

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY:	Warm Beach Camp
ADDRESS:	20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292
CONTACT:	(360) 652-7575; https://www.warmbeach.com/
GENERAL GOALS:	Providing Christ-centered environments, experiences, and resources that draw people to God through camping ministries, conferences, and events.

#### 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 Warm Beach Camp.

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# **GRANT REPORT**

## 2016 SUMMER CAMP ASSISTANCE PROJECT

## HELPING TO REACH SOCIETY'S AT-RISK AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Name of Agency:	Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center
Address:	20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292
Contact:	(360) 652-7575; http://www.warmbeach.com
General Goals:	Provide camping programs for all ages that provide and promote rest, recreation, renewal, and personal growth, and provide facilities and hospitality for other non-profit organization to hold their retreats, camps and conferences.
Grant Code:	Q2 2016 14.2
Grant Amount Received:	
Total Project Budget:	\$46,500.00
Total Number Impacted:	298

#### THE PROJECT AND RESULTS

Warm Beach Camp offers summer camp programs for children and youth that are designed to provide fun, recreation, and the opportunity to learn new things, gain social and life skills and make new friends. A week of summer camp often results in memories that last a lifetime.

While summer camps have changed over the years, today camps include things like high ropes course and climbing tower adventures, many traditional activities still remain, like singing around a campfire and hiking in the woods. With so many kids living in urban settings surrounded by a high-tech culture, a week in the outdoors, experiencing the beauty of nature is more important than ever!

For children and youth who are disadvantaged or at-risk, this is particularly true. Kids who have one or both parents who are incarcerated, or who live in foster care, or are homeless, will often thrive in the summer camp setting. Placed in a cabin group of children their own age, these kids experience an environment where everyone is equal, and the group becomes a family for the week. Any stigma they feel from their lives at home is left behind, and they are free to just be kids having fun together.

To help make this experience possible, WBC had a project last summer called the 2016 Summer Camp Assistance Project, providing scholarship funds to enable at risk and disadvantaged children and youth to attend a week of summer camp here.

Last summer, WBC provided assistance to 298 campers who were at-risk or disadvantaged. Eleven of those were kids who have one or both parents who are incarcerated. The assistance for them totaled \$1,312. These kids were from the Angle Tree program and Eagle Outreach Ministries.

WBC also provided assistance to 256 campers who are in foster care with \$32,457 of assistance provided. These kids came from Tree House, Overlake Christian Church, or the D.S.H.S.

There were 20 kids who came from homeless or disadvantaged families with \$7,061 provided in assistance to come to camp. These children and youth came from Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, the Everett Gospel Mission and Housing Hope.

Altogether, the assistance provided for these at-risk kids totaled \$40,830. WBC believes that the camp experience can change the life of a child and strengthen the impact of the work being done by the organizations who work with these children and youth year-round.

In reaching out to at-risk and troubled youth, a strong recreational program of challenging and fun activities is crucial in drawing them into camp, getting them involved, and holding their interest. Activities like the High Ropes Course and the Climbing Tower provide opportunities for fun, nonthreatening interaction where they are all equal. Trust-building, competition, and team dynamics replace confrontation. In the process, new relationships are created.

WBC also sponsors an annual camp program for families with adopted children or who are fostering children. This program is called, "Refreshed Family Camp." This camp brings the entire family together in an experience structured to provide support and dialog about the issues faced by families with these relationships. The program creates opportunities and experiences that help build and strengthen family relationships. This was the fourth year for this camping program, and the size of the camp is growing each year. Last year, there were nearly 350 participants.

Kids today are more plugged in than ever before, but they say they don't feel close to anyone. They long to know their life matters. A week of camp provides hope, friendships, significance, connections, and can set their life direction on a new course.

Warm Beach Camp is very grateful for the support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund in helping to make it possible for these kids to attend a week of summer camp.

## **PROJECT BUDGET AND ACTUALS**

Income:	Budget	Actuals
Gifts from Individuals	\$16,500.00	\$11,630.00
Funds from Fund Raising Auction	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Grant from the Close to My Heart Fund at the CFSC	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Grant request from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Foundation		
Total Income:		
	Budget	Actuals
	Budget \$4,000.00	Actuals \$1,312.00
Expenses:	8	
Expenses: Assistance for kids in Angle Tree and Eagle Outreach with a parent in prison	\$4,000.00	\$1,312.00