### **Funds Distribution Report**



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#### **Recipient Organization:**

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

We put books into the hands of local children at no cost to families through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which delivers specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality books monthly to registered children from birth to age 5.

Date of Award: Level:

2024 Q2 \$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Stanwood Camano Rotary Foundation.

# Dolly Partons IMAGINATION LIBRARY

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## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Report <u>Q2 2024 14.2</u> Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund Grant Award

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in the Stanwood-Camano School District celebrated another successful year, providing free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five. This program, a cornerstone of early literacy, delivered invaluable resources to families, fostering a love of reading from a young age.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund. This grant covered the cost of books for July, August and September 2025 - 2,835 books in the hands of children!

#### This year's highlights included:

- 220 children "graduating" from the program, receiving their final book, "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!"
- 289 new children enrolled, maintaining an average of 889 children receiving books monthly.
   Successful outreach events at Teddy Bear Picnic at the Community Resource Center, National Night Out,
   Touch-a-Truck, the Soap Box Derby, and Bike Rodeo increasing program awareness and enrollment.
- A collaborative event with the Stanwood Library, featuring award-winning children's author Carole Lexa Schaefer, who read to children and helped enroll them in the Imagination Library and obtain library cards.

Despite our successes, we recognize the ongoing challenge of reaching parents of newborns. To address this, we plan to strengthen our partnerships with birth centers and OB/GYN practices, aiming to connect with families before their child's birth. Our ultimate goal is to provide each child with a personal library of 60 books by age five.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is making a profound impact on the lives of young children in our community. This impact is only possible through the unwavering dedication of our organizers and the continued generosity of our donors. We extend our sincere gratitude to foundations like yours for your commitment to early literacy in the Stanwood-Camano Island area. Your support is essential in ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you,

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Stanwood - Camano Committee Members
Terry Greer Heather Courlas Nancy Bowman Nancy Voelckers
Carole Lexa Schaefer Dawn Pratt Karyn Vorwaller

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