



Funds Distribution Report

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Summit Assistance Dogs

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Organization's General Goals:

Summit Assistance Dogs is a nonprofit organization that creates life-changing partnerships by providing highly-skilled mobility service dogs for people living with disabilities in the Pacific Northwest. By assisting with tasks such as retrieving items, opening and closing doors, and turning switches on and off, our dogs help their partners live with greater independence and confidence. These companions can also help diminish depression, anxiety, and loneliness.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Summit Assistance Dogs.

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Q1 2021 14.3 Grant Report for Summit Assistance Dogs - Tax ID 91-2048706

January 21, 2022

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
Marilyn Sheldon, Director

Dear Tulalip Tribe Trustees:

Thank you for the generous [REDACTED] grant to Summit Assistance Dogs, received on July 20, 2021 to support our team training program. Team Training is an imperative step in the placement of our service dogs with our clients. Clients and their new service dogs participate in an intensive two-week training to learn about living and working with their new partner. This grant helped provide trainer time, travel, equipment, and field trip costs for 4 clients to participate in Team Training in 2021.

Every Summit client speaks of the life-changing partnership with their mobility assistance dog and the liberation felt when coupled with their match. The bond between our clients and their dog typically begins on day one and grows ever stronger throughout their time together. During Team Training, clients learn how and when to use the 50-60 cues that each dog knows. The guidance provided by our highly qualified staff and key volunteers during training teaches each partnership about daily care, dog behavior, public access etiquette, health care, transportation and current service dog laws. At the conclusion of the classroom portion of Team Training, trainers work one on one with each client, teaching them the skills needed to successfully utilize their mobility assistance dog.

This grant enabled Summit to partner one our clients, Kris, with service dog Jazz, in June 2021. Kris, who resides in Lynnwood, and Jazz have already formed a remarkable bond. Kris was born with spinal muscular atrophy, which is a condition that progressively destroys motor neurons. When there are disruptions in the signals between motor neurons and muscles, the muscles gradually weaken and deteriorate. Jazz assists Kris with picking up dropped items, pushing crosswalk buttons, opening and closing doors, and, of course, she provides great companionship. Kris recently mentioned, "I look forward to a lot more adventures with Jazz, meeting new people and enjoying my independence!"

We hope you find our final report and photos inspiring. Your contribution has made a lasting impact and has transformed the lives of the people who were fortunate to receive a new canine helpmate this past year. Ensuring success for new service dog partnerships is essential to our mission and we are so grateful for your support. On behalf of all of us at Summit Assistance Dogs, thank you for making these new partnerships possible!

The second page of this document includes photos of the partnered teams in 2021.

With sincere gratitude,

[REDACTED]

Summit Assistance Dogs' Team Training 2021

Partnerships were formed in June & July of 2021 for clients [REDACTED]. The trio have formed amazing new friendships with one another and life-changing partnerships with their service dogs.



Jazz as a puppy. Client [REDACTED] & service dog Jazz.



Client [REDACTED] learns how to groom service dog Jacques.



From left to right: Client [REDACTED] & service dog Jacques, trainer [REDACTED] client/staff [REDACTED] & service dog Tanner, client's father (standing) and client [REDACTED] & service dog Jazz. All are on an outing for team training in town.



Client [REDACTED] and service dog Jacques with the Seattle Kraken trophies. [REDACTED] plays on the Kraken sled hockey team.



Client [REDACTED] & service dog Jacques and client [REDACTED] & service dog Jamon at the mall.



Jamon as a puppy. Client [REDACTED] and service dog Jamon.