



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Kids In Concert

**DATE OF AWARD:** 2017 Q4

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Overcoming poverty and adversity is best done by strengthening the spirit, creating, as Dr. Abreu puts it, “an affluence of the spirit,” and investing that affluence as a valued asset in a community endeavor to create excellence and beauty in music.

### **SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

This award went towards programs and operational expenses.

For more information please read the attached report from Kids In Concert.



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Dear Tulalip Cares,

Thank you so much for funding Kids in Concert's grant request! With your generous gift, we were able to take fourteen middle and high school students on tour. Our program serves 55 students from kindergarten through high school during the school year, with another 20-30 for our summer programs. Every year we take our older students to visit colleges, sit in on rehearsals, and have masterclasses with local teachers. The tours are a way to reward the hard work the older students do, while giving the younger students something to look forward to. For many of our young people, the tour is the first time they have thought about college as an option after high school.

Our original plan was to head to Portland, but with the tour dates coming just before Easter and spring break, we decided to see what Seattle had to offer. Our first stop took us to Bainbridge Island, where our violinists and violists participated in a master class with local teacher Katherine Davies. They took part in a two hour lesson with Katherine, working on repertoire and technique.

Our second stop took us to the University of Washington, where our beloved KIC mentor, Liam, attends school. Not only did Liam dedicate his entire afternoon to give us a tour of the massive UW campus, but he arranged for us all to sit in on the rehearsal of an advanced choir class. Between stops, we experienced the magic of the cherry blossoms in bloom, and stopped by Meany Hall for the Performing Arts (some inspiration for all our budding musicians!)

After a night filled with lots of takeout food and hours of rambunctious games, we woke up on Friday, ready to dive back into music. On Friday morning, our cellists and bassist had the privilege of a masterclass lesson with Mara Finkelstein: the teacher of OUR cello teachers, Mariah and Mattie. Mara's passionate, yet tender style of teaching was an inspiration and a gift to us all.

After the lesson, we quickly made our way over to the music building at Cornish College of the Arts. The staff there had arranged for a private tour for our students, including a seminar on how to apply to Cornish, and how to participate in their summer music programs. After a few more hours spent exploring the city, we headed back home -- tired, yet inspired by and grateful for the adventures of the past two days.

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The KIC tour is a very important part of our program. In addition to giving our students an idea of what college is all about, it gives the colleges and universities in our region a chance to become acquainted with our kids, who are committed to community and service. Thank you for helping make our tour a reality.

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