



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** School's Out Washington

**DATE OF AWARD:** 2016 Q4

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**GENERAL GOALS:** School's Out Washington provides services and guidance for organizations to ensure all young people have safe places to learn and grow when not in school. SOWA is dedicated to building community systems to support quality afterschool, youth development and summer programs for Washington's children and youth ages 5 through young adulthood.

**SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

This award went to supporting programs and operational expenses, especially for the Feed Your Brain Campaign .

For more information please read the attached report from School's Out Washington.

## 2017 Feed Your Brain Executive Summary

### What is Feed Your Brain?

The goal of Feed Your Brain is to increase the number of children who participate in literacy enrichment activities and receive nutritious meals during the summer in rural communities where the poverty level is high and the choice and supply of summer programs are limited. To work towards this goal, grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to schools or community-based organizations in rural areas that run summer programs with a focus on literacy and enrichment activities while participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Since 2001, School's Out Washington has awarded over 214 Feed Your Brain grants to schools, community organizations and/or tribes providing a total of over 24,409 children with summer literacy activities and serving over 480,000 free meals.

### Feed Your Brain 2017 Program Impact

In 2017, School's Out Washington awarded 11 grants of up to \$5,000 each to programs totaling \$46,880. With 20 applicants and limited funding, we decided to prioritize those who most depended on our grant to operate a program in the summer. For many of the 2017 programs, the \$5,000 Feed Your Brain grant made up over half of the total summer program budget.



The 11 Feed Your Brain programs impacted a total of 3,905 young people through the literacy and meal programs. Feed Your Brain programs provided literacy and enrichment activities to 1644 children and youth. The 11 funded programs impacted 15 communities due to the expansion of services by grantees to additional areas in their region. **Children and youth were recorded to have spent over 20,000 hours reading and writing during the summer program.** That is more than twice as many hours as reported by last year's Feed Your Brain programs. A combined total of 19,809 books were read, with 553 children keeping reading logs.

For the 12<sup>th</sup> year, we required programs to administer the San Diego Quick Assessment evaluation tool which assesses the change in children's reading levels over time. For the second year in a row, programs were provided with an alphabet test which could be administered to children who were pre-readers. Results from both assessments showed compelling data on the importance of summer programs in helping children and youth stay engaged and learning during the summer months. The evaluation results showed similar results from the independent and frustrated reading levels of 95% of students either maintaining or improving by at least one grade

level in reading. Children taking the alphabet test increased their ability to read both lower and upper case letters by 92%. The evaluation data combined with narrative reports demonstrate that the Feed Your Brain project plays an instrumental role in funneling needed resources into rural communities that ultimately help kids return to school in the fall ready to learn.



*“There were a number of students who told us that if it wasn’t for the summer program they would be sitting at home watching TV and playing computer games all day. Our attendance is constant so that tells us that students would rather be engaged in our summer learning! Many were tearful the last day, telling staff things like “I wish you were my dad” (so they could continue learning the rest of the summer break) and how much fun they had. Students came each week anticipating their favorite activities – it has been fun reading over the student surveys! I believe it is safe to say they all had a great time and the Feed Your Brain Cooking and STEM were the favorite activities.” Ocean Park Elementary School, Ocean Beach School District*

## Summer Meals

The Feed Your Brain project also aims to address hunger in high-poverty rural communities of our state by requiring all grantees to run the Summer Feeding Service Program through USDA. Children and youth in the 11 funded communities had access to at least 2 free meals 4 days/week for a minimum of 4 weeks that programs were required to operate. The 11 programs served a total of over 45,359 meals over the entire summer. This is great news that programs are reaching youth not only in their literacy summer program but also in the community. Several of our funded programs delivered meals to multiple locations this year, so we were able to increase the number of meals served in 2016 by nearly 12,500.

For the past several years, School’s Out Washington has participated as a member of a statewide summer meals workgroup, and now coordinates the group thanks to support from an AmeriCorps Vista member. Through this partnership, School’s Out Washington has worked beyond the Feed Your Brain project to increase access to and participation in the summer meal program. Members of the workgroup have also served as resources for outreach and targeted recruitment of Feed Your Brain grant applicants.



## Training & Technical Assistance

We again partnered with Page Ahead, a Washington State non-profit organization that provides new books and develops reading activities that empower at-risk children. Page Ahead provided each Feed Your Brain program with four new books per student served for a total of 4,423 books distributed that were age-appropriate and available in Spanish as requested by the program. The Feed Your Brain programs were incredibly grateful for the books, to which they attributed much of the academic success and enjoyment of reading experienced by students.



# Feed Your Brain 2017



# Funders

**Discuren Foundation**  
**Norcliffe Foundation**  
**Umpqua Bank**  
**TulalipTribe**  
**Individual Donors**  
**BNSF Railway Foundation**





# Feed Your Brain Data

- 11 programs funded
- 1,644 children engaged in literacy activities
- 20,000 hours spent on literacy activities
- 19,809 books read
- 4,423 Page Ahead books given out



# Change in Grade Level for 11 Sites Participating in Feed Your Brain 2017

	Independent Reading level, N=535	Frustrated Reading level, N=535
% that maintained or improved by at least one grade level	95%	95%

  

	Upper Case Alphabet, N=69	Lower Case Alphabet, N=76
% that maintained or increased alphabet test	91%	92%



# Feed Your Brain has many faces

76 Native American children

18 Asian children

27 African American children

412 Latino/Latina children

983 (509 BGC) Caucasian children

92 Multi Racial/Multi Ethnic children

29 Other race or unknown ethnicity

All received literacy education and meals  
this summer.





Building Rockets

White Salmon



# Coding Spheres

White Salmon





# Book Distribution

White Salmon 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC





# Carnival at Roof Community Services





# Reading Time

Youth & Family Link







# Book distribution

Roof Community  
Services



# Lunch Time

Roof Community Services



For the sixth year, we contracted with Page Ahead to provide additional technical assistance through a Summer Reading Specialist focused on lesson planning and curriculum development for the literacy programming. We selected the sites that were receiving Feed Your Brain funding for the first time to participate in this enhanced technical assistance which included Ocean Beach School District, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula, Wheatland Libraries, and Newport School District. All of the sites reported appreciating help with developing and implementing a literacy-based curriculum for their summer program.

*“We are thankful for the support from Feed Your Brain and your partner agencies. Costs for a quality summer program quickly add up with staff time, transportation, materials and supplies, and field trips. Your financial and in-kind support helps ROOF to not just have a place for kids to be during the summer, but ensures we are able to have the staff and supplies to keep them engaged, active, and learning while they are here.” –Roof Communities Services*

## Community Partnerships

Every year, we encourage Feed Your Brain programs to foster partnerships to bring in additional resources and support programs. This year, Feed Your Brain programs established local partnerships with a variety of community resources including local libraries, food banks, parks and recreation colleges/universities, newspapers, state and national park service, local government, businesses, sports teams, and a wide array of other community support.



## 2017 Feed Your Brain Sites

Organization Name	Location
YMCA OF JEFFERSON COUNTY	Chimacum
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula	Sequim
Newport School District - 21st CCLC	Newport
Ocean Beach School District	Ocean Park & Long Beach
Wheatland Libraries	Reardan & Harrington
Youth and Family Link	Kelso
White Salmon Valley School District	White Salmon
ROOF Community Services	Rochester
Gess Elementary	Chewelah
Grand Coulee Dam School District-21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC	Coulee Dam
Foundation for Academic Endeavors	Mt. Vernon

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