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Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Trinity is a neighborhood church which seeks to reach out to its neighbors in meaningful and creative ways. We seek to grow in relationships with one another while exploring the depths of faith and life together. We're now in our 125th year of "living the Gospel in the heart of Tacoma."

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please read the attached report from Trinity Presbyterian Church.



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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Ms. Marilyn Sheldon
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Re: End of Project Report - **Code: Q2 2016 14.2**

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

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

We are very grateful for the partnership of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. The funds we have received allow 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.

The Trinity Learning Center served over 175 students in the 2015-2016 school year, and our staff gave over 1,500 combined volunteer hours at Jason Lee Middle School and Bryant Montessori School (a public Montessori school) during the school day. We worked closely with both teachers and students in order to best advocate for the students' educational needs. We were also able to offer many teachers in-class support that came at no cost to them or their school, but provided them with much-needed help during the school day.

Our goal for our students is that each semester 100% of them would not have a drop in any grade. We encourage them to look at their last semester's grades, and then constantly challenge them to move forward, and to "beat" that grade.

What the grade report on the following page is intended to show is that each semester, roughly 100% of our students are either maintaining a grade, or improving on that grade. We would love this number to always be 100%, as it is in last year's chart. We are extremely proud of how high these numbers are from last year. On average, our annual maintain/improve percentage is usually closer to about 90%. Regardless, with the significant challenges which face most of our students, we believe this is great progress for all of them, and we are ecstatic about the academic achievement we are seeing!

We realize that in the minds of some, a middle school student "maintaining" a grade does not look like success. And in some cases and neighborhoods, I am certain that is true. However, knowing what we know about our students here in the Hilltop of Tacoma, and, specifically, our kids at the Learning Center, teaching these students how to set goals, and improve on those goals, sometimes beginning with **not moving backwards** on those goals, is success. For the teachers that we have shared this with, they have been in full agreement.

The students reflected in this chart are the ones who came most consistently to the Learning Center all of last school year. Therefore, we were able to accurately track their academic progress throughout the entire school year.

Trinity Learning Center Grade Outcome Trends 2015-2016		
MATH	# of Students	Percentage
IMPROVE	12	40%
DECLINE	4	13%
MAINTAIN	14	47%
TOTAL	30	100%
IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN	26	87%
SCIENCE	# of Students	Percentage
IMPROVE	10	33%
DECLINE	6	20%
MAINTAIN	14	46.67%
TOTAL	30	100.00%
IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN	24	80.00%
SOCIAL STUDIES	# of Students	Percentage
IMPROVE	8	27%
DECLINE	3	10%
MAINTAIN	19	63.33%
TOTAL	30	100.00%
IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN	27	90.00%
LANGUAGE ARTS	# of Students	Percentage
IMPROVE	7	23%
DECLINE	1	3%
MAINTAIN	22	73%
TOTAL	30	100%
IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN	29	97%

(Note: these trends reflect the tracked grades of these 30 students who were the most consistent at the Learning Center throughout the entire school year and whose academic progress was consistently tracked enough for us to feel confident in reporting.)

We also regularly check in with school administrators, teachers, and parents to verify that our services are making an impact. This constant flow of communication is critical to maintaining the level of service that we have been providing to students here in our neighborhood for over 30 years.

Thank you all so much for your continued partnership with us here at Trinity. We are so grateful to be working together on behalf of our communities.

Please let me know if there is any other information you require.

Gratefully,



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