

Funds Distribution Report

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Foster Hearts

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Organization's General Goals:

Serving in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and Snohomish Counties, Foster Hearts provides personal items and life-enhancing opportunities for children in foster care. These children are provided with food, clothes, hygienic products, school supplies, extra-curricular experiences, and more.

Date of Award:	Level:
2020 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Foster Hearts.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Funds

RE: Grant Report- General Funding at Foster Hearts

To the Directors of the Tulalip Charitable Contributions Fund,

On behalf of Foster Hearts, we thank you for your generous grant to support our programs that include: coordinate volunteers and donations; fund extra-curricular activities; fund educational needs; provide care kits for children newly entering care; provide food for children with food insecurities; provide diapers, car seats and clothing; coordinate support resources; provide general liaison case service support; and provide ICWA specific liaising supports and services. Foster Hearts would like to offer the following grant report in recognition of the Tulalip Fund's impact for the 2021 year.

Your partnership has made an incredible difference in the lives of the foster children and caregivers we serve in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and Snohomish counties.

Outcomes:

The most important outcome that resulted in this grant was it gave us the ability to cover expenses related to uncovered cost and the ability to purchase concrete goods and services as needed for children in foster care not already covered by the state or other programs. It also gave us the ability to contract with the state for ICWA Expert Witness services in Washington for children in the foster care system.

Impact:

The number of children we were able to impact this year while they were in foster care was 689 and we were able to serve 429 caregivers with support and resources. We were able to hold off on hiring staff until the end of 2021 so we could provide more resources and support to our programs. We have been able to secure a storage unit to house our seasonal items for the Foster Closet Program which provides free clothing and supplies to children in foster care. The Care Kit Program has been very successful and we have provided over 300 Care Kits this year to caregivers and DCYF offices. Care Kits include a duffel bag with clothing, pj's, hygiene items, diapers & wipes, a book, toy or stuffy and blanket and a few additional items.

From one of our caregivers on receiving a Care Kit-

"I received Care Kits for a 2-month-old and a 9-year-old and I can't put into words how wonderful as well as helpful they were. You can tell there was a lot of thought that went into them, and the quality of the items were so nice. As you know, foster parents take children in last minute under crisis situations and that children often come with no belongings and often there is not much time to prepare. To be able to



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get such a complete care kit with everything we might need, was really a blessing. I really appreciated the quality of the personal hygiene items that were included as well as the very nice p.j.'s. It sure was nice to have pacifiers for the baby as well as a nice number of diapers. My nine-year-old really appreciated the fidget type toy and was excited to have his own very nice duffle bag with lots of pockets as well as a set of pajamas where the top and bottom matched.

Thank you again for providing such an important resource to foster families.

Sincerely, one very appreciative foster parent."

Challenges:

The needs of children in foster care did not stop at age 18 but continued to age 21. We recognized the need to expand our programs to include those youth in foster care who age out at 18 but choose to continue in foster care in the Extended Foster Care Program. Because of this expansion we were able to serve 29 youth in the Extended Foster Care Program this year. For some this was a needed laptop for college and for others it was a bike to get to work and college. For one this meant support as she found out she was pregnant and wanted to stay in the program and this meant she had to continue in school and hold a job. As our program has grown this year, we have hired 2 part time staff that start as paid employees on December 1st. This will allow us to continue to grow and serve children in foster care and the families who serve them.

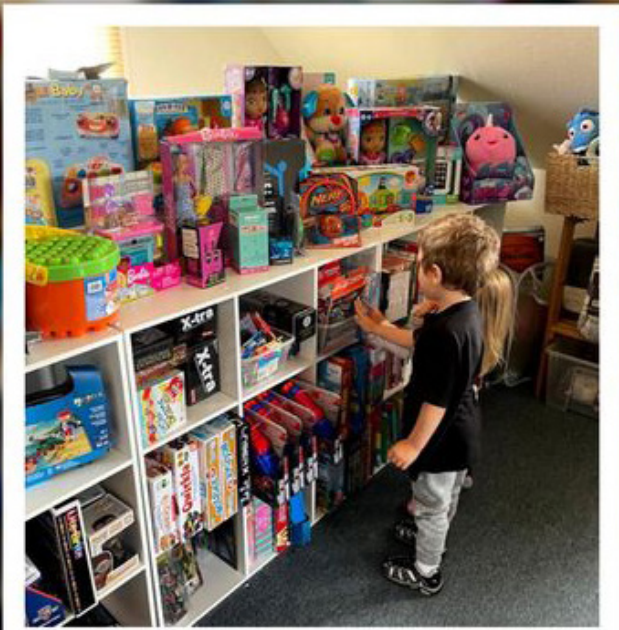
Thank you for supporting Foster Hearts, and for your commitment to a healthy community for all.

Sincerely,

Shala Crow

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Founder/Executive Director



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