



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Little Bit Theraputic Riding Center

DATE OF AWARD: 2017 Q3

ADDRESS: 18675 NE 106th Street, Redmond, WA 98052

CONTACT: (425) 882-1554, <https://www.littlebit.org>

GENERAL GOALS: Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center is a community where horses transform the bodies, minds, and spirits of people with disabilities.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards programs and operational expenses.

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





May 7, 2018

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

RE: Q3 2017 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center is grateful for the [REDACTED] grant received in November 2017 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.

The funding from the Tulalip Tribes was applied to sponsor our largest fundraising event of the year – the 33rd Annual Reins of Life Auction. The auction was on April 21st at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. The auction, the highlight of our year, featured an evening that included dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction led by Matt Lorch (news anchor at Q13 Fox News) who challenged bidders to give generously for Little Bit.

This year's video, to showcase our work and the need to give, featured Emma, a little girl who started Little Bit therapy at age two and who has graduated to adaptive riding. The video link, as well as pictures and other web links, are included in the email for you to enjoy.

Our goal was to increase auction attendance from 283 last year. We surpassed that goal with 301 individuals at the event this year. We also wanted to increase sponsorship funding of the event by 10%. Last year, we had \$5,750 of sponsorship for the auction. This year's sponsorship topped that amount, taking in \$17,000 – an amazing 195% increase.

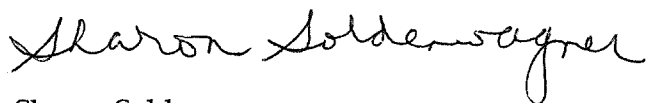
Our final goal was to increase event revenue by 10 percent through more attendance and auction items. I am happy to report that we met that goal: our gross revenue increased from \$302,185 to over \$355,000, a 17 percent increase. Please note that both of these numbers reflect revenue prior to employer matching gifts directed to Little Bit.

An acknowledgement and the Tulalip Tribes logo was featured in our auction invitation, auction catalog, and emails and on signage and our slide presentation for the evening. A "Thank you" to you and the other sponsors appeared on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as our web page. We are so grateful for your support to help make our auction a success.

Little Bit continues offering life-changing equine-assisted activities and therapy to 230 children and adults with disabilities each week. Our 1,093 volunteers, including facility work groups from area businesses, contributed 29,966 hours last year making our work possible.

We are honored by your partnership to serve the community. In the email accompanying this letter, I have attached a link to our auction video featuring Emma who started in equine-assisted therapy and graduated to adaptive riding (recreational riding with a therapeutic benefit), as well as photos of the event. Thank you for joining Little Bit in changing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through equine-assisted activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Soldenwagner".

Sharon Soldenwagner
Director of Development

Thank you for all the
great work that you do
in our broad community!