## **Funds Distribution Report**

## Recipient Organization: Street Youth Ministries

Address: 4540 15th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105

**Contact:** (206) 226-8873 https://www.symseattle.org

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

Our mission is to provide youth and young adults in Seattle's University District with life-skills, resources, and relationships that bring hope and healing to their lives and the community.

Date of Award: 2021 Q4 **Level:** \$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Street Youth Ministries.



8802 27th Ave NE Tulalip, WA 98271

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June 7, 2023

Marilyn Sheldon, Director Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions 8802 27th Avenue NE Tulalip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon,



A backpack full of cold weather supplies for Coffee Runs outreach

We are deeply appreciative of the generous contribution provided by the Tulalip Tribes in March 2022 for Street Youth Ministries' (SYM) life-changing programming for unhoused young people. Your support enabled us to work with unhoused young people aged 13-26, providing them with basic needs, case management, activities, and other support.

Throughout 2022, we have continued to meet the needs of the unhoused youth of the U District:

- Our Drop-In Center continues to be available for clients to access showers, laundry, meals, clothing, hygiene items, computers, referrals, a place to rest, and social interaction. Last year, the Center was open three days per week from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. In December 2022, with severe winter weather impacting Seattle and unhoused young people urgently trying to get out of the cold, we began opening the Center an additional day per week.
- Our case manager continues to provide daily one-on-one assistance to help clients develop goals, build life skills, discuss concerns, address barriers to accessing services, connect with resources, and work toward stability.
- We offered 62 activities throughout the year, including rock climbing, swimming, hiking, BBQs, art classes, Whirlyball, game tournaments, and more.
- In October 2022, we launched Coffee Runs: Outreach to Seattle's Unhoused Community. In this new program, SYM staff and volunteers spend several hours walking around the U-District on weekday mornings, meeting community members who slept outside and providing hot coffee, oatmeal, water bottles, hats, socks, referrals to and reminders about available resources (including those at SYM), and blankets and jackets if available.
- A new one-on-one intensive mentorship program was launched in 2022 due to an increased number of clients being involved with opioids, including fentanyl. Our outreach case manager, who has lived experience with opioid use disorder and homelessness, provides individualized supportive relationships both inside and outside our facility to a small number of high-need clients who struggle with substance use disorder. The case manager offers support in accessing detox and treatment services,

advocacy with legal authorities, and individual mentorship to inspire hope and work towards sobriety.

Thank you for your support! If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at ritab@symseattle.org or (206) 349-1485.

Sincerely,

Tita M. Buyco

Rita Buyco, Executive Director