



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

Vine Maple Place is a Christian organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children. Our approach offers safety, provides stability, and equips to self-sufficiency. The vision of Vine Maple Place is to end family homelessness in South King County, resulting in healthier communities where every child and parent has a stable home to grow and thrive.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022-Q2	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Vine Maple Place.

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FY23 Impact Report Prepared for the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

"Because of the help I received from Vine Maple Place, I am very joyful to say that my daughter is once again a 6-year-old girl that is excited about life, and she is dancing and singing! She is in a great school and is excelling in her work again."

Vine Maple Place Single-Parent

Program Name	Stable Families	
Grant Code	Q2 2021 14.2	

We are grateful that in FY23, you joined our mission to break the generational cycle of homelessness. Your financial support has provided the much-needed safety for families to become stable and self-sufficient. Families facing homelessness in our Stable Families Program model received the tools to heal and build the skills to obtain emotional, physical, and financial stability; and a pathway to leave homelessness. Families were successful and are showing stable outcomes — our FY23 goals are on track to serve 1,250 families, that is, 3,875 individuals, and we project **91% of those families will remain stably housed 12 months after exiting our program.**

Organization’s Impact

Thanks to your generous support, VMP will **increase the number of individuals served in FY23 by 38% over FY22.** The number of monthly calls for help from families has increased **by 52% over last year** and we can help 1 out of 3 calls for help as compared to 1 out of 4 calls in FY21. The families we serve at entry are either severely low or have no income, 89% of the adults served are single mothers, and 67% have experienced trauma related to domestic violence and homelessness. **Two-thirds of the people we serve are children.** Most have experienced abuse or neglect, domestic violence, frequent moves, and unsafe living conditions, and 65% require intensive services to reach their age-appropriate development levels.

In response to our commitment to end homelessness and the 52% increase in calls for help we were experiencing, in the fall of 2021, VMP opened a new facility in Kent where 89% of the calls for help were coming from (Kent, Renton, and Auburn). Before the opening of this facility, 40 families per month were accepted into the program. This number has increased to 90 new families accepted into the program between the two facilities each month. **Stable Families has grown from serving 250 families a month to 400 families a month.** We estimate that, at full capacity, we will serve 800 families annually in each of our facilities in the future.

Overall Outcomes

In FY23, VMP is on track to serve 1,250 families a 38% increase over FY22. The Stable Families program weaves together evidence-based and integrated core services focused on ending homelessness for parents and their children.

We are on track to reach our projected outcomes for FY23 including 90% of families reaching housing stability upon exiting our program, 91% remaining stably housed 1 year after exiting our program, 73% of adults exiting our program with an earned income of an average of \$20 per hour, 96% of clients increasing financial stability by increasing financial literacy, 96% of families re-engaging emotionally and in a healthy relationship, 96% of kids showing a positive outcome in their situation, attitude, or behavior.

Successes, trends, and key insights

Our client demographics are 56% African American, 20% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic and Latino, 6% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, 3% Asian, 2% American Indian or Alaska Native, and 3% Other/Unknown. They are 64% female and 36% male.

Through our holistic approach, families receive the following resources:

Resource	Successes	Projected Results
Housing Stability	Families obtain client-centered services to break obstacles to achieve permanent housing. VMP provides resources for rent assistance, permanent move-in costs, and connections with over 100 landlords.	90% reaching housing stability upon exiting our program.
Workforce Development & Financial Literacy	Parents engage in workshop cycles to learn new skills to overcome the barriers that prevent them from achieving a livable-wage job. We continue to work with different partners to offer scholarships and aid to support these single parents' career goals. Single parents receive over 376 training cycles to learn family financial skills and move to financial stability by increasing their financial literacy.	73% employed upon exit. 96% increasing financial stability by increasing financial literacy.
Children & Youth	The influx of children engaged in this program has increased, so VMP expanded its capacity to offer activities that contribute to children's healing and proper development. Children 0-18 received academic support and conscious discipline training, and parents received parenting classes.	96% showing a positive outcome in their situation, attitude, or behavior.
Behavioral Health & Counseling	VMP continues to evaluate mental health resources and responded by expanding the Behavioral Health program to ensure every counseling and behavioral health request was met.	100% of adults requesting Behavioral Health support are being offered services.
Basic Needs and meals	The partnership with our Community Caring Network, and generous organizations like yours, provided hot meals, clothing, gas cards, hygiene products, and many other items for single parents and their children in times of crisis.	We are on track to provide 21,569 meals and 34,576 emergency shelter bed nights.

Ending homelessness requires a community-wide effort, sharing resources, and creating solutions for those most in need. We partner with many organizations to support homeless families, including the YWCA, Kent Neighborhood House, Mary's Place shelters, Union Gospel Mission, and the Multi-Service Center, 160 organizations that provide supplemental funding and services to multiply the work and complement the core services provided by VMP.



Challenges

With the ongoing pandemic and our expansion, we experienced several challenges organizationally. The Kent expansion and the high calls for help create a higher demand for our services. Please continue to join us in funding our families, where an average of 400 are calling for help each month, and we are currently turning 2 out of 3 calls away because of the lack of financial resources.

Our Kent facility does not have an emergency shelter housing solution for the families being served. VMP needs to expand its shelter capacity to match the success we have experienced at the Maple Valley campus, where we have emergency shelter access to house 25 families. We are actively looking for a short-stay emergency shelter to serve the families at our new facility.

Behavioral Health needs continue to escalate for families facing the trauma of homelessness. Hiring staff continues to be challenging as Behavioral Health resources are stretched in our service area. We are in the concept and planning stage to develop and launch an extended behavioral health (BH) path at VMP through an internship program (who are completing their Master's program) to create a phased pipeline

including hiring them once their internship/hours are complete. As a next phase and incentive, we plan to make space and provide funding to support their next steps in licensure, as they become Associates and eventually Licensed Counselors.

Navigating the pandemic's impact on our staff has been challenging. We are addressing this through a strategic initiative developed by evaluating industry trends and emerging employee needs. Implementing this strategy increases staff resiliency and develops a professional toolkit to build mastery of services. The well-being of the staff in this new era is imperative for us to thrive and meet our strategic initiatives, including expansion and capacity to meet the needs of the families we serve.

Success story:

Two sisters escaping dangerous domestic violence and toxic family situations were desperate and hopeless. One sister has 5 kids, and the other sister has one child and is pregnant. With no place to go, they reached out to a friend who told them about VMP. They went straight to Vine Maple Place and were able to move on-site into their shelter unit with their kids. All the kids were struggling emotionally because of the violence and the changes in housing. It was clear to the sisters that they needed a fresh start for their families.

Once they moved onsite, they found jobs quickly, got some of their kids into counseling, and worked with their Housing Specialists to eliminate housing barriers. All the kids participated in the kids' program, and the kids team helped register each child for school. Housing helped them set up DSHS and all the other local resources they needed. They started applying to apartment complexes and both sisters moved into their own places.

Now they work full-time and earn enough to pay monthly rent, use their budgeting skills, and are in their own apartment units. They are moving toward stability independently and feel like VMP is their family. One mom said: "I have had no one care for me as you guys have!"

The mission is to break the generational cycle of homelessness through the Stable Families program. We have seen great success as 91% maintain housing one year after leaving the program, continuing to build new family stability. This is a miracle and is priceless to the generations of families facing homelessness. The success of these families is felt today in thousands of families' lives that we have assisted and cared for with the support of partners like you. We look forward to multiplying the work with you to be able to respond to the urgent need and see every family successfully transformed.

Sincerely,



Michelle K. Frets, Executive Director