



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Food Lifeline

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Organization's General Goals:

Our strategic plan goal is to feed people who are experiencing hunger today and, at the same time, solve the issue of hunger for tomorrow.

Date of Award:	Level:
2012 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:

For more information, please read the attached report from Food Lifeline.

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TulalipCares.org



November 12, 2013

Marilyn Sheldon, Charitable Contributions
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
8802 27th Ave NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

RE: Food Lifeline: Q4 2012 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

On behalf of Food Lifeline, thank you for the generous donation of [REDACTED] from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund on February 7, 2013 for general operations. I am pleased to enclose a grant report describing what we have accomplished with your support.

Last fiscal year, Food Lifeline distributed over 36 million pounds of food to nearly 300 food banks, meal programs, and shelters that served 745,000 people. Of that total, 448,603 pounds of food went to five food banks and meal programs in our network that primarily serve Native Americans, the equivalent of 345,000 meals.

We successfully implemented two new targeted programs: **Kids Café** delivers nutritious, ready-to-eat food directly to children at risk of hunger in the summer and after school, and the **Mobile Food Pantry** distributes food directly to families in underserved rural areas.

I would welcome the opportunity to host you at one of our warehouses in Shoreline or south Seattle, to see firsthand the impact of our work and to learn more about our plans to construct the new **Hunger Solution Center** in 2015 to build our capacity to meet the demand for food in our community.

Thank you again for your support of our mission and activities to end hunger in Western Washington, and we look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,

Linda Nageotte
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Grant Report to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund

The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund awarded Food Lifeline a grant of [REDACTED] on February 7, 2013 for general operations. Food Lifeline leveraged your generous donation to expand our capacity to feed more hungry people in our region. We are pleased to submit this report describing the impact of your grant on our mission to end hunger in Western Washington:

- **Hungry people served:**

Last fiscal year, our network of nearly 300 food banks, meal programs and shelters reported serving almost 745,000 people, of whom 35% are children and youth. On average, food banks received one-third of the total food they distributed from Food Lifeline, which demonstrates our strong impact on ending hunger in Western Washington.

- **Total food distribution:**

In our most recently completed fiscal year, Food Lifeline distributed 36.2 million pounds of food, equivalent to 28 million meals. This poundage represents an increase of almost 180,000 pounds (138,400 meals) over the previous fiscal year and over one million pounds over the past two fiscal years. The Grocery Rescue program, which collects a wide variety of perishable and shelf-stable food from 200 retail stores, grew by almost 5% to over 16 million pounds.

- **Focus on nutritious food:**

Food Lifeline's priority is to distribute a wide variety of food that contributes to a healthy diet. Overall, 70% of the food that we distributed qualifies as nutritious based on standards established by Feeding America. Last fiscal year, we distributed 10.3 million pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables—28% of our total poundage—and over eight million pounds of high-protein dairy products and meat, fish and poultry.

The Grocery Rescue Program, which Food Lifeline pioneered within the national Feeding America network, is a prime example of how we have successfully increased the nutritional value of the food that we distribute. This program, which is marking its 11th anniversary this year, has grown to recovering 16 million pounds of nutritious food—including fresh produce, meat, dairy products and bread—annually from 200 retail grocery stores. Grocery Rescue is considered a “best practice” and has been replicated throughout the Feeding America network.

- **Kids Café:**

Food Lifeline launched Kids Café, our first program targeted for children at high risk of hunger in the summer and after school, when school-based meals are not available. Through Kids Café, we are delivering healthy, kid-friendly, ready-to-eat food directly to children from low-income families. In 2012-13, we piloted both the Kids Café summer and after-school programs in King and Snohomish Counties, partnering with Boys and Girls Clubs and Volunteers of America to serve a total of 9,360 meals and snacks.

Since 2012, Kids Café has expanded from two sites in two counties to 14 sites in five counties. The success of the pilot laid the framework to expand the program through new partnerships with community organizations that serve children. This fiscal year, our goal is to serve over 60,000 meals and snacks through the after-school program.

- **Mobile Food Pantry:**

In July 2013, after six months of planning and preparation, we implemented our first Mobile Food Pantry, which delivers a wide variety of nutritious, mostly perishable food directly to people in underserved rural areas. Through this program, we bring approximately 5,000 pounds of food directly to 100-150 households each month. We are collaborating with local community groups, which provide sites and volunteers to help distribute the food.

Food Lifeline is piloting the Mobile Food Pantry in the city of Longview in Cowlitz County and in east Whatcom County, areas with high rates of food insecurity and few resources for food. We plan to launch a third Mobile Food Pantry in east King County in 2014.

- **Infrastructure for growth:**

Food Lifeline is entering a new stage of dramatic growth and change to meet the increase in demand for food and the changing needs in our community. We are laying the groundwork to construct a comprehensive new Hunger Solution Center in 2015 that will enable us to combine our two facilities into one and to expand our services to the community.

Thank you for your investment in Food Lifeline's mission and activities. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to ensure that all people in Western Washington have access to the nutritious food they need.