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**TulalipCares.org**

# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**

**Vision House**

**Mailing Address:**

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**Contact:**

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<https://visionhouse.org>

**Organization's General Goals:**

To inspire our community to unite so that all people have access to a healthy home.

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**Date of Award:**

2020 Q3

**Level:**

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Vision House.

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July 1, 2021

Ms. Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

**Report Code: Q3 2020 14.2**

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Vision House is extremely grateful for the recognition and financial support we have received from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund. In 2021, we received a [REDACTED] grant for Youth and Family Advocacy. Your support allowed us to make not only a difference in the lives of the families in our care but within the greater community as well.

Last year, 192 individuals experiencing homelessness received housing and support services from Vision House (120 children and youth, 60 moms and 12 dads). In addition, 92% of the families in our care completed the program and transitioned to permanent housing and 84% of those families experienced an increase in life skills development, through classes that focused on finances, cooking, time management and parenting. Our Youth and Family Advocacy also found success this past year in providing 355 hours of direct services and advocacy to help children, youth and parents restore family bonds.

Despite the challenges of 2020, our programs and services continued to grow, and we witnessed the following accomplishments:

- Provided technology for all remote learning needs for children, teens and parents
- Continued to provide all services to families to maintain stability during the pandemic
- Expanded our program with ten additional apartments in Shoreline
- Expanded our childcare program with a new childcare center in Shoreline
- Opened a Diversion Center which provided tremendous support to 562 families, keeping them focused on securing housing stability and away from shelter living.

Throughout 2020 we also faced a worsening mental health crisis for families experiencing homelessness that highlighted struggles with emotional issues, increased loneliness, anxiety and depression. Vision House is working to enhance our mental health services program with the addition of a Behavioral Health Specialist for our team. With this position, we will be able to implement trauma informed care to our clients. This will help to mitigate further risks, improve health outcomes for children, parents - with the help of program staff, counselors and school administrators. This will also help to reduce future costs to the health care system.

For the work we do with parents and with children and youth, we use a matrix to evaluate the work done by our clients. Both matrices, *A Measure of a Family's Well-Being* and *A Measure of a Child's Well Being* provide the tools necessary to not only see but define what success looks like for our families. Measuring program impact allows us to determine which of our specific services is providing positive impact towards changed lives.

We look forward to applying later this year and continue to be honored for the support you have given Vision House for so many years. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 425-228-6356 or via email at [melissag@visionhouse.org](mailto:melissag@visionhouse.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Melissa Gehrig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melissa" and last name "Gehrig" clearly distinguishable.

Melissa Gehrig  
Executive Director

Attachment:            Photo Page

## Youth and Child Advocacy



Working with each child in the family to preserve and promote stability in the parent-child relationship and to help them reach age-appropriate social, emotional, academic, and developmental goals.