



Funds Distribution Report

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The Friendship Circle of Washington

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Organization's General Goals:
Committed to inclusion for all, Friendship Circle of Washington leverages the positive impact of friendship, understanding, and shared experience to transform the lives of children and teens with special needs and typically developing teens. We help create friendships that make a difference today and last a lifetime. We empower children and teens with special needs, helping them develop the skills they need to live as productive and independent adult life as possible.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from The Friendship Circle of Washington.

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Tulalip Cares Grant Report

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Friendship Circle URL: <https://www.friendshipcirclewa.org/>

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Friendship Circle of Washington is deeply grateful for the steadfast partnership of Tulalip Cares in supporting children and teens with disabilities in our community. Due in no small part to your support, our organization has grown to new heights, broadening our reach and deepening our impact. Please find our grant report for Sunday Circle below.

Sunday Circle Grant Report

Sunday Circle is one of our organization's foundational programs, having been core to our mission for over 15 years. Sunday Circle is the confluence of everything we stand for at Friendship Circle, creating a true sense of belonging for youth with disabilities, while equipping them with the social-emotional and life skills to navigate the world around them and reach their goals.

Participant-volunteer matches spent two hours twice each month building authentic, lasting relationships through facilitated therapeutic recreational programming, ranging from music and movement therapy, to STEM activities, art, and more. This year, we were also pleased to kick off a partnership with the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County, adding digital literacy, a critical component of self-reliance, to Sunday Circles.

Our target outcomes for the 2022-2023 program year were as follows:

- 95% of participants improve their social-competence skills
- 95% of participants improve their ability to communicate their needs effectively
- 95% of volunteers improve their self-esteem
- 100% of volunteers reported having a better understanding of the need for special needs inclusion

We served 180 young people in Sunday Circle and more than 650 young people across all programs during the 2022-2023 program year. Our final outcomes for the 2022-2023 program year were:

- 97% of participants improved their social-competence skills
- 96% of participants improved their ability to communicate their needs effectively

- 95% of volunteers improved their self-esteem
- 100% of volunteers reported having a better understanding of the need for special needs inclusion

We are proud to have met and exceeded our anticipated outcomes this past program year. We are also proud to provide a space of growth and community for so many children and teens with special needs in our area.

As one parent of a participant told us, "Friendship Circle feels like the only refuge our family has. It's the only place where our whole family can go for true welcoming support, for community, for resources, for so much more. We have never seen [our child] come out of his shell like he has in the last year during Sunday Circle. And we as parents have never felt more understood than we do when we come here."

Many factors contributed to our success, including, but not limited to: our incredibly dedicated community of teen volunteers, our laser-focused expert staff, and our steadfast partners, like Tulalip Cares.

We are honored to count Tulalip Cares among our circle of supporters. Thank you for all you do for marginalized communities in our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elazar Bogomilsky', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rabbi Elazar Bogomilsky
Executive Director

