



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Salish Sea Expeditions

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Salish Sea Expeditions inspires youth to connect with the marine environment through boat-based scientific inquiry and hands-on learning, instilling curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking.

**SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

This award was used for operational expenses and programs for the students.

For more information please see the attached report from Salish Sea Expeditions.

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Date: 12/02/2016 3:26 PM (GMT-08:00)  
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Subject: Gratitude Report from Salish Sea Expeditions Q4 2015 14.2

Dear Marilyn,

It is a pleasure to write to you in thanks for the support provided by the Tulalip Cares Charitable Contributions Fund. The grant received in December 2015 was used to offer scholarship support for schools participating in the Salish Sea Expeditions Source & Sound Spring 2016 season.

One such school was Rainier Beach High School. This past March, students from Rainier Beach High School came out on our first 3-day expedition of the season. 76% of the students at Rainier Beach HS qualify for free/reduced lunch. Thanks to funders like the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund, we were able to underwrite 50% of the \$8400 program value. It was not sunny or warm, and many of the students did not think they liked science or being on the water. This September, three of the students shared some reflections about their trip:

“Before Salish, my knowledge of Boating, Puget Sound, and Oceanography was little to none except for the few fishing trips I’ve been on. Without Salish, I would’ve never felt close to water. Salish made me appreciate boating, and our sound a lot more. And now when I swim, or do anything water related, it’s become more of a place of peace I go to. Water is now a comfort zone for me, and I am very appreciative to Salish for that.”

“Salish Sea Expeditions exposed another side of life to me that I would have never imagined if I didn’t go. I got to know more about boats, knots, plankton, silica, and how to use to different gadgets and tools to do research. I met an awesome staff that was there for us. All this is what made the Salish Sea Expedition an incredible experience.”

“In those days on the ship we not only grew as a family, but we also extended it. So thank you Salish for giving me this opportunity and for teaching me the feeling of being grateful for the things I have.”

During the Spring 2016 program season, Salish provided scholarship support for 17 school expeditions for a total of 37 days on the water, where kids developed confidence in their scientific inquiry and ship-handling skills, and deepened their curiosity through exploring the incredible treasure that is the Puget Sound. These programs also included 36 classroom visits by our education staff, and invitations to these schools to participate in our Salish Student Science Symposium in June. Each student received a deeply supported opportunity to explore scientific research and gained increased awareness of themselves and the marine world around them. That is a priceless experience made possible by your generous support!

Students’ interest in STEM subjects is sparked and deepened by the hands-on learning that Salish provides. They gain confidence and self-awareness. The region benefits because students who have the opportunity to engage in our programs demonstrate a deeper understanding of their environment. They are more receptive to continuing their STEM learning and likewise more likely to consider careers in STEM fields and maritime industries.

Below are some pictures from the [Rainier Beach HS trip](#). Photos from other Salish trip can be found [here](#). Enjoy these snapshots of your support in action!

Wishing you warmth and health during this season and in 2017.

All my best,  
Maria Drury











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