



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Max Higbee Center

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**GENERAL GOALS:** The Max Higbee Center values a fun, safe, welcoming, and people-first community dedicated to creating friendships and offering opportunities for all members to reach their greatest potential.

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

Your funds were used to expand and improve services for youth and adults living with disabilities. In calendar year 2014 we served 278 individual clients, a new record. To date for 2015 we have served 306 total clients, already another new record with one month of the year left to add to the total. We have only 3.8 FTE equivalent staff, so we are especially pleased by the growth in the number of clients served and the growth and development of our cadre of volunteers

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



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RE: Q3 2014 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Please accept this update on the [REDACTED] contribution awarded by the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund to Max Higbee Center in November of 2014. Your funds were used to expand and improve services for youth and adults living with disabilities. In calendar year 2014 we served 278 individual clients, a new record. To date for 2015 we have served 306 total clients, already another new record with one month of the year left to add to the total. We have only 3.8 FTE equivalent staff, so we are especially pleased by the growth in the number of clients served and the growth and development of our cadre of volunteers.

Our Nutrition Education Program, initiated in 2012, has had another successful year. To date for 2015 this one program alone served 121 individual clients. Another big success is the 365 program. Initiated in June of 2013, the 365 Program which is a year-round intensive and individualized exercise program designed to substantially elevate the activity levels and fitness levels of youth and adults with disabilities served 16 clients that year. To date for 2015 we have already served 34 individual clients. Our volunteers continue to provide excellent support for agency activities. Last year we benefitted from the assistance of 364 volunteers who contributed more than 3,000 hours of service.

Founded in 1985 and based in Bellingham, Max Higbee Center (MHC) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization providing services and support for Whatcom County youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Our programs are designed to decrease isolation, promote wellness, and improve life skills. MHC programs include opportunities for recreation and socialization because such opportunities are often limited for those with disabilities. However, life-skills instruction is built into all of our activities to enhance physical health, improve communication skills, and increase self-reliance. Our goal is to empower our clients to live long and healthy lives at their highest level of self-actualization and independence.

Thank you again for your generosity. Without the support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund and other generous donors we would not have been able to plan and roll-out ambitious new services like the 365 Program. Your grant empowered Max Higbee Center staff and volunteers to make substantial quantitative and qualitative improvements to our programs and services for youth and adults living with disabilities. We simply can't thank you enough for your faith and trust in our small organization.

If you have any questions about Max Higbee Center or our fine programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 733-1828 or maxhigbee@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Kait Whiteside  
Executive Director