



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors

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GENERAL GOALS: With your generous funding, we were able to provide emergency assistance to our areas wounded warriors who desperately needed our help during their time of greatest need.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

From March of 2015 through July of 2015, we have helped 124 warriors with emergency assistance. Specifically, we have helped with:

- 1) Food. Gift certificates to grocery stores so that these families did not have to rely on food banks.
- 2) Housing-rental /mortgage payments. Without our assistance, eviction or foreclosure were potential outcomes.
- 3) Utilities. We made sure these families had heat for their homes, and hot water for bathing.
- 4) Transportation. We help loved ones with airfare so that visitation and assistance in times of crisis was possible.

For more information, see the attached report from Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors.



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Because of the confidentiality required from our constituents, there are no photos from our emergency assistance program during this funding period.

Our website: www.heartbeatforwarriors.org



Meet Seth...

In March of 2015, our President Janice Buckley started to communicate with Vanessa, the wife of Seth. Vanessa had learned of our Scuba Warrior program, and believed that Seth could benefit from it. Seth suffers from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Vanessa saw to it that all of the paperwork was completed so that Seth would be properly enrolled in our scuba program. She was pregnant, and the couple already had two children, a 2 year old and a 4 year old. Vanessa shared with Janice the difficulties of caring for a family while also caring for the needs of Seth, which is very common among wives of wounded warriors.

Then in April, Janice learned that Vanessa had suffered a stroke, and had tragically passed away. Because the baby was full-term, it survived. Can you imagine the situation that Seth was presented with? Being a wounded warrior, having just lost his spouse, a newborn baby and two young children to care for...incomprehensible. Luckily, his mother was able to fly out to help with the children.

Seth's finances were unstable, because not all of his benefits had been processed yet. Heartbeat immediately stepped in to help. We provided emergency financial assistance to help with airfare for Seth's mother, help with funeral arrangements, and their mortgage payment. Seth indicated to us that our assistance "helped hugely".

We are happy to report that Seth stayed enrolled in the Scuba Warrior program, and has completed his open water certification. He is now participating with the Scuba Warrior Alumni Team (SWAT) where graduates of the program get together on their own to continue diving, and build strong life-long bonds with the team.

Because of the generous support of our funding partners, we are able to be a life-line for many warriors like Seth who would otherwise be faced with insurmountable difficulties while adjusting to civilian life after their injuries.