



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center
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GENERAL GOALS: Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center improves the bodies, minds, and spirits of children and adults with disabilities through equine-assisted therapies and activities, and to be an inspiration and educational resource to the therapeutic riding profession, both regionally and nationally.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used to support their annual auction which provides funding for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center.





June 13, 2017

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

RE: Q3 2016 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center is grateful for the [REDACTED] grant received in November 2016 from Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund in support of our annual auction. We are honored to be the recipient of your generous support since 2008.

Little Bit continues offering life-changing equine-assisted activities and therapy to 195 children and adults with disabilities each week. Our 1,100 volunteers, including facility work groups from area businesses, contributed 28,819 hours last year making our work possible.

The funding from the Tulalip Tribes was applied to sponsor our largest fundraising event of the year - the 32nd Annual Reins of Life Auction. The auction was on April 22nd at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency. The auction was a highlight to the year - welcoming old and new friends to support the work of Little Bit through an evening including dinner and a silent and live auction. There were 283 individuals at the event, with 51 new donors to Little Bit.

We also had a new auctioneer for 2017. Matt Lorch (news anchor at Q13 Fox News) led the live auction and challenged bidders to give generously for Little Bit. The night was highlighted by the video featuring Colten who has been riding at Little Bit for four years. He started with occupational therapy, and has progressed from being in a wheelchair to walking on his own! He is now in speech therapy at Little Bit. The video link is included in the email for you to enjoy.

The Tulalip Tribes logo was featured in our auction catalog and on the PowerPoint presentation for the evening. We are so grateful for your support to help make our auction a success. We exceeded our goal and raised \$302,185 that evening prior to any employer matching gifts that will be directed to Little Bit and received in the coming months.

We are honored by your partnership to serve the community. Thank you for joining Little Bit in changing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through equine-assisted activities.

Sincerely,

Melissa Kelley
Grants Manager