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# Funds Distribution Report

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**Organization's General Goals:**

KidVantage helps kids reach their full potential tomorrow by meeting basic needs today.

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**Date of Award:**

2022 Q4

**Level:**

\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from KidVantage.

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## Final Report Prepared for Tulalip Charitable Contributions Grant Fund, 2023, Grant #Q4 2022 14.2

### Grant Funds Detail:

Funds provided by Tulalip Tribes Charitable Foundation in 2023 were used to support the **Strong Foundations for Every Kid program**. It is KidVantage's ongoing main program so all children, regardless of their circumstances, have what they need to be, protected and healthy, creating stability and resiliency for families in need, and stronger communities for all. *Thank you!*

### Strong Foundations for Every Kid Update:

Thank you for funding KidVantage in 2022. By working together, we are giving kids a strong start in life, and the opportunity to create their own future.

According to the Self Sufficiency Standard, 28% of Washington families cannot afford their basic needs without assistance. As a basic need's provider, we have a front-line view into the challenges local families are experiencing.

KidVantage is distributing the largest amount of essential goods in our 30 years of service. Since the pandemic, we've seen need increase across all counties we serve as families try to make ends meet. The number of recipients increased 36% and orders increased 40% in 2023.

Last year, KidVantage provided 224,006 product orders to 18,049 recipients who received assistance one or more times in the year. These are unduplicated numbers.

The numbers of children new to the KidVantage system is 20% greater than in 2022.



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On average, 1,129 children were assisted each week as KidVantage produced an average of 3,000+ product orders, distributed across 5 counties.

The number of agency partners increased to 83, with 284 sites, including 26 in Snohomish County. KidVantage filled 96.7% of all received orders; this was despite going through inventory at an extremely fast rate.

The outcomes survey of partner providers provided testimony to the effectiveness of Strong Foundations for Every Kid. Of the providers surveyed in 2023, (response rate was 80%) 84% reported increased happiness among the children, 78% reported improved health outcomes for their clients due to KidVantage services, and 88% reported KidVantage services help their clients handle stressful situations better.

## 2,035,317 Bottoms Covered!

For the first time ever, KidVantage has surpassed the 2 million mark for diapers distributed. In 2022, KidVantage distributed 1,916,633 diapers.

## Impact in Action!

Real stories from KidVantage Staff...

□ **Courtney, Shoreline Program Coordinator at KidVantage** “One provider was picking up a bundle [clothing bag] for an elementary school student and said she would order another bundle for the same child next week. I asked her why and she told me that the child’s house is infested with bed bugs. Every morning at school, the school has her take off all her clothes and change into KidVantage clothing. The school then launders the clothing during the day so the child can return home in their newly washed clothing.”

□ **Cori, Purchasing Manager at KidVantage:** “I was contacted by an Officer with the Kirkland Police Department who was looking for car seats. In December, he helped a mom load groceries in her car. Upon loading the car, the officer realized that the 3 older kids didn’t have car seats and the baby was squished into an infant bucket seat that was way too small for him. He told the mom he would help find car seats for her kids. He reached out to KidVantage and we were able to provide 4 car seats for this family.”



Regrettably, we share the passing of our founder, Karen Ridlon, on August 20, 2023. Karen's indomitable spirit and commitment to positive change laid the foundation for KidVantage's ongoing work. Through your continued support, you honor her legacy and embody her conviction that, by uniting, we can bring help and hope to the children and families in our community. We celebrate your commitment to strengthening families and our community with this generous grant.

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