



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Our approach combines direct services with community-based advocacy. We support individuals and work to undo racism and other oppressions that create barriers—so everyone can achieve their full potential.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Solid Ground Washington.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon, Director
8802 27th Avenue, NE
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Dear Marilyn,

Thanks in part to the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund's generous award of [REDACTED] in 2021, Solid Ground's Broadview Domestic Violence (DV) Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing Programs provided a range of permanent housing options and wraparound supportive services for 309 individuals, promoting safety, stability, and authentic community connections for individuals and families exiting domestic violence and homelessness, and living on low incomes due to historical marginalization and compounding systemic oppressions. As the needs of our residents increase and change throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, partnerships like yours have been critical in supporting staff and engaging households to remain secure and connected within their homes throughout this crisis. We have found one of the greatest resources during this pandemic to be the adaptability and responsiveness of our funders who empower us to meet needs on the ground as the situation develops. **Thank you for your ongoing support – we couldn't do this work without you!** We are pleased to provide the following report on our Broadview DV Housing Program activities over the course of 2021.

Challenges of COVID-19

The pandemic and its economic impacts have given rise to increased rates of not only housing, financial, and food insecurity, but also higher rates of DV and behavioral health issues throughout the pandemic. Seattle King County Public Health recently shared that the National DV Hotline reported 258 calls from King County residents in March 2021 alone—the highest call volume since the county began tracking calls. In addition, the spike in rent that has occurred since the rent freeze lifted in June 2021 has created another barrier for low-income individuals and families searching for permanent, affordable housing.

Homelessness and DV are experiences that often cause feelings of anxiety and isolation, and the additional isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these feelings in many Broadview residents. As the pandemic continues, families residing at Broadview have shared concerns about their children responding to the stress of this long-term crisis with heightened behavioral issues or are experiencing symptoms of decreasing mental or behavioral health themselves. Throughout the past two years, Broadview's breadth and depth of programming have proven vital as we work to meet the rising needs of households healing from the trauma of homelessness, DV, and now, COVID-19. Broadview staff and the families we serve have demonstrated tremendous persistence, strength, flexibility, and creativity in rising to meet these challenges.

Adapting to COVID-19

Throughout the pandemic, Broadview staff have worked every day to help families achieve their housing stability goals. In addition to 31 units of shelter and transitional housing at our semi-confidential site, Broadview's DV Rapid ReHousing (DV RRH) program continues to deliver housing-focused case management in combination with time-limited rental assistance for families to build stability at their own pace in permanent housing. In 2021, DV RRH permanently housed 14 families through this program alone. In addition, Broadview has continued adapting programs to the pandemic while still effectively supporting, housing, and stabilizing hundreds of families this year alone:

- With the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety plans that our Domestic Violence (DV) Advocates individually create with each resident upon entry now includes services such as providing PPE, providing hygienic supplies, and other materials or steps for COVID-19 prevention in addition to pre-existing precautions like mapping areas to avoid, reducing internet presence, and filing protection orders for basic safety. With the rise of the pandemic, DV Advocates work to ensure that residents are safe from the situation they are leaving in addition to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each case manager individualizes safety plans to ensure that each resident of Broadview is taking the proper steps to regain stability and safety. In addition to creating a safety plan upon entry, case managers create a Housing Stability Plan with each family to help them achieve their long-term goal of housing stability. Housing Stability Plans include, but are not limited to, legal advocacy, career support and counseling, community resources, referrals, public benefits, mental health support, and financial empowerment.
- Broadview often offers community building opportunities for residents. Often, DV and homelessness are isolating factors that can cut individuals off from family, social groups, or religious communities. Broadview's community building opportunities are optional and provide participants with a support system full of people that understand and are empathetic to their experiences. Prior to the pandemic, these community building opportunities took shape in shared transportation, childcare, and in-person DV peer support groups for adults. COVID-19 safety precautions have created an additional barrier for community building, and Broadview staff have adapted to providing virtual support groups.
- The digital divide, or an inequity in access to computers or internet services, became an increasingly urgent problem as schools and other services transferred to a virtual platform. Broadview benefits from a powerful network of referral partnerships that ensure families had Chromebooks, hotspots, headphones, and more to connect with one another and their providers, and working to provide private spaces at Broadview for residents engage in telehealth counseling. We also worked to connect families with our parenting coach, who shifted her practice to provide one-on-one guidance to repair trust, nurture healing, and help parents cope with behavioral issues, rather than the group classes previously offered.

2021 Outcomes

In 2021, **Broadview served 309 individuals across our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs.** Our staff work 24/7 to provide comprehensive, supportive wraparound services for families and individuals looking for stability after experiencing homelessness and DV. Despite the challenges that COVID-19 continues to present to both our organization and the families we served, we continue to work to meet basic needs, provide resources and referrals for families, establish goals for safety and stability, and provide a community in which our residents feel safe to pursue their goals. In 2021, we:

- **Delivered wraparound services and emergency housing solutions to 102 families across our Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, with 58 exiting directly to more permanent housing from Broadview.**
- **Helped 78% of families, or 59 households, made progress on their Housing Stability Plans.** While our internal goal for this metric is 85%, the Rental Housing Association of Washington reports that due to rent restrictions lapsing in June of 2021, landlords and property owners have been free to increase rent to make up for any costs that acquired over the 16 months the rent freeze was in place. This increase in rental costs has created an additional barrier for low-income families searching for housing during the pandemic – according to Zumper, rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Seattle increased 25% as of January 2022 from the previous year.
- **93% of families created a Family Safety Plan and were supported in following all safety measures.** Families that did not create a safety plan resided at Broadview for less than 7 days and moved on to other housing before being able to meaningfully engage with case managers, typically due to safety concerns if an abuser locates them at Broadview.
- **Assisted 90 families through Mobile Flexible Advocacy (MFA),** which meets families where they are with survivor-centered advocacy and flexible client assistance for stability-related costs. In 2021, MFA funds were used to support housing debt/rental arrears, car repair bills, legal fees, school expenses, move-in costs, rent, motel stays, utility bills, past due utility bills, counseling/therapy, school tuition expense, and medical expenses to promote stabilization.
- **Engaged 100% of resident youth with Children’s Advocates to receive individualized academic, social, and emotional support and 100% of school-aged children were enrolled in school.**
- **Finally, at their time of exit, 58 families left with health insurance and 55 families exited with Medicaid, equivalent to about 80% of the families who had exited at the time of this report.**

Upon entry, our intake process tracks several metrics, including those listed above. At the time of exit, data is collected again so that program staff can gain an understanding of what programs are working, where extra support is needed, and for Broadview staff to have a well-rounded understanding of the residents needs and position at the time of entry and exit. Additionally, Broadview prioritizes survivor choice in all our services – recognizing the vital role that re-establishing agency plays in a family’s journey to healing. Therefore, all services are optional, accounting for targets less than 100%.



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The Impact of Your Gift: Stories of Brilliance and Resilience

Gifts from foundations such as the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund make a real, lasting impact for every family that enters Broadview. The following is one of many success stories that come from Broadview residents and highlights the impact and importance that our services provide for individuals every day.

Wendy* and her young daughter entered Broadview after having experienced DV and possible sexual abuse. We swiftly connected them to our parent coach, who was able to meet with the family and provide one-on-one support to heal from their trauma. Wendy had a lot of concerns about the best way to respond to her daughter's questions and behavior, and our parent coach helped to provide her with information, strategies, and techniques to ease her mind and help her provide trauma-informed supports for her daughter. Knowing that this level of trauma often requires ongoing support to heal, our staff also referred Wendy's daughter to early childhood mental health counseling where they have begun regular sessions. We also connected them to the Seattle Preschool Program and helped her daughter to enroll, referred them to clothing banks, and assisted with finding a new dental provider. We also gave the mother information on Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center and King County Sexual Assault Resource Center for support around the potential sexual abuse. Wendy is now feeling much more confident in supporting her daughter, who is thriving in preschool, and they are both receiving the behavioral health support to help heal from their trauma and move forward in healing together.

**Names have been changed to protect survivor confidentiality.*

Continuing Forward: Preparing for the Year Ahead

As we enter the third year of the pandemic, Broadview is committed to both maintaining core supportive services and innovating in the face of crisis to meet resident-identified needs. While this next phase of COVID-19 response remains uncertain, we are already making plans to continue growing our work with the offerings and opportunities for residents to continue their journeys toward stability this coming year. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 public health recommendations for the safety of all community members and direct service staff and are committed to building out sustainable systems for whole-person care. Agencywide, we are also working to bring internal systems into alignment with new training resources, pathways for community voice and engagement, and interdepartmental partnerships that will pave the way for new leaders, innovators, and changemakers within the agency.

We know our work is not done – the disproportionate impacts of this pandemic on young people of color, families living on low incomes, and those striving for stability after homelessness and DV will require bold and innovative supports to ensure we rebuild from this pandemic with stronger and more equitable systems to narrow gaps in wealth, income, opportunity, and achievement. Thanks to partners like the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Fund, we continue to build stability and activate resilience for the children and families of Broadview. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you again



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in this new year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at naomin@solid-ground.org or 206.694.6857.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naomi Natsuhara".

Naomi Natsuhara, Grants & Contracts Manager

Program Images

Below are images taken during various programming throughout the 2021 at the Broadview shelter. Images 1 and 3 are photographs of murals made by children residing at Broadview during 2021 and Image 2 is a quilt, all made with collaboration between residents and Broadview staff.

Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

