



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Inspire individuals and organization to address social and environmental challenges.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

To support the Community Garden Leadership Training Program, expand program for youth; increase quality of the program.

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For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from The Whidbey Institute.

From: Marnie Jones [<mailto:marnie@whidbeyinstitute.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 11:43 AM

To: Marilyn Sheldon

Subject: Community Garden Leadership Training—an update on how your grant is helping

Dear Marilyn,

From all of us at the Whidbey Institute, I wish to thank the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund for making a grant in support of Community Garden Leadership Training. Here are some recent updates from the community gardens in our program:

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We have weekly work parties in three locations: Whidbey Institute Westgarden (Thursdays), Good Cheer Food Bank Garden (Wednesdays), and School Farm (Tuesdays). Volunteers of all ages are coming out and dedicating their time to growing food for the community.

Camille Green, Good Cheer garden coordinator, has been coordinating large service learning projects with youth. The apprentices have been a huge help. With elementary students, they've helped with fun, engaging projects like pizza and taco gardens and scarlet runner bean teepees.

The end of year assembly at South Whidbey Elementary School featured a performance by elementary students singing *The Garden Song* to Cary Peterson, program co-coordinator, to thank her for helping them learn in the School Farm garden all year.

You can get to know a bit about each of our garden apprentices online:

[Margaret Pickoff, the Whidbey Institute Westgarden Apprentice](#)

[Anh Bui, the Good Cheer Garden Apprentice](#)

[Halley Shriber, the School Garden Apprentice](#)

I'm attaching a photo of this year's program coordinators and apprentices.

I hope to send additional updates later this season on the garden work and learning that's taking place as a result of the generous support of Tulalip Tribes and other supporting organizations.

With gratitude,

Marnie Jones

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