



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Initiating and cultivating transformational relationships that model hope through education, relief, and community development in the heart of Tacoma.

### **SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

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For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from Trinity Presbyterian Church.



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Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Please accept this brief 6-month report on the progress of the Trinity Learning Center here at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Allow me to say how grateful I am that we have developed a new partnership with the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund over this past year. The funds we received are allowing us to move forward freely in our mission of ***"Initiating and cultivating transformational relationships that model hope through education, relief, and community development in the heart of Tacoma"*** through our afterschool tutoring and mentoring program: the Trinity Learning Center.

This year has been an incredible year thus far for the Learning Center. Not only are students moving closer to their true academic and life potential, this past September we began a new partnership with Jason Lee middle school which has resulted in an extremely exciting change for the Learning Center.

The last eight months have brought significant transition to Jason Lee middle school. Along with turning over principals and several important staff members, Jason Lee also came to the end of some significant grants which helped provide the majority of the school's after-school programming. Trinity has been privileged to enter into a brand new partnership between the Trinity Learning Center, Jason Lee, and the Peace Community Center, resulting in a bolstered after-school program called "Bobcat Club."

The Trinity Learning Center, the educational component of Bobcat Club, now serves an average of 30+ kids per day on-site at Jason Lee, utilizing the Jason Lee library for tutoring and homework help in specific subjects. Each subject has its own space in the Library; so if a student needs help with Math, they head over to the Math section, English, to the English section, etc. We continue to work closely with both teachers and students in order to best advocate for the students' educational needs. We are also able to offer many teachers in-class support that comes at no cost to them or their school, but provides them with some much-needed help during the school day.

Jaquette Easterlin, our Learning Center Coordinator, was one of the very first Learning Center students back when the Learning Center first opened in 1998. Jaquette has now gone on to graduate from Wilson High School, earn the ActSix scholarship and her Bachelor's Degree from Whitworth University, and is now giving back to the Hilltop neighborhood while pursuing a Master's Degree in Education. We are so very excited and grateful for Jaquette's continuing leadership of the Learning Center, and the students who are affected every day by her passion and commitment for education.

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Thank you so much for your partnership this year. We are so grateful.

Please let me know if there is any other information I could provide.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Nash", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rod Nash  
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