



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Hands On Children's Museum

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Organization's General Goals:
The Hands On Children's Museum in Olympia, Washington stimulates curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking through fun, interactive, and engaging exhibits and learning experiences for children, families, and the community. As a leading destination for family activities in Olympia, the Museum encourages learning through play, exploration, and hands-on discovery.

Date of Award:	Level:
2025 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Hands On Children's Museum.

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“This is the funnest day of my entire life!”
-Free Field Trip Participant Magnolia, Age 7

March 16, 2026

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Funds
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon – **Q2 2025 14.2**

Dear Marilyn and Charitable Contributions Fund Committee Members:

We are grateful for the Tulalip Tribes’ inaugural support of the Hands On Children’s Museum (www.hocm.org) in 2025. Thanks to your generous [REDACTED] gift, 184 students from Title I, rural, and underserved schools in Pierce and Mason counties, along with their chaperones and teachers, participated in memorable and enriching field trips to the Hands On Children’s Museum at no cost.

Students benefited from unstructured play-based learning throughout the museum and from Standards-aligned workshops, such as creating art-producing robots, experimenting with catapult construction, and using tools to explore hydraulics and pneumatics. Each student also received a free family pass, so they could return to the museum with their family.



One of the beneficiaries of Tulalip’s support was teacher Alicia Hicks and her class of curious young second-graders from Park Lodge Elementary in Steilacoom. Ms. Hicks wrote compellingly about the value and importance of this experience, *“For many of our students, school is their only source of consistent meals and stability. Without school-provided opportunities, our students would never have the chance to visit a place like the Hands On Children’s Museum. This trip levels the playing field, providing a high-quality educational experience that their families simply can’t afford, ensuring that our students’ zip codes do not limit their access to wonder and discovery.”*



As a note to the Tulalip Tribes for providing this funding, Ms. Hicks added, *“We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity. I truly cannot express enough how much this meant to my students. For many of them, this wasn’t just a school day—it was the ‘most fun they have ever had in their lives.’ To see children who face so many daily challenges experience that kind of pure joy and wonder is a gift. This grant didn’t just fund a trip; it funded a defining childhood memory for a group of very deserving students. Thank you for making this possible.”*

At Hands On, we are committed to providing museum access to all children and families, regardless of their ability to pay, because we know that hands-on, early learning experiences are pivotal to children’s healthy development. We depend on community-minded supporters like the Tulalip Tribes to make the magic of the museum available to thousands of deserving and underserved children, families, and teachers each year. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty Belmonte".

Patty Belmonte
CEO