

# Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Outdoors For All

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GENERAL GOALS: To enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disability through

outdoor recreation.

#### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Outdoors for All is a national leader in delivering adaptive and therapeutic recreation for children and adults with disabilities. Each year more than 2,400 individuals exercise their abilities thanks to the training and support of more than 700 volunteers. Outdoors for All enriches the lives of individuals with disabilities and families and helps them to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

For more information, please see the attached report from Outdoors For All.



## Transforming lives through outdoor recreation

May 4th 2016

Marilyn Sheldon The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund 8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund:

Thank you again for your **continued** generous support for our mission – and in particular your grant in 2015. I am writing to you to provide you with some general information about Outdoors for All programs and how they enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities in our region. These outcomes were made possible, in part, through your generosity.

The past year has been our busiest yet! We were able to add staff and equipment that allowed us to serve over 2,400 participants and shared 7,182 life transforming outdoor experiences! We were able to serve more wounded warriors than ever before. We also saw the biggest success so far for our adaptive cycling center. We could not have done any of this without your support and without the dedicated efforts of our more than 700 volunteers.

# A skier once again—Chuck Bode!

Can you imagine being active all your life -- and then one day, out of the blue, having an infection attack your spinal cord, paralyzing you? Can you imagine the struggles necessary to live and tackle even daily tasks?

Two years ago this happened to Chuck Bode. He and his wife Connie had been lifelong skiers prior to his paralysis. He'd been dreaming and hoping for the past two years that he could get back to skiing, somehow, someway, someday. Well, that someday was TODAY!

"Skiing again is what I've wanted to do and dreamed of since my paralysis. It was fabulous!" said Chuck.







### And A Happy Biker....

Braeden Wetzel and his mom, Sonia Gates, came to Outdoors for All's Adaptive Cycle Center one Friday in her search to find the perfect bike for Braeden. He came only having ridden a therapy bike before, until Outdoors for All staff set him up on an EZ 3 tricycle, which gave him a successful, and fun, first ride. As a result of that first experience, weeks later we got this update:

"Here is Braeden Wetzel on his brand new TriAid adaptive trike! He loves it!! Thanks to Outdoors For All Foundation's equipment assessment, I was able to make sure I ordered a bike that was the right fit. This boy is going to have an amazing summer! Thanks Outdoors For All Foundation, for assuring that I was able to order the best fit and equipment!"

- Sonia Gates, Braeden's Mom







### **New Initiatives**

After numerous consecutive years of growth, we have officially outgrown our current space in the Brig at Magnuson Park. We are planning to launch a Capital Campaign study in the coming months to assess our ability to undertake a large capital expansion. This expansion would allow us to remove dome of the inefficiencies in our current operations and allow us more space to expand our programs and our reach.

### In conclusion

The economy still tends to be unpredictable, but thanks you your support, we have been able to grow and transform more lives than ever before. We hope that you continue with us into our next exciting phase of growth.

On behalf of individuals like Chuck and Braeden and the other 2,400 children and adults with disabilities who exercise their abilities with Outdoors for All, thank you.

Thank you for helping us transform lives through outdoor recreation!

Sincerely,

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