



Funds Distribution Report

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Nourish Pierce County

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Organization's General Goals:

Nourish Pierce County operates over 20 active food bank distribution sites with a mission to provide nutritious food and support services to people in need with compassion, dignity and respect.

Date of Award:	Level:
2019 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Nourish Pierce County.

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November 6, 2020

Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
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Dear Marilyn,

In Nourish Pierce County's nearly 40 years of serving nutritious food to people in need, we have never experienced such a great demand as we have this year due to the COVID-19 crisis. These numbers even exceed the number of clients we served during the Great Recession of 2008 and its aftermath. In March, we faced the harsh reality that we would run out of food without the support of emergency funding. As grocery stores and suppliers were experiencing a 300% increase in consumer purchases, our own food orders for semi-truck loads of shelf stable food were projected to take up to 12 weeks to be delivered. In order to keep up with demand, Nourish spent funds allocated for food purchases in the 4th quarter by mid-year. Additionally, we suspended food donations directly from the public due to health safeguarding measures. The food donations from our grocery retail partners were also limited due to consumer demand. During May and June, we provided enough food for over one million meals. That's more than a 50% increase from last year.

It is only through the generous support of community partners such as The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions, that Nourish has been able to continue to serve the community at a time when our community needs us most. Thank you for the generous [REDACTED] grant received in April for the purchase of nutritious bulk food. The following information is respectfully submitted as our Final Report for the Nutritious Food Grant. Report Code **Q4 2019 14.2**. URL: <https://nourishpc.org/>. All tribal funds were used exclusively to purchase bulk food. Please find photos on page 3 of this report.

Number of Individuals Served:

In response to the COVID-19 health crisis we changed our self-select model of food distribution to a pre-boxed model. Clients were no longer able to enter food banks. Volunteers or National Guard members distributed pre-boxed food as clients waited in a walk-up or drive-up outdoor staging area. In order to maintain social distancing, we were unable to collect the client data that allows us to determine unduplicated numbers. The duplicated number of clients served during the second quarter are as follows:

April - 47,556

May - 61,887

June - 57,132

For a total of 166,575 duplicated clients served totaling 1,499,175 meals.

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Pounds of Food Distributed:

From April through June 2020, Nourish Pierce County distributed 2,243,559 pounds of food to our neighbors in need.

Nutritious Food Purchases:

Some of the purchases made this year:

Beef Chile with Beans - \$29,280

Low-fat Granola - \$2,483

Non-fat Dairy Milk - \$9,630

The generous funds provided by The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions helped to ensure Nourish provided our clients with enough nutritious food for 3 meals a day for 3 days for every member of their household and did so with compassion, dignity and respect.

If nothing else, the COVID-19 crisis and resulting record unemployment has shined a light on the issue of hunger and the need for area food banks. Food bank operations throughout the country have been featured on local and national news programs. In fact, Nourish Pierce County was featured in the New York Times - first as an online photo essay (May 19, 2020) and then on the front page of the print edition (May 20, 2020). Throughout this health crisis, we have served many clients visiting a food bank for the first time. While it is tragic that the current need is so great, or that there is a need at all, we are appreciative of the opportunity to spread the word that food insecurity is real, it is significant, and it can happen to anybody.

Thank you for believing no one should go hungry regardless of the situation. Thank you for putting your trust in Nourish Pierce County.

Gratefully,



Sue Potter
Chief Executive Officer

Nourish Pierce County



Volunteers at the Nourish warehouse packing boxes of food to be distributed to clients at one of our 25 food bank locations.



A member of the WA National Guard placing boxed food in the trunk of a client's vehicle at a Nourish Mobile distribution site.



Line of cars awaiting service at Nourish Lakes Area Food Bank.

Nourish Pierce County

Randy's Story

The need for food bank services is at an all-time high due to record unemployment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Nourish Pierce County is the oldest and largest network of food banks with 25 distribution sites throughout the county. The number of people visiting our food banks in the last few months is the greatest amount we have served throughout our nearly 40-year history.

One of our clients, Randy, who visits our Southeast Tacoma food bank, attributes the skills he acquired as a cook in the Army for enabling him to stretch his food bank groceries. Since his wife was diagnosed with Stage IV COPD, Nourish helps supplement their finances by providing enough nutritious food for 3 meals a day for 3 days. Because Randy's wife is at high-risk, she is unable to go out much due to the health threat. Randy's visit to the Nourish food bank is often the only groceries he's able to get out to collect in a week.

We are so appreciative of Randy being willing to share his story. Nourish will continue to work diligently throughout this crisis and beyond to continue to serve Randy, his wife, and thousands of others in need with compassion, dignity, and respect.

