

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Outdoors for All Foundation

DATE OF AWARD: 2018 Q1

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

outdoor recreation.

## SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards support of their administration and programs. For more information please read the attached report from Outdoors for All Foundation.



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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 earlier in 2018.

In 2017, we experienced a record year with 2,476 children and adults with disabilities exercising their abilities in the outdoors with us. In 2018, we expect this number to exceed **2,500** – another record year!

One of our goals for 2018 was to eliminate waitlists for our Day Camps. Because Day Camps are highly specialized for youth with physical and developmental disabilities, these programs experience the most significant waitlists each year. In order to rectify this program and meet growing needs, we officially launched our Adult Adventure Days program, a camp experience for transition age youth from age 18 to adults. The program was an outstanding success offering transitioning youth and young adults camp experiences for 16 weeks, which freed up registrations for our continued Youth Day Camps.

This past summer our Day Camp registrations jumped from 424 to 683, with 373 unique individuals (many register for multiple weeks) sharing 2,596 experiences in the outdoors – this is compared to 274 and 1,807 respectively for the summer of 2017.

Thanks to your support, our Day Camp program experienced a growth of 40% from last summer!

"I wanted to let you know that I am thankful for your donation to Outdoors for All. . . My son, who is 16 years old, really enjoys going to the camp. The summer camp is not only fun, but I know my son is learning important social skills. Your donation is extremely helpful and I just wanted to thank you."

- Kelly Gaudereau, Mother of Lukas, Outdoors for All Participant in the Youth Day Camp program







A record number of day campers were able to participate in our 2018 Day Camp Program thanks to your support!

## What's next

We continue to grow and strengthen our partnerships with individual schools, school districts, hospitals, military organizations, and other organizations within our community.

This school year, we are excited to start a new pilot program with Shoreline School District. Although a long history of partnership exists between us and Shoreline for adaptive recreation cycling events, this school year will bring Outdoors for All into the classroom for more on-going adaptive recreation programs designed to enrich the lives of children with disabilities.

We will assist with current adaptive physical education curriculum and delivery, introduce inclusive and adaptive therapeutic recreation, and coordinate activity planning alongside Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Adaptive P.E. Instructors, and Resource/Special Education Educators. Through our use of instruction by certified and experienced staff, adaptive equipment, and focus on social development and increased level of functional independence; students can enhance their skills in actively participating in recreation-based programs through their school curriculum.



Pictured above – a collage from an annual Bike Rodeo with Shoreline Schools.

The Shoreline School District was identified for this program due to its history of working with Outdoors for All and the strength and support of the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Education departments within the district. Thanks to private grant funding, no costs will be passed on to the school district, students or families who will be participating.

The introduction of this pilot program came from another organization and Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA) Chapter, Northeast Passage located in New Hampshire. Northeast Passage has been working a similar program for years and networking through DSUSA helped us to learn of life-enriching outcomes for students with disabilities in the Northeast and resulted in our goal to develop and deliver a similar program framework for our community in the Northwest.

## In conclusion

Thanks to your support, year after year, 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 Lukas and the other 2,475 children and adults with disabilities who exercise their abilities with Outdoors for All, thank you.

Sincerely,

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