



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Warm Beach Christian Camp

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GENERAL GOALS: Serving greater Puget Sound since 1956, Warm Beach Camp offers rental facilities and support services for church, school, non-profit, and governmental groups throughout Washington State and the lower mainland of British Columbia, Canada. Special needs adults enjoy the summer Special Friends Camps both day and overnight.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

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For more information see the attached pages from Warm Beach Christian Camp.

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GRANT REPORT

CONSTRUCTION SITE PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS CAMP DORMS

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF SPECIAL NEEDS TEENS AND ADULTS

Grant From:	The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Date of Grant:	September 5, 2014
Grant Code:	Q2 2014 14.2
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Total Project Budget:	\$267,500.00

THE PROJECT AND RESULTS

For the past nine years, WBC has provided a day camping program designed to give unique experiences and fun opportunities to older special needs youth and young adults. There are thousands of adults with special needs living in the Puget Sound area, and yet, most recreational programs offered in this region focus only on special needs children. Special needs adults are largely overlooked and underserved, often marginalized by society. The Camp desires to provide programs where few or none currently exist.

In the Special Friends Camp program, recreational activities, games, and experiences mirror those offered through the regular Day Camp program that serves children and youth who do not have special needs. Some activities are adapted for Special Friends to accommodate for safety and their physical limitations, but still offer a fun and exciting experience for the camper. If a camper wishes to participate in a particular activity, the staff will do everything possible to make it happen. So much of the experience in life for a special needs person is defined by what they cannot do. The goal at Special Friends Camp is to create an environment where they are provided the joy and dignity of participating in all the activities they wish for.

A new program is being added to the Special Friends Camps, a four-day overnight resident camp for Special Friends. The resident camp experience allows greater impact on the lives of the campers, and provides a much-needed respite for the camper's regular caregiver. This new program was offered for one week last summer and proved successful. Fifteen campers participated.

One important key to making this program work is having dorms to house the overnight campers with special needs that are designed to accommodate their physical needs. Two dorms are currently under construction in the Special Friends Camp, designed to be A.D.A. compliant. Each dorm will house 8 campers, 8 "buddies" who help provide care for the campers, and 2 dorm leaders. These two dorms are scheduled to be completed and in service in July for the Special Friends Overnight Camps this summer.

The \$5,000 grant received from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund was used for the site preparation work that was done ahead of the actual construction. This work included tree removal, grading, trenching and ground preparation, and underground utilities installation. The site preparation work has been completed with the exception of the electrical service installation. Total site preparation costs to date are \$32,459.00.

Construction on the two dorm cabins is continuing at this time. The goal is to complete the cabin construction and have occupancy permits for both buildings by July 1, 2015. The first Special Friends Overnight Camp is scheduled for July 14 – 17, 2015. Because construction continues, the Budget and Actuals financial report for the Dorm Project on the next page is incomplete.

THE STORY

A mother of two boys with special needs shared about their family's Special Friends Camp experience. Both sons went to camp the same week, but the older son also attended the Overnight portion. He was fearful before camp of what to expect, since he had never stayed away from home before. The younger brother was also apprehensive because he had never been apart from his brother.

Once they got through that first night, both had learned so much! The younger son was more confident. He felt proud that he was able to do things "on his own!" The older one was calm, relaxed and in a whole new mindset. The mother writes, "You gave him independence, made him feel as though he was right where he belonged. It isn't every day you get to change someone's life, but you did!"

She went on, "Now for the gift you gave me. I went tanning for the first time in four years! I went to an antique shop, and I got to shop at Target! And, for the finale, my husband and I went on a lunch date. We have not been alone together anywhere in eight years! These are huge luxuries. The best part was, I was able to relax and know my kids were well taken care of and they were happy.

"I will always be thankful for what you have done for our family."

BUDGET AND ACTUALS

Income:	Budget	Actuals
Cash Donations Received	\$53,000.00	\$106,396.00
Funds Pledged	\$25,000.00	\$6,000.00
Cash Donations to be Raised	\$49,500.00	\$3,075.00
Gifts in Kind Pledged by Businesses	\$50,000.00	\$112,029.00
Gifts in Kind to be Raised	\$80,000.00	\$5,000.00
Grant from the Nysether Family Foundation for Construction Costs	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Grant from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for Site Prep	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Income:	\$267,500.00	\$267,500.00

Expenses:	Budget	Actuals
Site Preparation Costs for Cabins #1 and #2:		
Tree Removal	\$3,000.00	\$7,457.00
Grading, Trenching and Ground Prep.	\$8,000.00	\$15,496.00
Water and Sewer Line Installation	\$2,000.00	\$5,006.00
Electrical Service Installation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Project Supervision	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Construction Costs for Cabins #1 and #2	\$250,000.00	\$28,291.00
Total Expenses:	\$267,500.00	\$60,750.00

THE BACKGROUND

Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center, located one hour north of Seattle, provides this region with an ideal retreat location for residents within a 200-mile radius. Founded in 1956 by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church, Warm Beach Camp (WBC) has developed into the Northwest's largest Christian conference center, serving more than 350 church-related, educational, and character-building groups each year. In 1995, WBC incorporated as a separate entity.

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WBC has a scholarship program called "Kids 2 Camp" to provide financial assistance where needed to enable children and youth to attend camps at WBC. In 2014, WBC partnered with 25 organizations and churches, and gave out more than \$173,000 in scholarships to more than 1,500 campers to come to camp.

One of WBC's most unique programs is a month-long celebration of the Christmas season called *The Lights of Christmas*. This event reaches out to the surrounding community and Puget Sound area, with the sights, sounds, and experiences of Christmas. These include a display of more than one million Christmas lights, live music, Polar Express train rides, dinner theatre, over-night lodging options, food, crafts, and more, all surrounding a larger-than-life-size nativity scene. Last year, more than 72,000 people attended this event.



Original Chinook Village Cabins and Longhouse



Site Preparation, Base, and Utilities



New Special Friends Camp Dorm under construction



High Ropes Course



Horseback Riding