



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
United Way of Thurston County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. We do this by identifying critical needs in Thurston County within our focus areas and investing in local nonprofits doing the best work to meet those needs.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2018 Q3	\$5,001 to \$7,500

For more information, please read the attached report from United Way of Thurston County.

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**From:** Jennifer Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Marilyn Sheldon  
**Cc:** Paul Larsen; Bruce Grant  
**Subject:** Raising Hands 2019 Attendance

Greetings Marilyn,

We are grateful to have been a recipient of a Tulalip Tribes Charitable award last December, granted to support The United Way Reading Buddy Program serving struggling student readers in Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties.

Last school year Reading Buddies served over 1,100 students in 33 elementary schools in our region. Ninety-four percent of students show improvement based on a Fall and Spring test score comparison for letters sounds read correctly for kindergarteners and words read correctly per minute for 1st through 5th grades. Of the 94% students who improved, 26% met their grade level reading benchmark!

See the 2018-2019 Student Test Score Report attached.

We could not have reached as many students without the support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable grant award to help support a part-time Reading Buddy Administrative Assistant.

The United Way Reading Buddy Program is truly thankful for our partnership with this endeavor.

We thought you'd enjoy seeing some photos, also attached for Reading Buddies in "action" during reading sessions with their students.

On another note, we are unable to attend the Raising Hands 2019 event, October 26th, as indicated in your cover letter dated December 6th.

We hope the evening is full of people who share their stories and smiles about the impact you have made with your gracious gifts to programs who serve our vulnerable neighbors in our region.

Tulalip Tribes is truly making a difference and we are deeply grateful.

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[Check out the Reading Buddy Video](#)

**2018-2019 Reading Buddy - Student Test Score Data**

School Name	District	# of RBs	# Students Served	# Improved	# Did Not Improve	# Met Benchmark	Notes
Mill Pond	Yelm	2	35	26		9	
East Olympia	Tumwater	3	5	2		3	
Michael T. Simmons	Tumwater	3/5	15	4	1	10	
Tumwater Hill	Tumwater	3					None Reported
Peter G. Schmidt	Tumwater	6/8	28	26		2	
Rochester Primary	Rochester	9/10	34	21		12	1 moved
Pioneer Primary	Shelton	2	3	3			
Napavine	Napavine	2/5	14	10		4	
James W. Lintott	Chehalis	10/14	52	37		15	
Sand Hill	North Mason	2/6	7	2		5	Four reading buddies left early
Belfair	North Mason	6	29	16		5	
Garfield	Olympia	8	20	9		11	
Hansen	Olympia	10	18	13		5	No fall test score for one student
Lincoln	Olympia	5/6	12	10		2	
McKenny	Olympia	3	10	8			2 no Spring score No notes for what desired score is
McLane	Olympia	4	24	23	1		
Madison	Olympia	11	27	26		1	
Pioneer	Olympia	7	16	12		4	
Roosevelt	Olympia	5	40	39		1	
LP Brown	Olympia	8	34	29		2	3 no spring test scores, 2 no fall test scores
Evergreen	No Thurston	4	92	47	2	43	2 no fall test scores
Lacey	No Thurston	4					None Reported
Lydia Hawk	No Thurston	3	24	22	1	2	1 Moved 1 moved, 1 no scores reported
Meadows	No Thurston	3	10	8			Benchmark requirements not listed for many
Mt. View	No Thurston	9	43	39	1	2	
7 Oaks	No Thurston	1	5	5			
Chambers	No Thurston	10	56	23	3	17	
PL Glade	No Thurston	2	12	5		7	
South Bay	No Thurston	6	25	18		7	No spring test scores for 2 students
Edison	Centralia	3/4	10		2	8	
Fords	Centralia	3	8	3	1	4	
Jefferson	Centralia	6/7	14	7		7	
<b>TOTALS:</b>			<b>722</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>188</b>	

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year we had 192 Reading Buddies in 33 schools, 10 districts in Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties. We ended the year with 158 Reading Buddies. 34 left the program for various reasons, such as illness, injury, employment, travel or never contacted by the school. Survey Monkey data collected reading session data from Reading Buddy volunteers. 152 surveys were received. 99 online, 53 via USPS mailing. This set of data indicates 1139 students were served. Of students served, we received Fall and Spring test scores for Wordes Read Correctly Per Minute for 1st through 5th graders and Letter Sounds Read Correctly Per Minute for kindergarteners. Of the 722 test scores, 493 showed improvement (68.25%); 12 did not improve (1.75%) and 188 met their grade level benchmark (26%).

