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TulalipCares.org

Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Tacoma Rescue Mission

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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is to share God's love, hope & support with our neighbors in need to uplift communities.

Date of Award:	Level:
2024 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Tacoma Rescue Mission.

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November 25, 2025

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

It is with great pleasure and a humble heart that I submit to you the final report for Tacoma Rescue Mission's grant award from Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions.

Program Description

The award from Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions was used to fund the continued operating costs of our family shelter.

Located at a publicly undisclosed address within the City of Tacoma, our family shelter provides emergency shelter, food, and supplies to families experiencing homelessness and families who are fleeing domestic violence. It is operated as a clean and sober campus, with urinalyses and background checks completed for all guests. Families stay together in private rooms and are given access to case management, counseling, and our youth program. The youth program helps to enroll children in school, provides on-site preschool, and offers after-school and summer programming activities — all with the goal to support the social and emotional health of youth in our care to break the ongoing cycle of homelessness and abuse.

Outcome Results

During our 2025 fiscal year, funds from the Tulalip Tribes have helped us achieve the following:

661 children and guardians served
37,237 bed nights provided
271,486 meals served across our shelters

Impact

The most important results of this grant and our continued work in the community cannot just be measured in numbers. It is told in the stories of our guests, like Rachelle:

“I didn’t want my kids to ever live in a shelter. I went through a life of living like that as a kid... We lived in our vehicle. I was put through child trafficking to get through my stepmom’s drug debt. At 13 years old, I was forced to live a life I didn’t want to live.”

Rachelle was determined to give her children something different — a better life and future. For years, she tried everything to protect them — moving from place to place, staying in cars, couch-hopping, escaping abusive and unsafe relationships and living situations. She worked hard, loved harder, and carried the weight of the world on her shoulders. But even the strongest love can’t carry a family through every storm — not alone.

When Rachelle arrived at our Family Shelter, her heart was full of fear and shame.

“I thought we were going to be on dirty cots. I thought people were going to look down on me — like some druggie mom even though I’m not. But that’s what I thought shelters were. That’s what I grew up around.”

Instead, she found something else entirely.

“We got a room. We got showers we could use every day. They brought us towels, shampoo, diapers, wipes, even formula. We had beds. Pillows. Clothes. Snacks. I didn’t have anything else to ask for. I was just so happy. My kids were happy.”

Love met Rachelle there — with open arms. It looked like warm meals, a clean bed, and a welcoming smile. It looked like a birthday celebration in our family shelter’s common room for her teenage son. It looked like her baby’s first steps toward independence.

“My autistic son made huge steps while we’ve been here. We were struggling with potty training for example and one day he grabbed the little potty seat and went in on his own. I peeked in and there he was, standing like a frog, using the toilet. I was so proud. It was exciting! Now he goes all day without a pull-up.”

The courageous love Rachelle gave her children — the kind that kept them together through homelessness, hunger, and hardship — was returned in small, daily moments of dignity and care. Her teenage son, who had withdrawn after years of instability, started playing football again and got back into wrestling. He made friends. He started smiling.

“One day he said to me, ‘Mom, some of these people feel like family to me.’ And I saw it. The staff greeted us every day. We had lunch together with other families. And we began to feel like we belonged.”

For Rachelle, healing came one step at a time with weekly meetings with our shelter case managers, with encouragement, and with people saying, “You’re doing great,” on the days she felt like a failure.

“They’re the ones that built me. There were times I’d walk into my case manager’s office hopeless. But they saw potential in me even when I couldn’t see it in myself. Coming here gave us our happiness back. I judged the shelter before I came here. But it’s been life-changing for me and my kids. A happy, healing, safe place.”

And today, she and her kids are living in a home of their own and Rachelle’s working for the Tacoma school district.



Rachelle and her son in our family shelter’s youth center

Tacoma Rescue Mission’s crucial work would not be possible without the contributions and support of giving partners like you. With your help, we can provide love, hope, and support to our neighbors in need for a brighter future ahead.

Once again, we thank you for your generous award and look forward to our continued partnership! We look forward to seeing you all again for another fabulous Raising Hands Celebration.

Sincerely,



Emily Koo
Grant Writer