Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: SafePlace

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Organization's General Goals:

SafePlace works for societal change to prevent sexual and domestic violence while offering crisis intervention, education, and long-term advocacy services.

Date of Award: 2017 Q3

Level: \$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:

This award was used for administrative and program expenses. For more information, please read the attached report from SafePlace.



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SafePlace freedom from violence

October 15, 2018

Marilyn Sheldon, Director 8802 27th Avenue NE, Tulalip, WA 98271-9694

RE: Report on the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund Q3 2017 14.2 Funds

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

On behalf of the Board, staff, volunteers and clients of SafePlace, I respectfully submit this report on the funding awarded by the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund to SafePlace in support of our general operations. Your generosity provided survivors of domestic and sexual violence both at our shelter and at our Community Services Office, with lifesaving services.

Our client-centered, empowerment approach to service delivery reflects SafePlace's mission to strive to put an end to sexual and domestic violence and advocate for personal and societal change through crisis intervention and education. We seek to empower survivors to take steps in creating new, safer lives for themselves and their families, and provide support in this process.

In 2018 to date, SafePlace served, in person, a total of 724 unduplicated clients through our programs, which include 24- hour emergency shelter, 24- hour sexual assault response services, community support groups, legal advocacy, and walk-in support services. In addition, SafePlace advocates answered 3,411 calls on our 24-hour HelpLine.

I am pleased to report that with your help, we were able to serve a total of 4,135 survivors in the following ways to date in 2018:

- Our emergency shelter housed 95 survivors in the first 6 months of 2018, (for a total of 3,625 bednights), 38 were children and youth ages 0-17.
- Based on the individual needs of survivors, activities included safety planning; childcare during support group meetings; crisis counseling/ intervention; employment assistance; housing assistance; transportation assistance; medical advocacy; accessing TANF/ Welfare assistance.
- At our Community Services Office, advocates provided walk-in advocacy for over 150 unduplicated clients, including those who speak little or no English. These clients received help with safety planning, community resources, translation services, crisis and emotional support, gift cards for food and gas, cab service and tickets for bus transportation.
- The SafePlace free Legal Clinic is held twice a month. To date in 2018, 155 adults received assistance through the Legal Clinic. This advocacy is provided in partnership with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, who assist survivors with custody issues, divorce, protection orders, and harassment orders.

- Our Legal Advocates served 268 clients so far in 2018, accompanying clients to court and providing advocacy.
- During the first half of 2018, SafePlace support groups were attended by an average of 15 adults and 10 children per week. This includes groups at the shelter, community support group for domestic violence survivors, Spanish-speaking domestic violence group, and sexual assault survivors support groups.
- We are working hard in 2018 to increase our visibility in the Spanish speaking community through targeted outreach, weekly Spanish-speaking support group with childcare available, implementation of an all-Spanish volunteer training program and increasing the number of SafePlace advocates fluent in Spanish.
- Sexual Assault team staff and volunteers provided outreach and prevention services, including 20 calls to date in 2018, with a majority of the response being emotional support and advocacy at the hospital during sexual assault exams. Additionally, we provided a sexual assault support group serving 4 to 6 women per session.

We believe that by honoring our core values of quality, respect, diversity, self care, integrity, and confidentiality, we have been able to provide advocacy services to survivors in a way that supports emotional and physical healing. As one survivor wrote in her exit survey:

When I first found SafePlace I was a mess. I couldn't hold down a job for more than a few months, I was self-destructive and my life seemed to be an endless stream of anxiety and self-harm. After joining a support group with SafePlace, I have managed to turn my life around completely. I have a healthy relationship with my partner. I stopped my self-destructive behavior. I was able to graduate from college and now have a successful career. More than anything else I am happy. I went from being lost in the world to having a sense of purpose and faith in my own future. SafePlace gave me my life back and I will never be the same. -survivor testimonial

We are extremely grateful to have the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund be a part of our work with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. If you have any questions, or would like any more information, please contact Kellie Patton, our Development Officer at (360) 786-8754 ext. 201, or at kelliep@safeplaceolympia.org. Our url is our website :www.safeplaceolympia.org. We are including a pdf file copy of our Spring/Summer 2018 newsletter which includes pictures and articles of the work we've accomplished thanks to your generous funding support.

Gratefully. arah Llovd Executive Director