ensure ongoing maintenance, repair and improvements for the safety and comfort of our residents, as well as curb appeal for neighborhoods.

**-Outreach to underserved populations:** In addition to our work with Open Doors for Multicultural Families, in late 2017 Community Homes hired a bi-lingual program coordinator with a background in equity training. All staff and board of directors are engaged in on-going equity and racial bias training in 2018. Community Homes is utilizing the Racial Equity Toolkit created by the Housing Development Consortium to guide our efforts. The program coordinator will also provide a housing workshop in Spanish at the Community Summit in June 2018 in Wenatchee.



We are excited and energized for the future and confident in our organization's ability to continue to serve more adults in developing community-based housing. We appreciate your past support and look forward to our potential work together in the future to provide rich, full lives for adults with developmental disabilities. Thank you for all you do to support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Puget Sound area.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

<http://www.community-homes.org/>



*Our residents and families gather annually for our Family Celebration, allowing us to update families on important information about our homes and providing fellowship and time together for all our residents.*