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TulalipCares.org

Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Homes First

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Organization's General Goals:

The mission of Homes First is to provide safe, healthy, affordable rental homes for those who need them most.

Date of Award:

2017 Q2

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Homes First.

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Grant Report

2018

In December 2018, The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund contributed [REDACTED] to Homes First and our mission.

In April 2019, because of your investment, we were able to move three young women and two children, all formerly homeless, into a safe and healthy home they can afford.

Because of you, they have a fresh start, a safe home, and hope for their future.

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Homes First

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A Place to Stay and People to Help

Investments Well Made = BIG Impact!

Your contribution of [REDACTED] was used to match other funds for Homes First to acquire and renovate a 1,300 SQ FT, three-bedroom home. Then in partnership with another local nonprofit, Community Youth Services (CYS), we moved in three youth who needed a place to start again. Homes First provides the home for as long as they need it and our partner CYS, provides the structure in the home that our tenants require to be successful.

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Emily’s Story

In the past year, 19-year-old Emily went from sleeping in a car to getting her own bed at a home in Thurston County. After she moved away from a family situation that no longer worked for her, the formerly homeless youth often spent the night at a friend’s house or in a car when she didn’t have a place to crash.

Eventually, a friend told her about a housing program at Community Youth Services that helped her secure more permanent housing.

“Honestly, it opened up a huge window for me because I ended up getting a job and my own place,” Emily said. “It gave me actual stability.”

In less than a week, Emily – whose name has been changed for safety reasons – and two other formerly homeless youth will move into a house in Thurston County owned by nonprofit Homes First to help them as they get back on their feet.

Without a place to live, it’s hard for a homeless person to access services they need and keep moving in a positive direction—basics like having a place to store food after they visit the food bank, having a place to wash their clothes, and getting a decent night’s sleep so they can go to work or school the next day.

Housing is foundational to having the chance for a better future. The solution to homelessness is a home and, unfortunately, homes aren't free. So, there needs to be money put behind this and it needs to be treated like a real crisis.



FOR BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION!