



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Tacoma Area Coalition of Individual Disabilities

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GENERAL GOALS: To promote the independence of individuals with disabilities through peer support, advocacy, and self-sufficiency programs.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from TACID.



TULALIP TRIBE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

CODE: Q1 2017 14.2

TACOMA AREA COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

(TACID)

The Tulalip Tribe Charitable Contribution to TACID provided funds to cover a portion of the June 2017 overhead costs. We focused your contribution on the month of June, which included:

Utilities	\$1,611.99
Copier	\$ 786.85
Telephone	\$ 446.61
Maintenance	<u>\$1,043.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,888.45
Tulalip funds	██████████
Other funds	██████████

In June we served 626 individuals in our programs and services. January thru June 2017 we have provided 7,594 services to 1,216 unduplicated individuals with visible and nonvisible disabilities.

As summer began we spent time with participants preparing for and planting our community garden. Now they consistently care for the garden and harvest the food. They look forward to enjoying the various salads and dishes made from the ingredients and taking the remaining items to their homes to enjoy. What began as a project they weren't certain about has become a complete joy to the participants, and something they look forward to, finding comfort and peace while caring for and harvesting the garden. It is our joy to have the opportunity to offer this opportunity to all of our participants. Pictures of this particular project are attached.

We also have bi-monthly potlucks for our participants. This is a time that they look forward to gathering, sharing good food, visiting, making new connections, playing games, singing karaoke, dancing and spending time in community with one another. Pictures of a recent potluck are attached.

Many of us take for granted going out into the world each day, being accepted for who we are, often based on status, looks, education, professional relationships, where we live, what we wear, all primarily superficial ideals. Yet, all of this can change for us in a heartbeat, if we lose a job, go through a divorce, experience a significant health issue, etc. We don't realize how vulnerable we are, we are certain that we will maintain our place in the world and that it will accept us.

However, I have experienced the reality of non-acceptance and having the safety net evaporate around me, waking up alone and having to find a new way in a not so gentle world.

At TACID, daily we serve with people who have been dealt a difficult hand of cards, some from birth, others after years of “success” living in what they thought was a safe accepting community only to find that when something changed and left them different from before they not only experienced new personal challenges but the acceptance also changed. In many cases their community slowly evaporated around them leaving them isolated and alone, having to face their new reality, and the rebuilding of their life and well-being alone.

At TACID we understand the need for a safe accepting community and that is what the staff, board, and participants have created. A place where it is safe to be yourself, where you can learn new skills that empower and assist you in having a fulfilling life. A place where a diagnosis doesn't define you, doesn't limit your possibilities or abilities, where each person is seen as unique and their journey is valued by the community of peers at TACID. Acceptance, grace, respect, and a unique love weaves its way through TACID in powerful ways that empower, embrace, affirm and, bring forward each person's strengths, cherishing them and providing a safe accepting community.

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