



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Kindering Center

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage and the skills to soar.

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

This grant was used to support our award-winning early intervention programming and increase our ability to provide need-based scholarships to the special needs community in South Snohomish County and North King County. These funds were added to a robust challenge pool at the recent Kindering Gala.

For more information, please see the attached report from Kindering Center.

**Funding Code: Q4 2015 14.2**

March 24, 2016

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271-9694

Dear Marilyn,

Kinding is pleased to present this grant report to the Tulalip Tribes, which supported our nationally-recognized early intervention programs. Kinding has been helping infants and children with special needs for over 54 years.

In the first 3 years of life, 85% of a child's brain develops. It is the crucial window for infants and toddlers with special needs - we must not lose a precious moment. We know that infants cannot wait. Thanks to your recent support, we can continue our commitment to every child and family in need of Kinding's help.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** Kinding is honored to have received \$ [REDACTED] from the Tulalip Tribes to support our award-winning early intervention programming and increase our ability to provide need-based scholarships to the special needs community in South Snohomish County and North King County. These funds were added to a robust challenge pool at the recent Kinding Gala.

**PROJECT RESULTS:** During the recent Kinding Gala & Auction on March 5, 2106, guests were invited to make commitments to financially support Kinding with a donation to the *Gifts of Courage* Program. *Gifts of Courage* ensure that Kinding can continue provide families with support in 2016, many of whom receive services free-of-charge thanks to scholarships.

Thanks to Tulalip Tribes and other members of the Gifts of Courage matching fund pool, we were able to match all gifts at the \$2,500 level. This level is significant because, thanks to the match, each \$2,500 pledge can provide a full-year scholarship for services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy and individualized special education! I am thrilled to report that 17 donors stepped up at the \$2,500 level and, in total, the Gifts of Courage program raised \$267,000, a record breaking total for Kinding!

Thanks to the support of Tulalip Tribes, every child and family coming to Kinding will find a place in our programs, regardless of their ability to pay for services. Thank you again for your incredible support for our community!

With sincere gratitude,



Alison Morton, Director of Development

Thank you so much. We look forward to attending the Raising Hands celebration this fall!