



Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Hugo House

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Organization's General Goals:

Hugo House is a place to read words, hear words, and make your own words better.

Date of Award:

2018 Q1

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:

This award was used for administrative and program expenses. For more information, please read the attached report from Hugo House.

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TulipCares.org

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2018 Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund Final Report

Just as we have theaters, museums, and concert halls. Hugo House has built a model literary center. Thanks to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund and hundreds of other donors, we have successfully completed and exceeded our \$7.5 million capital campaign budget to build a new home for Hugo House. And together, we can address the deep cultural divisions we face today.

Hugo House moved into our new home on Sept. 21, 2018 and produced our community Grand Opening on Sept. 22 with fall classes resuming on Sept. 24. While we have moved in, we are still not quite settled.

Hugo House worked with the international architectural design firm NBBJ. The design is clean and spare, but incorporates the warmth and coziness of books and reading. Our 10,000 sq.ft. home on Capitol Hill includes: community meeting space with a stage for readings; six classrooms; writing nooks; meditation garden; administrative space; and a flexible 200-seat theatre for events, programs, readings, book launches, and rentals to other non-profits. In addition, our new facility will allow Hugo House to offer significantly more adult classes, greatly expanded youth education programs for the teen writers, addition of after-school classes for youth, and an exciting season of events, performances, and readings.

For over 20 years, Hugo House has nurtured tens of thousands of people—writers, readers, and audiences—bringing innovative and effective classes and events to people of all ages and backgrounds. Our youth programs focus on developing eager teen writers, our adult students come to hone their craft, and our teachers and performers reflect our commitment to racial equity.

Working with diverse communities is a top priority, as we have presented many writers from under-represented communities, including Native American, African American, Asian American, Latino, and LGBTQ writers. We are committed to racial and social equity and make diversity a priority across all of our operations.

Last year, Hugo House managed 215 classes, 800 events, 2,230 students, and provided over \$20,000 in scholarships to youth and adults many of whom were retired, disabled, unemployed, or in transitional housing. We are proud that we can make a difference in their lives so that they are able to express themselves and have the opportunities and confidence to explore their passions and tell their stories. We make every effort to remove barriers to access. In 2018 more than 85% of our events were free.

Hugo House is one of the more diverse organizations from its students and teachers, to our audiences and authors.

Teachers

Asian: 9
Native American: 2
Black: 16
Latino(a): 8
White: 103
Other: 3

Staff:

White: 8
Latino(a): 2

Board: White: 13
Black: 1

Recently, Hugo House presented Natalie Diaz “Poetry Across the Nations: An Indigenous Reading.” This FREE community reading showcased a diversity of local and national Native poets. The event included readings by Celeste Adame, Laura Dá, Natalie Diaz, Jennifer Foerster, Casandra Lopez, Sara Ortiz, and Cedar Sigo. We also offered free poetry workshops for Native writers.

Together with the Seattle Public Library, Hugo House presented *Beyond the Frame*, which showcased the photographs of Edward S. Curtis and sparked conversations on Native Identity, race and resilience, art and culture.

Through classes for adults and programs for teens, Hugo House helps writers find their voice, explore deeper truths, and refine their craft. Readings and other events celebrate our diversity by welcoming all who believe in the power of words.

Words . . . words of truth. . . are a powerful force for change—whether written or spoken. Words are how we find meaning and shape our world. They lead and inspire us. They excite and inform us. And, they incite and also comfort us.

The Native American voice has been instrumental in Hugo House history, influence, importance, growth and story-telling to provide an exceptional home where words are revered, nurtured, wrestled with, and brought to life in a truthful, authentic, and vibrant manner.

Warmly and with gratitude,
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