



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Sky Valley Food Bank

ADDRESS: PO Box 724, Monroe, Washington 98272

CONTACT: (360) 794-7959; <http://www.svfoodbank.org>

GENERAL GOALS: Gifts of time, food, and funds are the only reason why we are able to give food out approximately 5,000 times per month (10 meals each time!) to needy children, seniors, and adults in the Monroe area. The facility houses a walk-in cooler and freezer, providing approximately 500 square feet of cold storage for meats and perishable products.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

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For more information see the attached pages from Sky Valley Food Bank.





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April 21, 2015

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon
8802 27th Ave. NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

Report Code: Q2 2014 14.2

Dear Marilyn and Tulalip Tribes:

It is our pleasure to send you a final update on the positive impact your generous grant had on our Food Bank over the past six months. During this time (October 2014 through March 2015), we provided food to an average of 1,145 families per month. This also included a half gallon of milk per family, every week! Overall, your grant allowed us to provide milk for a total of 25,776 individuals, including 11,033 children (duplicated numbers).

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It has been our privilege to continue to work with you to provide relief to low-income families in our area. Thanks to our partnership with Tulalip Tribes, our motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" continues to live and thrive! Thank you again for your gift to the Sky Valley Food Bank!

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil Watkins".

Neil Watkins
Executive Director

P.S. I have enclosed our Fall 2014 newsletter which included an article about your grant.



"Diane Wilton Toy Room"

Photo courtesy of: Phyllis Uitti-Maslin

"You folks are truly angels!" whispered a grateful client as we were distributing last year's gifts in our Hope for The Holidays giveaway. It was quickly pointed out that we are merely acting as the conduit for the donations we receive from you, our very generous community.

Once again we are asking you, our friends and neighbors, to help us bring joy to the children of our clients and a little respite for their parents from crushing financial pressure. Many of our clients exist quietly in the world of the working poor. They are struggling daily, attempting to stretch a dwindling paycheck beyond housing, food and soaring winter fuel costs that can be a trial in the best of times. At the holidays it is especially painful. It's simply amazing what a difference it makes for a harried parent to know that their children will be receiving a new toy or game under the tree, and a stocking bursting with toys and treats.

Since 1999, we have distributed gifts to over 600 children per year from infants to age 13. In order to once again sprinkle some joy over

the holiday season we need gifts appropriate for both boys and girls. New toys, games, dolls and books will be gratefully received.

Every year we also provide the food necessary for festive meals at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hams, turkeys and all the trimmings are distributed to more than 450 families for each holiday. Needless to say, none of this would be possible without your generous help, so we are asking you once again to donate to our cause.

We are happy to accept your contributions here at Sky Valley Food Bank during our regular donation hours. Monetary donations are wonderful and can be mailed to the Food Bank or be given online at our website www.svfoodbank.org.

"Every time a bell rings, another angel gets his wings." This quote from the Christmas classic "It's A Wonderful Life" comes to mind when we think about those of you who support us. Let's ring some bells and spread some angel blessings across this holiday season. ♦



Photo courtesy of: Phyllis Uitti-Maslin

Give the gift that brings **HOPE** and **HEALTH** this holiday season!



With your donation in honor of a friend or family member, we will provide a lovely gift card telling them of your donation in their name, and letting them know about the hungry families they are helping! We can mail them or you can pick them up to deliver yourself.



Spread the holiday spirit this year by helping your neighbors in need!

Mission Statement: Provide supplemental food to those in need, preserving the dignity of those we help.

92¢ of every dollar donated is used to serve our clients.



For a moment, imagine this...

You wake up at 5:30 am... out of the house by 6:30 and at work shortly before 7:00. Once you are at work, you move a large amount of produce onto the sorting tables (going in and out of a 37 degree cooler)... you empty the boxes of produce and prepare it to be distributed. You then sort hundreds of cans of food and store them in the

proper place and begin to set up bread, produce, meat, dairy, pasta and grains for clients to choose.

By 8:55 you are ready for the doors to open. For the next 2 ½ hours you stand and give food to the clients that are moving through the distribution line, or continue to work in the warehouse processing food as it is received and restocking the distribution line, or even driving one of the trucks that gather food at the local grocery stores.

You do this 3 days a week... you are 70 plus years old... and you are a volunteer. Your pay is knowing you have helped eliminate hunger in families who are struggling in your community. At Sky Valley Food Bank we have over 60 of these volunteers with at least 25 of them working each day we are open. There are always smiles, laughter, sincerity, respect and a lot of hard work. At the end of each morning, they all know they have met their goal and provided nourishment to those in need.

So, as we approach the holiday season, I wanted to highlight the work these folks do and express my never-ending appreciation. Most months we distribute 65,000-70,000 pounds of food to over 1,200 families, none of which would happen without our volunteers. As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, add turkeys and hams and all the other holiday food to the mix and you can imagine how the amount of work increases as well... they handle it all with a sincere determination and a great result!

On behalf of myself and Carla and the Board of Directors of the Sky Valley Food Bank and speaking for all our clients in the community that we serve, a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers AND to the community that supports us so generously... our best wishes to you all for a truly wonderful holiday season!!!

Neil Watkins
Executive Director



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Neil Watkins

July 2014 Clients Served

Families:	1,094
Individuals:	3,837
Pounds Donated:	51,617
Pounds Distributed:	57,090

August 2014 Clients Served

Families:	1,225
Individuals:	4,429
Pounds Donated:	67,340
Pounds Distributed:	65,678

September 2014 Clients Served

Families:	1,090
Individuals:	3,869
Pounds Donated:	56,639
Pounds Distributed:	58,889

DID YOU KNOW?

A \$10 donation will feed a family of 3 for a week. Check out your donation options at www.svfoodbank.org.

Supplies 4 Success



Photo Courtesy of: Phyllis Uitti-Maslin

Once again you, our generous donors, including a sizable donation of backpacks from Costco made our "Supplies 4 Success" giveaway a rousing triumph for the students in our community. Our terrific volunteers led by Becky Grannan, sorted, packed, and distributed 531 backpacks filled with grade-appropriate materials.

Thanks to you, children from kindergarten through high school started the school year out on the right foot with the right tools for a successful school year. ♦

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Fair Cares Food Drive

Once again the Evergreen State Fair “Fair Cares” Food Drive has given a major boost to the food banks across Snohomish County. On August 22nd and 29th fairgoers had free admission to the fair with a donation of three cans of food. This year over 40,000 pounds were collected and divided among the Snohomish County Food Banks. Donations drop over the summer and the extra pounds we receive from this annual drive make a big difference for our clients. Thank you to the Evergreen State Fair and all you fairgoers for your continued support! ♦

Generous Donors



Photo courtesy of: Phyllis Uitti-Maslin

It’s difficult to express our gratitude to our many dedicated donors, as the holidays really bring out the best in our community, but the family of Diane Wilton deserves a special, and very

grateful, recognition.

Every year for well over a decade, before she passed away, Diane Wilton organized her friends and family to fill hundreds and hundreds of Christmas stockings with small gifts and treats. She would work for months shopping for toys, candy and gifts and then organize joyous stocking-stuffing parties with her friends.

Following her passing in 2012, our toy room, where we collect and sort all of the donated toys, was dedicated to her memory with a plaque that reads “Dedicated to the angels that walk and work among us.” Her husband, Mickey Wilton, and her friends and family have carried on her loving tradition, devoting many, many hours and dollars bringing Christmas joy to the youngsters we serve. ♦

Estate Giving

Sky Valley Food Bank has been blessed recently to receive several bequests from community members who passed away. These kind and generous folks truly believed in our mission, giving generously during their lives and remembering us as a final caring gesture. If this is something you and your family would consider, please contact our director Neil Watkins at 360-794-7959. ♦

Gift Giving

Did you know that we can help with your Christmas gift giving? We have lovely gift cards that you may send to friends and family members telling them that a donation has been made to Sky Valley Food Bank in their honor. A worthwhile and satisfying solution all around, no more scratching your head over what to give Uncle Harry! ♦

Grants

We have been very lucky to once again receive sizable grants from both the Tulalip Tribes and the Greater Everett Community Foundation. Through their grants these organizations provide the extra funds for specific, expensive items that would strain our budget.

This year the Tulalip Tribes gave us money to purchase milk for our clients and the Coastal Community Employee Giving Fund at the Greater Everett Community Foundation provided money to buy diapers to be distributed for our littlest clients.

We often struggle to provide just the basics to our clients and these grants allow us to give just a little more to our neighbors in need. ♦

YES!

I/We want to END hunger!

Enclosed is a tax-deductible donation of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

Make checks payable to **Sky Valley Food Bank** and mail to P.O. Box 724, Monroe, WA 98272

To make a donation by credit card, visit us online at www.svfoodbank.org

or

Call our administrator Carla weekday mornings at the Food Bank: (360) 794-7959

Sky Valley Food Bank is a 501(c)3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Donation is from:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Please do not include my/our name(s) in published donor lists.
- Please include my email to your mailing list (it will not be sold or lent).

Contact Neil Watkins, Executive Director, to come speak to your group or organization at (360) 794-7959
Follow us at Sky Valley Food Bank/Face Book.





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HOPE For The HOLIDAYS

We need your help!



You can help by making a cash/ check donation to the Food Bank, charging a donation to your Visa or Mastercard by visiting our website www.svfoodbank.org, or bringing in **NEW** unwrapped toys.

Donation Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 - 11:30 am
Monday 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Last year over 600 underprivileged Monroe children received new toys and filled stockings!