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Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

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Organization's General Goals:

We empower people who are blind, DeafBlind, and blind with other disabilities through sustainable employment and transformative services for independence and career advancement.

Date of Award:

2024 Q4

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from
The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions' generous [REDACTED] grant helped enhance our transformative DeafBlind Program that offers essential employment supports, education services, Community Classes, and the acclaimed DeafBlind Retreat to empower DeafBlind individuals in the community. During our last fiscal year (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025), participants received critical training opportunities, accessible community spaces, and access to resources and information that foster sustainable employment, independence, and career advancement.



Program Impact

Because of Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions and other partners, we were proud to serve 77 DeafBlind adults overall last year, significantly exceeding our goal of 55. This includes 28 DeafBlind Lighthouse employees who received meaningful job opportunities and employment supports. Among our employees, at least 82% improved in workplace skills and/or advancement in their job, including 23 who received wage increases. Further, 17 DeafBlind employees received additional workforce skills training—with topics including computer and assistive technology, orientation and mobility, leadership development, career development, and/or communication—and 1 who received a promotion at the Lighthouse. All DeafBlind employees are continuing to receive tailored job training and develop workforce skills to reach their independence and career advancement goals.



The Lighthouse proudly hosted 32 DeafBlind attendees at the week-long DeafBlind Retreat in August 2025. Attendees participated in a wide range of accessible learning opportunities and community-building activities, including leadership workshops, adaptive cycling, arts and crafts, cultural presentations, and more. We also welcomed 50 volunteers, including interpreters and co-navigator/support service providers, who helped make the event a great success. Among DeafBlind survey respondents, 93% reported growth in self-sufficiency, feelings of community inclusion, and/or

independent living skills. Additionally, 34% of DeafBlind attendees were newly introduced to the Seattle



Lighthouse and meaningful employment opportunities. The Lighthouse also hosted four DeafBlind Community Classes for community members, with 25 total attendees and including 12 unduplicated participants.

With your support, the DeafBlind Program continues to provide life-changing services that empower severely underserved members of our community to build a fulfilling, prosperous future for themselves. You can learn more about how the Lighthouse and our programs empower people who are DeafBlind by visiting our website at [LHBlind.org](https://lhblind.org), or reading our latest Annual Report here:

<https://lhblind.org/who-we-are/annual-reports/>.

Thank you for inviting the Lighthouse to attend Raising Hands 2025. Our staff deeply appreciated the moving evening and celebration, and the opportunities to network with other impactful non-profit agencies while learning more about the Tulalip Tribe's culture, history, and community commitment.

I would be honored to schedule a Lighthouse tour for the Tulalip Tribes to highlight the DeafBlind Program that your contribution helped make possible. We are grateful for your generous support and partnership that truly help empower DeafBlind individuals in the community.

Please contact me at (206) 436-2116 or via email at KWiegel@LHBlind.org with questions or comments about this report.



Sincerely,

Kate Wiegel
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