# **Funds Distribution Report**

#### Recipient Organization: Washington Vocational Services

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#### **Organization's General Goals:**

The Board of Directors and staff of Washington Vocational Services (WVS) believes every person with a disability has employment potential. Our purpose is to match the unique talents of each individual with the specific need of the employer.

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Date of Award: 2020 Q2 **Level:** \$10,001 plus

For more information, please read the attached report from Washington Vocational Services.



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#### Summer Camps 2020 – Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Grant Report

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In 2020, Washington Vocational Services was able to serve 21 individuals for three weeks in our Summer Day Camp program. Due to COVID-19, Summer Camps were entirely virtual for the first time in Summer Camps' history. Virtual Summer Camps filled a particularly critical slot during 2020 with the widespread closure of schools and transition programs for youth and young adults with disabilities.

Enrollment was not as high as expected; a common theme among families who elected not to register was confusion over what activities could be done in a virtual environment as well as ongoing uncertainty due to the pandemic. In addition, the lack of rural broadband access influenced whether students could participate from their home. Some students did not have access to devices at home or have a Chromebook from their local school district at the time, which further limited their ability to participate. In addition, preparing kits for campers who did enroll took almost twice the amount of budgeted time.

The 2020 camp lineup consisted of three one-week camps: *Outdoor Fund and Games, In Search of the Salish Sea*, and *Digital Media & Marketing*. During *Outdoor Fun and Games*, campers participated in hands-on activities including building outdoor games, art activities, workshops from local businesses, outdoor exercise, and more. During *In Search of the Salish Sea*, WVS continued its long-standing partnership with the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve to learn about local sea life, complete art projects, scavenger hunts, and learning about the shoreline. During *Digital Media & Marketing*, WVS paired with Skagit Gleaners to make fun videos, learn about food preparation, and participate in various art activities.

"The staff was amazing. I appreciate the creativity of the weekly kits. The ability for the kids to feel like they are being included and can be heard. The extra time to help individuals falling behind on a project was impressive. My son had a lot of fun and learned a lot of new things."

-Elizabeth Villalobos

Staff reported that when camp commenced in July, it seemed like the summer campers were "starved for attention, so happy and so relieved to see other people again and talk to their peers and interact with staff." Campers were highly engaged, week after week, in camp activities. Week 1, where campers built outdoor games, were the most popular, and most of the campers had never experienced hands-on building activities before. Regardless of camp theme, every day involved some element of movement and dance, and staff noted that campers highly valued those times where they could get up and move and interact with their peers on their own level, dancing to music or jumping around, or expressing themselves physically in general.

All participating campers and their families expressed strong support for the program. Overall ratings of camp achieved a ranking of 4.9 out of 5 for benchmarks like length of camp, use of the virtual platform, and quality of WVS staff. All camps achieved a ranking 4.5 out of 5 or better for individual components like kit delivery and specific activities during the week. Staff and campers alike ranked the first week, *Outdoor Fun and Games*, the highest.

Campers and families were able to work together to make the games, and then at the end of the week, participate in a virtual carnival where everyone played the games they made, like cornhole, ladder toss, and others.

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 8:38:43 PM To: Julie Handy <<u>jhandy@wvs.org</u>> Subject: Thanks for the great camp!!!

To WVS and all the Attic summer camp helpers, from the Waham family, we just wanted to officially tell you thank you so much. This was our son Asa's 1st day of summer camp and he loved it! You never cease to amaze us with how you build on each event or experience that you put together. Every time we think it can't get better you guys hit it out of the ballpark! When our supply bag was dropped off last week I burst into tears at the quality, attention to detail, and care that obviously went into the planning. All through school we had dreamed, asked for, and wanted a program like what you guys put together on a daily basis. I started this email on the 1st day of camp :) now that it's over I can say truly that eAsa loved every single moment of camp :) thank you for giving your all and pouring yourselves into these kids :) here's to more to come :) Darannie Waham

Overall, campers and their families enjoyed the experience, and every camper reported that they would like to return the following summer.

#### Week 1: Outdoor Fun and Games



Camper Charlie plays the ladder golf game he built.

Camper Charlie displays his personal art creation.

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Ladder golf instructions.

Week 2: In Search of the Salish Sea

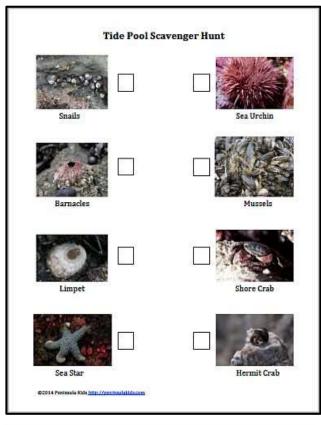
Ladder golf score card.



Job Coach Tessa films live at Padilla Bay while campers participate over Zoom.



Padilla Bay shoreline.



*Students identify items from the scavenger hunt while WVS staff films on site.* 

## Week 3: Digital Media & Marketing



The Food Theatre commences with Camper Emily!





Camper Emily prepares to film.

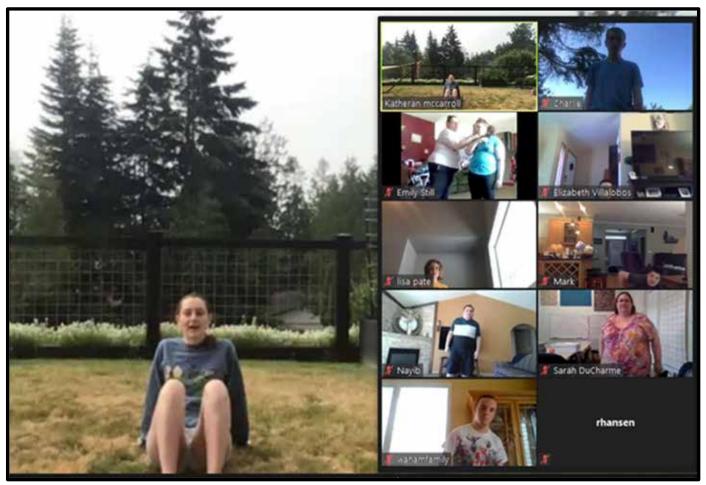


Scene from Camper Asa's movie "The Underdog."



Another scene from "The Underdog."

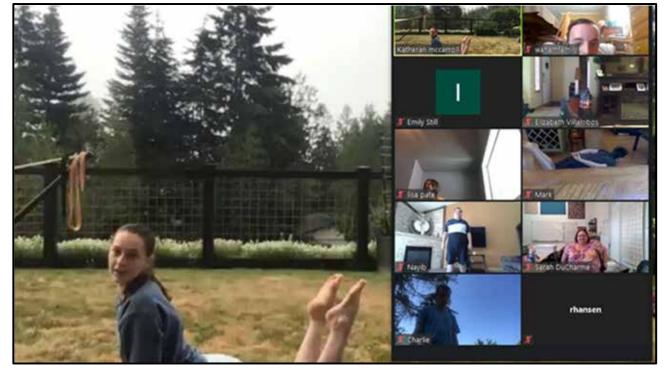
## All Weeks: Exercise & Movement



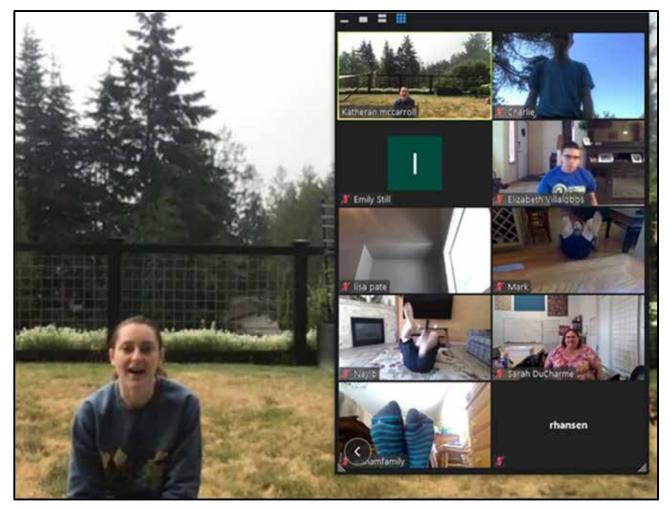
Campers take part in virtual yoga with guest instructor Katheran.



More virtual yoga.



Campers attempt downward dog position.



Campers transition between poses.

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