

# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Sky Valley Food Bank**

**Address:**  
233 Sky River Pkwy  
Monroe, WA 98272

**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 724  
Monroe, WA 98272

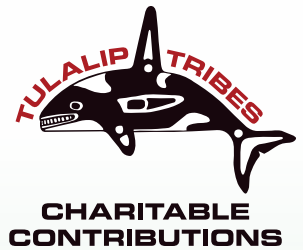
**Contact:**  
(360) 794-7959  
<https://www.svfoodbank.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**  
At Sky Valley Food Bank, we believe that neighbors don't let neighbors go hungry. We provide supplemental food to those 1,300 families in need so that they don't have to experience the despair of hunger.

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| <b>Date of Award:</b> | <b>Level:</b>      |
| 2016 Q2               | \$2,501 to \$5,000 |

**Specific Use for This Award:**  
For more information, please read the attached report from Sky Valley Food Bank.



8802 27th Ave NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

**TulalipCares.org**

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April 17, 2018

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

**Report Code: Q2 2016 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 last year. Thanks to your support, in 2017 we were able to provide emergency weekend food backpacks to an average of 61 children at Frank Wagner Elementary every school week. The total of 9,350 pounds of food that we distributed for this program in 2017 made the difference for these students all year long!

The 5 pounds of food we provided every Friday meant they did not have to spend the weekend suffering the gnawing pangs of hunger, and that they came to school Monday morning ready to learn. We know that this made a difference in their academic success, and that your generosity is directly responsible for creating a brighter future for these children.

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,

Cindy Chessie  
Executive Director

Thank you to all the amazing  
Food Bank volunteers who  
provide weekend food backpacks  
to our students. You are  
making a BIG difference in  
the lives of our kids!!!  
Thank you for all you do!  
♡ Frank Wagner Elementary

Thank you for  
giving us food.  
You are the  
best. ♡  
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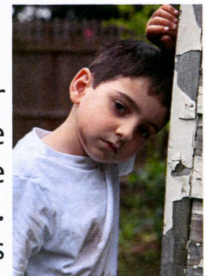
Dear Food Bank  
You are awesome  
Thanks for the food  
You are nice,  
From Tyler





## FEEDING MONROE’S CHILDREN EVERY DAY!

Food insecurity continues to be a significant issue in our area, with one-quarter of the children in the Monroe School District qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches. Within Snohomish County, nearly 90,000 residents are not sure where their next meal is coming from, and one out of five children is at risk of hunger. For children who depend on school meals for their primary nutrition, weekends can be two long, hunger-filled days.



To combat this growing problem, in 2011 we began distributing emergency weekend food backpacks to 14 kindergarteners at Frank Wagner Elementary. The backpacks contained five pounds of nutritious, easily-prepared food, enough for two breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Over the next five years, we added first and second-grade classrooms, serving a weekly average of 58 students during that time. This year we added all the grades at Frank Wagner, and are also serving a few students in need at Monroe High School, Fryelands Elementary, and Leaders in Learning. The bottom line is that we are now serving an average of 116 students every week at these four different schools, which means that the program doubled in size this year!

Needless to say, filling this many backpacks every week is time consuming and expensive! The ready-to-eat foods we provide cost a lot more than our usual bulk food purchases, so we are continuously searching for grant support and private donations to keep this important program funded. Your contributions are vital to make sure that these children don't come to school hungry on Monday morning.



**Thank you  
for helping  
us keep ALL  
of Monroe's  
children fed!**



**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.**

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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

People often ask me how are things going at the Food Bank, especially during the holidays. I've been wondering about the best way to answer that question. Do I tell them that the need is greater than it was this time last year? That more children are going hungry, unable to focus in school? That one in five kids live in households that struggle to put food on the table? That one in six Washingtonians relies on their local food bank?

Those things are all true, but I would rather tell the folks that ask that question about the goodness I witness at the Food Bank every day, and about all the wonderful acts of kindness happening all around us. As I look back on my first holiday season as Executive Director of the Sky Valley Food Bank, I am overwhelmed at the generosity of our community. I can't help but feel gratitude for so many things, and I want to share a few of them with you here.

I am thankful, appreciative, and grateful for:

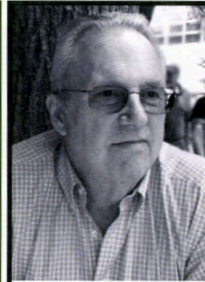
- **Our donors**, who gave selflessly and generously, and who know the importance of neighbors helping neighbors
- **Our volunteers**, who put in countless hours to make sure everyone was served
- **Our sponsors**, who provided toys and stockings for our Winter Wonderland
- **Our clients**, who braved the weather, waited in line, and were thankful to our staff
- **Our schools**, who held food drives, collecting money and thousands of pounds of food
- **Our local businesses**, who held food drives and donated funds
- **Our community members**, who called to inquire how they could help, and then followed through
- **Our year-round donors**, who increased their contribution for the holidays
- **Our toy room volunteers**, who sorted, stacked, and arranged the wonderful displays so parents could "shop" for their children's gifts
- **Our backroom staff**, who filled weekend backpacks for the holiday breaks so our students had food
- **Our drivers**, who picked up thousands of pounds of food
- **Our office staff**, who had extra duties for the holiday season yet made sure everyone was greeted with a smile and a friendly face
- **Our warehouse staff**, who unloaded thousands of pounds of food and found space for it all
- **Our board members**, who support all we do at the Food Bank

It takes a village to feed a village. With heartfelt thanks to our village, I appreciate all you did to help our neighbors through the holiday season. We could not have done this without YOU!

To each and every one of you, a HEARTFELT THANK YOU! I can't wait to do it all again next year!

### DID YOU KNOW?

A \$10 donation will feed a family of 3 for a week.  
Check out your donation options at  
[www.svfoodbank.org](http://www.svfoodbank.org).



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our friend Bill Davisson. Bill was a member of our Board for over seven years, and was our President for four of those

years. He was the chef for most of our year-end volunteer appreciation dinners, and always created a delicious feast to honor their hard work. We loved it when he stopped by the Food Bank, telling jokes and stories, and lending a hand wherever it was needed. He even drove one of our Thursday routes, picking up thousands of pounds at the local grocery stores. We are so grateful for all the ways he helped to feed hungry families in our community. We will miss you, Bill!

### 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Sam Wirsching**, President
- Jakeh Roberts**, President-Elect
- Eric DeBelly**, Treasurer
- Denise Jacobsen**, Secretary
- Terry Simon**, Director
- Carlos Elles**, Director
- Katy Woods**, Director
- Kevin McPeters**, Director

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Cindy Chessie

### October 2017 Clients Served

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Families:           | 1,209  |
| Individuals:        | 4,132  |
| Pounds Donated:     | 66,950 |
| Pounds Distributed: | 83,317 |

### November 2017 Clients Served

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Families:           | 1,185  |
| Individuals:        | 4,107  |
| Pounds Donated:     | 68,678 |
| Pounds Distributed: | 83,321 |

### December 2017 Clients Served

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Families:           | 1,271  |
| Individuals:        | 4,295  |
| Pounds Donated:     | 86,169 |
| Pounds Distributed: | 77,749 |



# REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY



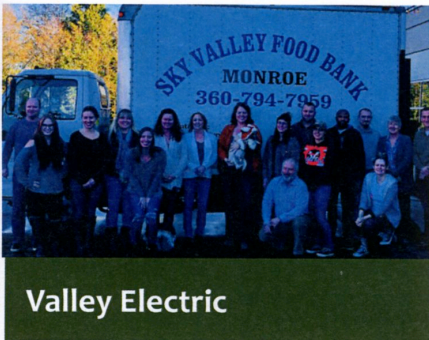
## Monroe School District

The students and faculty of the Monroe School District stepped up to help feed our community once again! Chain Lake, Salem Woods, and Frylands Elementary Schools, Hidden River and Park Place Middle Schools, Monroe High School, Sky Valley Education Center, the District Office and the Transportation Department all held food and/or toy drives for us this holiday season.



## Wilton Family Stockings

Once again the generous Wilton Family and the folks from Central Welding brought us enough Christmas stockings for all of the children we serve--515 this year!



## Valley Electric

The generous folks at Valley Electric of Everett provided toys for many of our families again this year. They brightened Christmas for 168 children!



## Star Touring and Riding

Once again Star Touring and Riding Association roared in with their saddlebags full of toys for our Christmas giveaway. We like how they roll, bringing hope for the holidays!



## Monroe Montessori

It's always so heartwarming to see our Montessori students pulling up with their little red wagons full of food and toys for children in need. We love their spirit of giving!

### 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Cindy Chessie, 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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# Three Ways You Can Help!



Register and link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Sky Valley Food Bank. Every time you shop using your rewards card you will increase the amount Fred Meyer donates!  
*Go to [fredmeyer/communityrewards.com](http://fredmeyer/communityrewards.com) to link your card today!*



Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Sky Valley Food Bank as your charity. 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated.  
*Just one more way to help us put food on the table for our hungry neighbors!*



Shop online through goodshop at more than 2,800 participating stores. Goodshop will donate up to 30% of your eligible purchase.  
*Go to [goodsearch.com/goodshop](http://goodsearch.com/goodshop) to designate Sky Valley Food Bank as your charity.*

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