



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Eileen & Callie's Place**

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**Organization's General Goals:**

Our mission is to empower, educate, and coach young women impacted by the foster care system or experiencing family instability to utilize life skills and community resources to support their ability to sustain independence.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2023 Q1	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Eileen & Callie's Place.

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**TulalipCares.org**

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Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
December 27, 2024

Code: Q1 2023 14.2

URL: [eileenandcallieplace.org](http://eileenandcallieplace.org)

# of Recipients Impacted: 85

The support received from Tulalip Cares fund enabled us to recruit, support, and subsequently mentor more young ladies aging out of foster care.

One of our major recruitment events is *Celebrate 18!* an annual birthday party we host to meet and honor these young ladies who are aging out or have aged out of the foster care system. Historically, to many girls aging out of foster care, turning 18 has not been a time to celebrate but rather a time of anxiety; many are without clear direction or support as they transition into adulthood. Our goal is to change that experience.

At *Celebrate 18!* each young lady receives a new outfit (clothes, shoes and accessories), a personal beauty makeover and a brand new 22" rolling duffel bag. In attendance are employers able to hire on the spot, schools and training centers accepting applications, and social service organizations that can answer questions and provide needed guidance for accessing resources.

*Celebrate 18!* is a starting point to connect each girl with a mentor. Connections are made through a process whereby we match likes, dislikes, interests, and backgrounds. Our Program Manager oversees this process and stands in the gap while prospective mentors are being interviewed and trained. It is important that each young lady is treated as an individual and each match is personalized.

The Program Manager coordinates events for the mentees so that they develop community with other young women who have experienced the foster care system and realize they are not alone in their experiences. The Program Manager also serves as a liaison between the mentors and mentees, monitors the relationship and conducts monthly training sessions with the mentors to ensure they are aware of and following best practices.

Your funding allows us to host more girls at *Celebrate 18!* While the first *Celebrate* was held in 2019, two girls indicated they were interested in meeting a mentor. The pandemic forced us to cancel in 2020 and when we returned in 2021 6 girls

responded, 13 in 2022; 27 in 2023 and most recently in July 2024 36 girls said yes or maybe when asked if they were interested in meeting a mentor. Over the years we've prepared for 100 girls. Our plan for 2025 is to prepare for 150 girls and continue to reach out to those young ladies transitioning out of foster care.

Thank you again for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Natalie Ellington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Natalie Ellington, EdD  
Founder/Executive Director



