



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Pacific Science Center ignites curiosity in every child and fuels a passion for discovery, experimentation, and critical thinking in all of us.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award supported the general operational costs of the Pacific Science Center.

For more information please see the attached report from Pacific Science Center Foundation.



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Marilyn Sheldon
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Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Pacific Science Center is grateful for our longtime partnership with Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions. Your [REDACTED] grant last year to support our general operations helped engage 935,757 people through a variety of programs and activities, both at our historic Seattle campus and out in the community. I am pleased to provide you with this report for our 2015-2016 fiscal year highlighting some of the accomplishments you helped us achieve.

This January, Will Daugherty joined Pacific Science Center as the new President and Chief Executive Officer and began an energizing and ambitious dialogue to envision our future. We are working to develop a new strategic plan that will honor Pacific Science Center's 54-year history and look forward to the next 50 years of fulfilling our mission, but in the meantime we continue to provide the hands-on science experiences that serve as an integral part of the learning puzzle for Washington students while also working to offer the best learning experiences possible.

From school group field trip visits at the Science Center to *Science On Wheels* programs that bring the Science Center experience out into the community, Pacific Science Center is providing students with the activities that encourage youth to tackle challenges and explore new ideas. Our *Camps for Curious Minds* program broke records again last year, providing day camps for nearly 6,000 students during school breaks and the summer season. Our youth development programs for teens (*Discovery Corps* and the *Lake Washington Watershed Internship Program*) were both filled to capacity last year. In both programs, students expanded their science knowledge-base, learned to teach others, and met role models working in science fields. Nearly 9,000 people participated in environmental science education programs at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center in Bellevue, and Pacific Science Center provided professional development to 3,400 Washington teachers and administrators through the *Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform (LASER)* program.



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Pacific Science Center is an independent not-for-profit educational institution that inspires lifelong interest in science, math and technology by engaging diverse communities through interactive and innovative exhibits and programs.

The Science Center as an institution is also exploring new ideas and tackling challenges. Our mission is focused on igniting curiosity in every child, and to that end we believe that every child should have access to discovery, experimentation and critical thinking. We believe there is no better place for that to happen than at Pacific Science Center. Over the years, we've learned that it's the people who bring our exhibits and activities to life; our science interpreters are the faces of the Science Center, enhancing each guest's experience by facilitating scientific exploration and ensuring that each guest

has a positive learning experience. Enriching interactions with Science Center staff members and volunteers are what bring our guests back to explore and learn time after time, so Pacific Science Center has made an investment in that experience this past year by bringing additional staff on board with the goal of bringing science to life for our guests.

Tinker Tank, our hands-on design space, saw a significant expansion this year. Founded on the idea of iterating and learning through failure, *Tinker Tank* offers visitors opportunities to build, design, fail and try again. Guests are given the tools to keep going, to try new approaches, and to be proud of their work. During facilitated activity hours, staff and volunteers are on hand and eager to help figure out challenges and help explore new ideas together. In *Tinker Tank* there are no right answers; only different ways of thinking about a problem. In order to make sure all of our guests have the chance to tackle a challenge in *Tinker Tank*, the space is now open every day of the week.

We are especially excited about our renewed focus on expanding access to Pacific Science Center's exhibits and programs by reducing barriers to participation. Our new *Expanding Access* initiative incorporates a variety of Pacific Science Center programs that offer accessibility and inclusion under one umbrella, allowing us to take a comprehensive look at ways we can make it possible for all children to explore with us. As part of the larger *Expanding Access* initiative, this spring we launched a new, specially-priced Family Access Membership program for low-income families for whom cost is a barrier. Family Access is more than just admission to the Science Center for a day – it provides all the benefits of a Family Membership including exhibit admission, discounts and early summer camp enrollment. More than 1,400 families with 4,100 children have become members since the program launched. Most of these families live in Seattle, with North Seattle and Rainier Valley strongly represented. Family Access Members are using their benefits and participating at the Science Center at rates higher than those who join at full price: 67% have visited at least once since joining, and 26% have visited at least twice.

We have been incredibly grateful to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions for your support of our work. In the coming year, we will continue to work to ensure that every one of our guests has an exceptional learning experience and "wow" moment, whether they visit us onsite or participate in one of our outreach programs. If you have any questions or comments regarding this report or our work in the community, please contact Lindsay Bailey, Foundation Relations Officer, at (206) 269-5739 or lbailey@pacsci.org.

Sincerely,



Jessica Crump
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Thank you!