# **Funds Distribution Report**

### Recipient Organization: Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services

Address: 27030 102nd Ave Stanwood, WA 98292

**Contact:** (360) 629-2789 https://www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org

#### **Organization's General Goals:**

Stanwood / Camano Food Bank Services provides resources and connections to alleviate hunger and meet the basic needs of individuals and families in our community.

Date of Award: 2017 Q4

Level: \$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services.



8802 27th Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions 8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271-9694

Attention: Marilyn Sheldon, Director

**Report:** Q4 2017 14.2 It is with great pleasure that we can share the tremendous, positive impact your donation of for the refrigerated truck for Stanwood Camano Food Bank has made on our community. The outcomes have far surpassed our expectations and imagination. Thank you!

Originally, we were cautiously optimistic about the opportunity to increase our supply & assortment of nutritious food for our community of families. The true significance of this gift is measured in the number of pounds we can collect from new partnerships we've been able to secure and the value this increase brings to our clients. We were awarded 4 new contracts (Grocery Rescue Partnerships) through Food Lifeline due to our ability to keep food refrigerated during transport outside the 30 mile radius as established by Feeding America. This includes two Costco stores as well as QFC Mill Creek, and Skagit Valley Food Distribution in Sedro Woolley. In addition, we are now part of the NW Harvest family with access to more protein, dairy, fresh produce and shelf stable items.

As a result of these key connections, we've increased our grocery rescue pounds received by over 110,000# compared to the same time period from the previous year. This represents a 26% increase in the amount of food we can distribute to our families. Currently, 1276 unduplicated households are benefitting from the increase of food pickups. In addition, we are able to purchase key items such as protein, dairy, and fresh produce from wholesale vendors with the money we saved due to these new relationships. Beyond the increase in the number of pounds of product we now rescue, the quality and variety of foods available for our clients is appreciated. Our clientele are not use to having 'choice' and 'quality' due to the nature of the typical 'food bank grocery rescue assortment'. It's heartwarming to witness the transformation when someone is shopping and they are able to choose from a wide array of beautiful foods that are normally not available to people in poverty. We see more smiles and engagement with our volunteers as they peruse the offerings of the day. Some outcomes can't be measured in numbers. Sometimes, value is measured in the way a person's demeanor improves when they are treated with respect & dignity through their experience. The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions fund has been instrumental in upgrading the 'experience' for our families in the Stanwood Camano area.

I invite you and representatives to our Food Bank for a photo shoot opportunity at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for providing this important funding. Without your involvement, we wouldn't have been able to improve and upgrade our services to the deserving families in our community. You've made a real difference in their daily lives.

Thank you,

Lynne Ayers, Executive Director director@scfbs.org / 360-629-2789 Ext 302 www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org Enclosures: 6



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The truck with logos and stickers.



Some of our volunteers unloading a grocery rescue pickup.





# Thank you Tulalip Tribes. You made this possible!