Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: Homage [Senior Services of Snohomish County]

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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is to promote independence, preserve dignity, and enhance the quality of life through the provision of services for older adults and people with disabilities.

Date of Award: 2024 Q2

Level: \$10,000 plus

For more information, please read the attached report from Homage [Senior Services of Snohomish County].



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Tulalip Charitable Fund

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- Homage's Senior Nutrition Programs are uniquely positioned to address the critical needs of older adults through the provision of food, community engagement, and nutrition education. Over our 50-year history, Homage has provided more than 11 million meals through our Nutrition Programs. Homage remains committed to supporting older adults and adults with disabilities as they connect to helpful resources, enjoy their friends and community, and live a life filled with resilience and hope.
- In 2024, at the core of our mission, our devoted nutrition staff and volunteers delivered 248,588 Meals on Wheels (MOW) to 1,645 homebound older adults and individuals with disabilities throughout Snohomish County. General comments from clients included:
 - Really enjoy the food & appreciate your help!
 - At times, I'm just so tired. It just really helps to have the MOW.
 - Your guys' meals are perfect because they're proportionate meals.
 - I swear if I didn't have them, I wouldn't eat. The delivery drivers are so nice.
 - My meals help a lot since I can't physically stand to cook a whole lot.
 - I think your food is very good. Vegetables inside the meals are better quality than what I can access in the market.
 - I love Gabe (a driver). He's absolutely wonderful.
- Through our Community Table Dining Program (CTDP), we partnered with 11 Community and Senior Centers, including our own Center for Healthy Living multicultural center, to serve 118,628 hot lunches to 3,429 seniors. This represents a 39% increase in the number of seniors served in 2023. These community centers provide fundamental opportunities for older adults to socialize, participate in activities, access community resources, and enjoy nutritious meals with their peers.
- Over the Thanksgiving Holiday we delivered 686 turkey meals (turkey dinner plus leftovers) to 343 homebound older adults throughout Snohomish County with the help of volunteer delivery drivers. 10 Tulalip clients received these special holiday meals. <u>MOW/Thanksgiving meal preparation photos have been included.</u>

Last year at Tulalip Homage:

- Provided 3,360 MOW meals in 2024 to 22 clients.
- Provided food for up to five days per week serving some 150 160 meals per day annually for the CTDP at the Tulalip Tribal Senior Center; 37,709 meals served.
 (most of whom ate 4 5 meals/week.

- We reimbursed Tulalip per day for cook's services. Homage provides giftsin-kind valued at \$16,300, packaging/container supplies that Tulalip uses for their own home-delivered meal clients (not Homage's MOW clients).
- Homage's Meals on Wheels program faced a \$485K dollar funding deficit (>50K meals) from 2023 due to the loss of Hunger Relief Bill funds. The deficit resulted in the implementation of a waitlist beginning in January, which peaked at 400 individuals in July. We were awarded additional Nutrition (one-time) funding through the state, allowing us to effectively eliminate our MOW waitlist by November. This accomplishment is a great testament to our Nutrition staff who worked tirelessly to rapidly enroll wait-listed people in delivery services. However, it also highlights the continued growing demand for senior nutrition programs, and the inability of federal funding to keep pace.
- Over the past year, 45 volunteers donated 2,471 hours of their time to support our Meals on Wheels clients.
- As the demand grows, we continue to explore new funding opportunities and partnerships to optimize and leverage our funding, and to the best of our abilities, ensure every senior who needs food gets it. Support from funders and partners is vital to these efforts. **Thank you for your continuing confidence.**









