



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Pioneer Human Services

DATE OF AWARD: 2018 Q1

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GENERAL GOALS: Pioneer supports criminal justice-involved individuals with the services needed to successfully re-enter our communities. Our mission is to provide individuals with criminal histories the opportunity to lead healthy, productive lives.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went towards support of their administration and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Pioneer Human Services.



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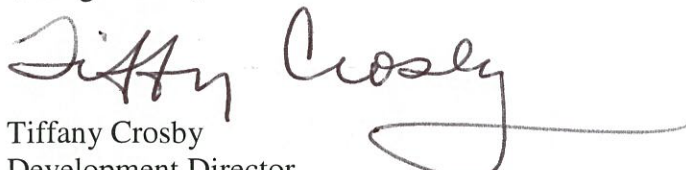
Dear Marilyn,

Thank you and the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for your generous sponsorship of the Change Maker luncheon in the amount of [REDACTED]

The Change Maker event held on September 26, 2018 was able to raise \$172,000 with your support as a sponsor. We filled the room with 500 guests this year an additional 100 guests from 2017. This event has continued to grow in revenue and guest counts. Events are an important way for Pioneer Human Services to build advocacy for our clients as well as build support for future projects. We are encouraged by the growth of the event this year and the funds raised to help individuals overcome the challenges of having a criminal history allowing us to provide life changing services such as training and employment support, case management, barrier removal and rent subsidies.

Pioneer Human Services serves over 10,000 clients per year. We intend to utilize the proceeds from our event to support removing barriers that support our clients in their reintegration in the community. Thank you for being a part of the success of our event and helping our clients realize their chance for change.

With gratitude,


Tiffany Crosby
Development Director

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P.S. I have attached a story of success that was shared at the event in person by our client speaker.

I came from a home where it was ok to do drugs and crime; in fact, it was encouraged by my parents. My dad still struggles with addiction and my mom is in prison for her 5th time. My brother, who I grew up with, has also been in and out of prison. He's there now for his third time. I started doing drugs at 13 years old when they were offered to me by my mother. I barely made it through 8th grade and needless to say I never saw



a day of high school. I got pregnant at 15 and used drugs throughout my whole entire pregnancy and when my baby was born she was taken from me in the hospital room. She went to a place in Kent to detox. After 2 weeks I was able to bring her home but after several failed drug tests, missed court dates, and running away or being kicked out of treatment 3 separate times, Child Protection Services terminated my parental rights and took her away.

By the age of 19, I had been arrested over 20 times; I had 14 felonies and was on my way to prison. This is where my life began to change. Most people think about prison as being negative but for me, it was having the structure in my life that I never knew. When I first got to prison in 2009, during the intake process I was told I was pregnant. I was terrified. All I could think about was having another child taken away from me. I'm not sure if you can imagine that feeling but I wouldn't wish it on anyone. Fortunately, I didn't have to experience that again because after waiting 8 months I was accepted into the baby program that the woman's prison offers. This means that I was able to keep my baby with inside the prison for the rest of my sentence.

During my time in prison I made the most of it. I got my G.E.D, and participated in work training programs. But mostly I learned how to be a mother. Did I mention that my mother was there with me also? Yep, during the 2 years I was there we were really able to build our broken relationship. We became close and the grudge that I always held towards her started to fade.

Within just a couple weeks of leaving the prison for work release I started Pioneer's Road Map to Success program. This program not only taught me job readiness skills but also gave me a week's worth of actual job experience. I was hired straight out of the class. This was my first job. I was excited because this was a step closer to having a "normal life."

After I was released from work release, and with the help from Pioneer's housing, my son and I had a place to move into - my first apartment that was my own. Another step closer to having my "normal life"

I think it was in 2013 that my mother and brother were released from prison. Since I was the only one that had my life somewhat put together, taking care of them kind of fell on me. But they weren't ready to change. They both started using drugs, sometimes even in front of me. At this point, every one of my family members that I was close to were all using drugs, again. I needed to distance myself to stay straight. I wanted a safe place for me and my son. This was really hard because they are the only family I have.

Later that year, I got myself into a really bad relationship with a very abusive person. I ended up having emergency surgery because my spleen was ruptured. For some reason, probably because it was normal to me to have violence in relationships, I stuck with him. It only took a few more bumps and bruises for me to leave, but I finally did. Pioneer assisted me in finding alternate housing and gave me the support I needed. For me, Pioneer was kind of like the parent I never had when I was young. My positive life lessons started here.

In January 2014, with the encouragement and financial support from Pioneer, I started the next step towards my "normal life." I enrolled in college. The girl who never went to a day of high school. The girl who had to retake a GED test three times just to pass was now a graduate with honors. Yep, me, the same girl who never saw a day of high school. The same girl who had to retake her GED test 3 times to pass! I did it!

Next I went back to college for my Bachelor's degree and I graduated last November. Can you guess what I did after that? Well - I enrolled back into

school. This time taking a Project Management certificate class. I graduated from that in July. I now have 4.5 years of college education with zero debt. Pioneer paid my tuition.

A few other things I have going on in my life include being promoted several times in the last 6 ½ years.

- I started in an entry - level position on the plant floor and now I am a Master Scheduler for Pioneer Industries' aerospace division making a great wage.
- I have a brand new car
- I got married in March to someone who treats me like a princess and also purchased a brand new home.
- I have had another baby who just turned 3 last week and my son that was at the prison with me is now 8.
- I also have a relationship with my first child that was taken away from me.

I will NEVER stop striving for a better life, but I can confidently say that I now have a "normal life. "

