



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

At Rebound, we work with families who are trying to recover and rebuild after experiencing the devastating effects of trauma.

Date of Award:	Level:
2013 Q1	\$10,000+

Specific Use for This Award:

For more information, please read the attached report from Rebound of Whatcom County.

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Total children served at Ray of Hope Summer 2013: 94

Total parents served in Ray of Hope Parenting Classes: 52

It is with tremendous gratitude that we send this report about the summer program you helped to make possible.

Your donation helped to provide recreation activities, arts and crafts supplies and funding for field trips. As a result of your generous donation we were able to help this kids just be kids and experience relief from the challenging circumstances they face. We were able to provide enrichment experiences including work with video production, horsemanship, rock wall climbing, music, art, science and others.

I am including a story of one of our campers that gives you a window into the lives of the kids we feel so privileged to serve.

Dusty, age six came to Ray of Hope one morning this summer with small cuts on his arm. One of the leaders, noticing the cuts asked him what had happened. "Oh" he responded sadly, "I wanted to die." "Why, Dusty?" the leader asked. "My mommy said that daddy loved drugs more than he loved us, and he died. I miss him so much I just wanted to cut my neck so I could go and be with him, but I didn't think mommy could say goodbye to me yet. So I cut my arm instead".

Mother, age 20 is left with Dusty, his younger sister age five and a step brother, age two. She attended parenting classes this summer to gain skills to support the behavior and emotional challenges stemming from the difficult journey that is theirs.

Dusty was one of 94 children this summer who attended Ray of Hope, a 7-week program designed for some of the most vulnerable children and families in our community. Over 60% were CPS referred and 95 % live below the federal poverty level.

Ray of Hope teaches children the life skills necessary to understand, talk about, and cope with what is happening in their lives in healthy, positive ways. It gives children who have been excluded from other community programs the opportunity just to be kids and to learn more about fitting in socially..

Dusty's mother has already signed up for On-track parenting classes and the Compass Program for her kids this Fall. She has found a place to belong where she can learn with and from other parents facing similar circumstances.

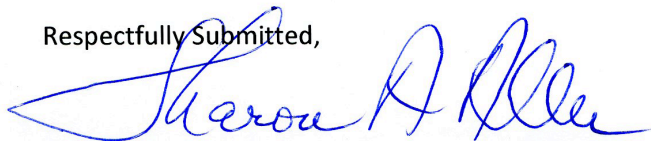
Each Thursday evening begins with dinner for the entire family provided by local service clubs, businesses and churches. Community has developed where they are valued and bring value to others. Families attending are not merely recipients, but contributors in a supportive community.

Nursery is provided for children birth to two. Kids from 3-12 are dismissed to the Compass program where they review and build on social skills they learned at ROH. They build relationships with trusted adults who are skilled and trained to provide unconditional love in a setting that allows the structure they need and the accountability required to nurture Compass Discovery for youth 13 and up helps those struggling academically identify their interests and skills and apply them to inquiry projects while they build relationships with trusted adults as they have fun.

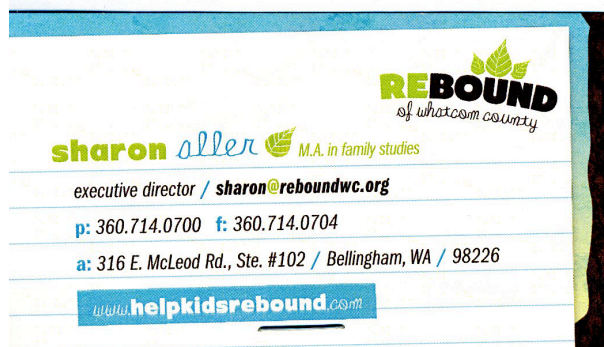
Parents move to classes on raising responsible and respectful kids, a curriculum we have developed to teach parents the behavior management system now being adopted by many of the schools in the county.

You have been big part of our success with these children. Thanks again for your investment.

Respectfully Submitted,

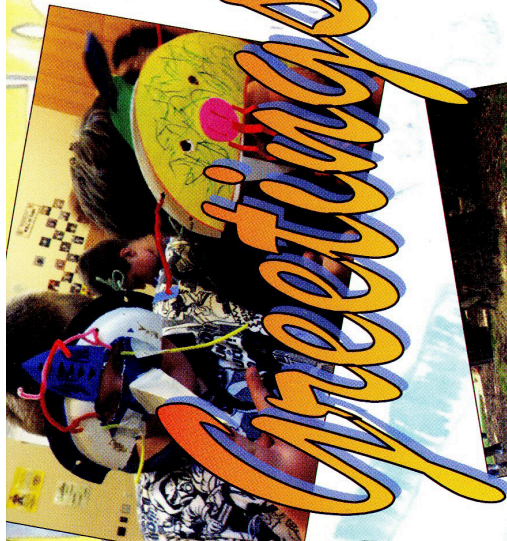


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Highlights from Ray of Hope 2013:

Greetings from Treasure Planet



"Our autistic daughter has been so challenging that we feared we would have to release her to state care. Thanks for the tools you have given us. We can give it another try." - Parent

"James* is pretty withdrawn and keeps to himself. On the bus home from the field trip I watched him share his game with a younger boy and was teaching him how to play it." - Counselor



"Thanks for giving me the tools to make me a better parent and help me get my kids back." - Parent

"You call this place Ray of Hope? You should call this Ray of Awesome!" - Camper



"I told an 8 year old girl yesterday that her name means "creative" and "hard-worker" knowing that she struggles with feeling stupid. Today she ran up to me and asked me to remind her again what her name means." - Counselor



"My parents never showed me love or compassion. They never gave me hugs. I am learning how to better communicate with my kids and my spouse. Thank you for showing me." - Parent

"Every time a kid laughed from a moment of genuine happiness I was reminded of why I was at Ray of Hope. The moments where I saw walls -- even temporarily -- break down even slightly were so beautiful that I can't even find the words." - Counselor

Thank you...

Ray of Hope is Rebound's 7-week summer program that teaches children ages 5-12 the life skills necessary to understand, talk about, and cope with what is happening in their lives in healthy, positive ways. On Track parenting enrichment runs a concurrent parenting session each week that supports Ray of Hope parents in learning the behavior techniques we use at Ray of Hope so they may implement them in their home. On Track classes also offer hope and the ability to dream about what their families could be despite their current circumstances.

Ray of Hope summer program is always an adventure, and Ray of Hope 2013 was no exception. Our mythical journey started with a bang when the story versions of ourselves jettisoned off on a rocket ship—bound for a jewel encrusted and beautiful planet—and crash landed on a planet totally shrouded with a thick, choking, stinking fog. But we weren't the first visitors to this strange and fantastical land. Eons before, a powerful and kind Being burst through the gloom, bringing the light of dawn, and the tools the people of the planet needed to breathe free and clear in the midst of the poisonous fumes. Why? Because when he looked at the planet, a lonely rock lost beneath the fog in a dark, forgotten corner of the galaxy, he saw something we couldn't. We saw the dim and dingy planet of Murkworld; he saw the glittering and radiant Treasure Planet. He saw the beautiful potential long buried beneath the fog of darkness, pain, and doubt.

Every summer, we have the immense privilege of serving nearly 100 of Whatcom County's most vulnerable children. Each of them comes to camp in varying states of 'fogginess,' and we, like the mythical King Dawnbringer, get to shine a ray of hope into their hurt and hard realities. We get to help open their eyes, to see the treasure that they truly are.

The campers are not the only ones who come away from Ray of Hope transformed and impacted. Parents of our kids are equipped and encouraged at our weekly classes. Dozens of volunteers get the chance to give back to our community in a lasting and authentic way. And perhaps most impacted of all is our team of twenty summer staff. They enter the summer for a job...and come out equipped and impassioned for a lifetime of reshaping the future generations.

But this incredible journey would not have been possible without you! Your contribution, no matter the size or manner, was a critical part of making our summer the success that it was. Thank you for your partnership. Please know that the part you played this summer gave vulnerable families a chance to transform their dark and fear filled world into a Treasure Planet.

With our Gratitude
Laron Allen