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Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Tacoma Youth Symphony Association

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Organization's General Goals:

Through music education, Tacoma Youth Symphony Association empowers young people to seek intellectual growth, to explore creative pathways, to appreciate cultural diversity, and to experience the joy of being part of a team while becoming engaged citizens and reaching their greatest potential.

Date of Award:

2025 Q4

Level:

\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Tacoma Youth Symphony Association.

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Q4 2025 14.2 report
Marilyn Sheldon
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Dear Marilyn,



I am connecting to thank the Tulalip Tribes again for the generous [REDACTED] grant and to share an update on how the support assisted the Tacoma Youth Symphony in our Community Outreach Programming. Thanks to this and other grant support, we are so grateful to have been able to provide **free, hands-on music-making experiences to 9,761 residents out in area neighborhoods.**

TYSA's musician-instructors provided the greater Puget Sound area with **343 free music sessions** during our season, largely designed for youth, but also included more than 250 senior citizens at area senior living facilities. Our coaches offered a total of **190 co-teaching and music enrichment visits in 42 schools across the area**, from Tacoma to Olympia to Graham to Auburn to Puyallup and more.

We continued to focus most of the school visits on our two focus schools, Stanley Elementary—Title I school in Hilltop, with a high percentage of low-income students, and also Willie Stewart Academy—an alternative high school for students who have struggled to graduate. Our instructors visited our “adopted” Stanley Elementary five times every week! Students in the third-fifth grades benefited from ukulele lessons and samba drum classes while developing trusting relationships with our music mentors throughout the school year.

Outside of schools, **TYSA coaches also offered a total of 153 sessions out at our many community partner-sites.** Weekly music-making visits were provided for the young patients at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, incarcerated young men at Remann Hall Juvenile Detention Center, Amara foster care agency and the Oasis Youth Center. Quarterly “Musical Storytimes” were held quarterly at a variety of area libraries—where toddlers and their families could enjoy a story being read, along with a performance by our youth musicians, and also the chance to play music themselves. A series of drum circles and ukulele lessons were also offered in the summer at area parks.

Photos representing the teen TYSA Samba Band and a Musical Storytime are included. We were honored to receive the support from the Tulalip Tribes and also publicize it on our website and in donor listings. On behalf of the Tacoma Youth Symphony and the nearly 10,000 served by our community programming, thank you again for the meaningful support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Laura Stone'.

Laura Stone
Advancement Officer
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