



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Providence General Foundation

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GENERAL GOALS: The cornerstone of our Mission is to provide compassionate care that is accessible for all – especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

The generous support of Tulalip Tribes, and all the gifts made at Festival of Trees, helps to support Children's Services here at Providence.

For more information, please see the attached report from Providence General Foundation.



2015 Festival of Trees Impact Report

With immense thanks to Tulalip Tribes, through both their Title Sponsorship and donations made during the live auction, our 2015 Festival of Trees raised nearly \$820,000—a record amount. The generous support of Tulalip Tribes, and all the gifts made at Festival of Trees, helps to support Children's Services here at Providence.

Central to Providence Children's Services is the Children's Center, serving more than 350 children and families every week and about 1,500 every year. The Children's Center provides quality care to children born with medical conditions or those who face challenges stemming from illness or injury, regardless of their families' ability to pay. Proceeds from Festival of Trees provide funding for the Children's Center, including several important projects outlined below.

Camp Prov:

Each summer, more than 250 children attend Camp Prov, an integrated day camp for children with special needs and their siblings, 2 – 10 years of age. Due to medical conditions or developmental delays, these children are not able to attend typical summer camps. At Camp Prov, they not only have a fun time but work with therapists and volunteers to improve gross and fine motor ability, improve communication and learn important social and behavioral skills. The costs associated to this camp are almost entirely generated by support at Festival of Trees.

Providence Autism Center:

The Providence Autism Center opened in September of 2014, and is one of only three certified Centers of Excellence in Washington and the only one of its kind in Western Washington. The Center provides comprehensive treatment, family education and support through a 12-week, comprehensive treatment program that focuses on teaching foundational skills needed for effective communication, adaptive skills and positive behavior management that helps children transition into school. Much of the program is funded through the generosity of donors in the community and through Festival of Trees.

Financial Assistance:

Many of the families who utilize Providence Children's Center have no or inadequate insurance and 60% come from low to moderate income families. Funds from Festival of Trees are used to assist these families and provide the therapy and care that their children need. Further, insurance only covers neurodevelopmental conditions—such as Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and ADHD—until a child's seventh birthday. For many families with insurance, coverage is not adequate to cover the needed therapy sessions and many children continue to need services long after they turn seven. Donations from Festival of Trees help support these children, and ensure they can receive the therapy they need.

Special Projects:

There is a range of equipment that staff at Providence Children's Center use when working with children with medical conditions or developmental delays. Some of the projects Festival of Trees has funded include a special sensory room, computers for speech therapy, and a therapeutic playground. The 2015 Festival of Trees Fund-A-Need, which generated over \$300,000, will be used to build a cover for the outdoor playground and therapy center. A cover will allow children to use this vital therapy area year-round, despite the rainy weather.