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Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Faith Action Network's mission is to be a faith-inspired statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and courageous public action.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Faith Action Network.

FAN's 2017 End-of-Session Successes

On April 23rd, the Washington State 2017 Regular Legislative Session came to an end. Two 30-day Special Sessions have followed in order to agree on a 2017-2019 Biennial Budget. In the meantime, FAN celebrates eight policy victories from our legislative agenda!

Anti-Human Trafficking

- **HB 1079 (Orwall)** Creates a no-contact order system to protect victims of human trafficking from their traffickers.
- **SB 5030 (Darneille)** Extends the statute of limitations for human trafficking from three to ten years, or, if the victim was under the age of 18 at the time of the crime, until their 30th birthday—whichever comes later.
- **SB 5272 (Saldaña)** Vacates convictions arising from offenses committed as a result of being a victim of trafficking.

Gun Safety

- **HB 1501 (Hansen)** Alerts law enforcement and domestic violence survivors when someone ineligible to own a firearm attempts to purchase one.

Criminal Justice Reform

- **SB 5069 (Walsh)** Allows the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges to do workforce-type classes in our state prison system that could lead to an Associate's Degree.



Mental Health

- **HB 1713 (Senn)** Implements recommendations from the children's mental health work group.

On April 25, Gov. Jay Inslee signed SB 5069, a prison education bill that took five sessions to pass through the legislature. We celebrate the efforts and faithfulness of the whole community—legislators, community activists, inmates and faith leaders—for this success!

Anti-Poverty

- **SB 5301 (Miloscia)** Requires companies seeking state contracts to certify that a court has not found them to be a willful violator of wage-theft laws in the last three years.
- **SB 5347 (Walsh)** Allows TANF recipients to have a second year of vocational education, instead of just one year.

Thank you to all of you who diligently called or emailed your state legislators this session regarding these policy bills. Thank you for your advocacy and support; you continually help, along with our many partners, to make our state more just and equitable for all!



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May 26, 2017

Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
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Dear Marilyn,

We are pleased to submit the following report and attachments in reference to **Q2 2016 14.2** and in gratitude for all your grant helped us to accomplish this year. Tulalip Charitable Contributions enabled us to continue to grow and reach more people in our state and raise voices of justice and hope in the halls of power and beyond.

Assisted by your grant, FAN's work impacted more than 406,000 people, representing the 5.8 percent of Washingtonians living in deep poverty with incomes less than 50 percent of poverty thresholds; a total of 12.2% of residents of our state live in poverty according to the same 2016 Census Bureau data. This number does not even take into account other groups of people we advocate for, including those incarcerated, trafficked, undocumented, and subject to gun violence. FAN's legislative priorities for the most vulnerable have the power to impact thousands of people's lives with more just public policies.

In last year's proposal, we said we measure our success in the six areas below (bolded text). We will comment on our progress on these below, and also in the attached documents:

- **Successful outcomes in the State Legislature in how well the budget serves the low-income and the poor and how many of the items on our legislative agenda are successful.** The 2017 Washington state legislative session was challenging. While the budget negotiations are still underway, FAN celebrates several policy victories and continues to advocate (see attached 2017 Legislative Agenda and End-of Session Successes):
 - FAN worked hard to pass a **criminal justice reform** bill this year: SB 5069. This legislation allows the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges to do workforce-type classes in our state prison system that could lead to an Associate's Degree. It is an exciting success, since our lobbyists and advocates have been working on this bill for the last five sessions.

- FAN also celebrates the passage of a few bills relating to **human trafficking** this session. Those bills include one that will create a no-contact order to protect victims of human trafficking, an extension on the statute of limitations for commercial sexual exploitation, and a bill that vacates convictions from offenses committed as a result of being a trafficking victim.
 - FAN successfully advocated for **anti-poverty bills**, and celebrates the passage of a wage theft prevention bill and a bill that will allow recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to have a second year of vocational education.
 - Along with our partners at the **Alliance for Gun Responsibility**, FAN advocates helped with the passage of HB 1501, which alerts law enforcement and domestic violence survivors when someone ineligible to own a firearm attempts to purchase one.
 - FAN rejoices at the passage of a bill that will implement recommendations from the **children's mental health** work group.
- **Increasing the number of faith communities beyond 109 in our Network of Advocating Faith Communities and the breadth of faith traditions and diversity of communities engaged.** Our statewide Network of Advocating Faith Communities (NAFC) continues to grow, and now numbers 122. We were delighted to welcome our first Muslim communities this year, the Islamic Center of the Tri-Cities, along with the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) in Redmond, the largest mosque in Washington State. We also added three more Jewish congregations to join our network of Christian communities, Unitarian congregations, Buddhist communities, a Friends meeting, a Sikh gurdwara, six predominantly African American congregations, two Spanish-speaking congregations, and five emerging churches. These communities make a commitment to partnering with FAN to educate, advocate, and promote the common good through advocacy on our statewide legislative agenda and on issues of concern in their own areas.
 - **Increasing the number of our advocates mobilized to participate in our four annual Spring Summits.** In 2016, we had about the same number of people attend the summits in Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, and Vancouver, but the engagement in the discussion and strategizing was much stronger. Attendees gathered in workgroups around economic justice, healthcare, criminal justice, the environment, and human trafficking. We are in the midst of our 2017 summits and value these annual gatherings as an opportunity to review our work in the state legislature, begin to identify and prioritize the issues we'll focus on next year, and build capacity for action among our advocates.
 - **Increasing the number of our legislative District Coordinators until each of the 49 districts in our state is represented.** This goal requires more capacity building in the year ahead, as

people need to be engaged with FAN for a while before they are willing to take this responsibility. We have 28 volunteer District Coordinators providing leadership for FAN in 21 of our state's 49 legislative districts. Organizing by district is a unique strength of FAN, and we plan to continue to build this capacity.

- **Increasing the number of advocates attending our Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia to attend issue workshops and to meet with their legislators on this day and between sessions.** This year more than 415 advocates (an increase of 66% over last year!) from 37 of our state's 49 districts joined us to learn about the issues, network and strategize with others from their legislative districts, and meet with their legislators. We convened 180 additional advocates in legislative conferences in Spokane and Yakima in January-February.
- **Maintaining and increasing beyond 5,800 the number of new subscribers to our e-news and advocacy alerts and the numbers who contact their legislators through advocacy tools, or who are mobilized to attend promoted FAN events, or sign online petitions.** This year we have been communicating weekly with more than 6,300 subscribers. We are able to hone our communications strategies for electronic advocacy by tracking what percentage open emails, sign petitions, or email their legislators.
- **Increasing involvement of faith and civic leaders from the broader diverse communities sharing FAN's mission—on the Governing Board, Program Committee, Interfaith Leaders Council, and in other decision-making capacities.** FAN's Interfaith Leaders Council welcomes the opportunity to gather quarterly to work on collaborative efforts, meet with the Governor, and issue public statements such as those this year in support of immigrants and refugees, Muslims, Jewish and Sikh communities as they faced threats. We also expanded our Governing Board with two additional members—one Muslim, and one from Eastern Washington, and welcomed Rabbi Aaron Meyer as our new Co-Chair.

Among our successes, FAN's advocates were heavily involved in the successful efforts to gather signatures for Initiative 1433 to raise the minimum wage in Washington to \$13.50/hr and guarantee paid sick and safe leave for all employees. Instrumental to this effort was the formation of an issue work group around economic justice, supported by staff and lead by volunteer advocates. They helped to track and promote signature gathering in faith communities and at public events.

In February 2017, FAN also joined the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and 117 other Tribal Nations and organizations in filing an amicus brief in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their struggle to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline. The brief highlighted one of

the ways in which the pipeline causes harm to the Native peoples: that an increase in extractive industries coincides with an increase in crimes against Native women and children such as rape, assault, domestic violence, murder, and sex trafficking.

We are continuing to convene and move forward the Interfaith Network for Indigenous Communities in response to the 30th anniversary of the Apology to Northwest Native American tribes. We have developed a web portal as a resource for faith communities to use:

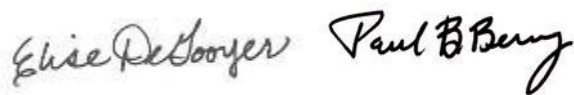
fanwa.org/INIC. Rather than a one-time anniversary event, our intentions are to encourage faith communities to pursue multiple streams of relationship and accountability through:

- Meetings with tribal councils to listen, learn and take steps toward right relationship.
- Building resources for faith communities to do their own education and come to terms with their histories, for example boarding schools, and work to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Engaging with urgent issues of sovereignty as invited, like Standing with Standing Rock and against future pipelines through native lands.

Please see attached our most recent Annual Report, our 2017 Legislative Agenda and End of Session Successes, and some additional photos of activities mentioned above. Your support helps FAN have a stronger and more effective voice for justice with elected officials statewide.

We have submitted by mail an application for 2017-18 funds and hope to continue to partner with you in the year ahead to make Washington a better, more equitable place for all to thrive. Thank you for your generous presence in our communities and your support this past year.

Gratefully,

Handwritten signatures of Elise DeGooyer and Paul Benz in black ink.

Elise DeGooyer & Rev. Paul Benz
Co-Directors, Faith Action Network

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Building a More Humane and Sustainable Biennial Budget

- Fully fund our broken Mental Health System
- Fully fund the McCleary decision for our K-12 education system
- Support Revenue Increases (Pass the Capital Gains Tax) and Eliminate Tax Exemptions
- Support Biennial Budget Request for Civil Legal Aid Program (\$12M)
- Support Biennial Budget Request for Small Farm Direct Marketing & Farm to School Programs (\$500K)
- Support Biennial Budget Request to reduce student homelessness (\$4M)

Increasing Support for Human Services and Reducing Wealth Inequality

- Fully restore the monthly TANF grant (\$15M) and protect our state's Disability Lifeline program (Housing and Essential Needs/Aged, Blind, and Disabled)
- Pass Breakfast After the Bell
- Pass Wage Theft prevention bills: Misclassification, Anti-Retaliation, Triple Damages, and Wage Recovery
- Pass Gender Pay Equity bill
- Increase Jobs & Contracts for African American community (Department of Transportation)
- Support poverty reduction bills
- Support Paid Family and Medical Leave Act

Dismantling the Culture of Violence

- Pass Criminal Justice Reform bills: Education in our State Prisons, LFOs-Legal Financial Obligations, replace death penalty statute with life sentence/without parole, Fair Chance Act, creation of an Ombuds Office for Dept. of Corrections, Second Chance Act (establish parole)
- Support Juvenile Justice Reforms (Sentencing Juveniles as Adults)
- Reform our state's Deadly Force statute
- Pass Gun Safety legislation: Safe Gun Storage and Limit Access to Assault-Style Weapons
- Pass Human Trafficking Prevention legislation
- Establish Dairy Worker Protections
- Pass Voting Rights Act
- Oppose Gender-Segregated Bathroom legislation that would discriminate against transgender people
- Protect civil rights of the undocumented – oppose Real ID/driver license bills
- Protect the Muslim community by prohibiting the release of personal religious information to the Federal government.

Protecting Housing & Preventing Homelessness

- Increase funding for Housing Trust Fund (\$200M)
- Prohibit discrimination based on a renter's source of income
- Eliminate the sunset of and increase the Document Recording Fee

Sustaining Washington's Environment

- Extend Solar Tax Credits for Homeowners
- Pass Pesticide Notification bill
- Support the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy proposal

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FAN Governing Board and Interfaith Leaders' Council representatives met with Governor Inslee in February 2017 to advocate for issues important to faith communities. Students from the Islamic School of Olympia joined to thank the Governor for strong support for the Muslim community in the face of the President's Executive Orders.



INIC members Kristina Gonzalez (center) of the Pacific NW Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Stacy Kitahata (right) of the ELCA NW Synod (Lutheran) have been involved in Standing Rock solidarity.



During Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia, FAN organized Muslim, Jewish & Christian faith leaders to join lawmakers in a press conference to support bills that would ensure Washington State will not share information indicating religious preference of residents with any proposed federal registries.



FAN staff celebrated its work for ballot initiative wins in November 2016 with I-1433 to increase the minimum wage and provide paid sick and safe leave in Washington; I-1491 for extreme-risk protection orders to prevent gun violence; and I-735 calling for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to end Citizens' United and get big money out of politics.

Now, more than ever



Just a FEW stories from the year...



Faith Action Network broadened our interfaith network to more than 121 faith communities statewide by welcoming 2 Muslim communities (including the Muslim Association of Puget Sound, with MAPS-AMEN Director and new FAN board member Aneelah Afzali pictured above), 3 new Jewish congregations, and new Unitarian and Christian churches — in partnership for the common good.



FAN Organizer-Interns Chasity Jones, David Choi, and Joshua Sullivan joined FAN for United Methodist Global Missions, UCC Justice

Leadership Program, and ELCA seminary internships. They represent FAN across the state in workgroups, coalitions, education forums, and outreach. They especially love marching and rallying for justice for workers and undoing institutional racism.



ORGANIZE

More than 400 advocates came from across Washington state to Olympia to advocate for bills that impact racial equity, support low-income people, ensure good nutrition in K-12 schools, assist victims of human trafficking, & sustain our environment.



ADVOCATE



FAN Co-Directors Elise DeGooyer and Rev. Paul Benz, along with Governing Board & Interfaith Leaders have been busy

decriing hate crimes and policies that threaten our beloved communities. Dr. Jasmit Singh of the Sikh Coalition and Khalsa Gurmat School (pictured here) brought together communities recently.

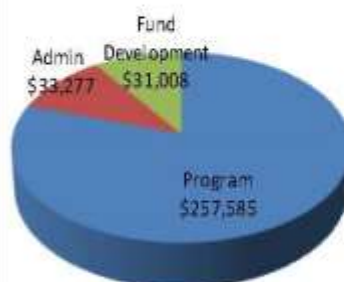


EDUCATE

2016 Income \$324,191



- Denominations
- Faith Communities
- Individuals
- Community support
- Fundraising events
- Grants



- Program: Organizing, Education & Advocacy
- Administrative
- Fund Development

2016 Expenses \$321,870

We give thanks for you and your support!

FAN was honored to be listed by **Seattle Met Magazine** as one of **20 Great Nonprofits to Give to in 2017 and Beyond**.

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