



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
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.

Date of Award:	Level:
2021 Q1	\$2,501 to \$5,000

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

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Summer Camps 2021 – Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Grant Report

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WVS's URL: www.wvs.org

of Camper Slots: 60 spaces
Grant Amount: [REDACTED]

In 2021, Washington Vocational Services was able to serve 19 individuals in 56 spaces during four weeks of our Summer Camps program. Camp was held in person outdoors while adhering to COVID-19 local and state regulations. Campers participated in adaptive physical activities, crafts, community service projects, and learning projects about our environment, from food production to sea life to animals to recycling. All activities were designed to help campers retain critical social skills during the summer, maintain relationships, increase fine and gross motor skills where possible, be physically active, and remain engaged in their community.

The 2021 camp lineup consisted of four one-week camps: *Outdoor Fun and Games*, *In Search of the Salish Sea*, *Upcycle for Life*, and *Farm to Table*. During *Outdoor Fun and Games*, campers built backyard games, learned how to use basic tools for kit assembly, and painted and decorated their creations. During *In Search of the Salish Sea*, WVS and the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve collaborated again to teach campers about sea life, the sea shore, environmental issues, learning through art projects, and cleaning up invasive plant species. During *Upcycle for Life*, WVS paired with Christianson's Nursery to make planters, create toys for animals in the shelter/foster system, collect gently used donations for a homeless shelter, and give used materials a second life. During *Farm to Table*, campers visited the Bow Hill Blueberry Farm where they learned about growing food, harvesting and preserving methods, and then completed a service project at Edison Elementary School.

"Luka enjoyed the hands-on activities for creative crafts. He would share and show the whole family. It's a very big deal for the family when he can share and bring things out to show independently. He enjoys sharing the creations he is proud of."

-Jennifer Kuzman

For the first time, WVS was able to hold an end-of-camp celebration, where campers from every week came together to celebrate their creations, enjoy food and games, and strengthen social bonds between attendees. The camp celebration was extremely popular and was attended by over half the participating campers and families. Families were able to meet one another and strengthen their own support network.

All campers who completed our survey indicated a desire for Summer Camps to be held in 2022, to extend the amount of days and times that camp would be offered, and to have a Camp Celebration as a standard part of the Summer Camps experience.

Week 1: Outdoor Fun and Games



Left: Camper Trevor and Job Coach Leisa paint bottles for a ring toss game at Maiben Park.

Right: Campers Ginger and Alex paint components of a foosball game.



Left: Campers play a yard bowling game.

Right: Campers Megan and Abby paint bottles with Job Coach Barbara.

Week 2: In Search of the Salish Sea



Left: Campers work on art projects.

Right: Campers Megan and Ginger accompany Job Coach Tessa to the Padilla Bay shoreline.



Left: Camper Asa displays his wildlife booklet.

Right: Campers collect garbage and noxious weeds at Padilla Bay.

Week 3: Upcycle for Life



Left: Camper Abby surveys the flowers in the nursery at Christianson's Nursery.

Right: Camper Caleb places a plant in his upcycled planter.



Left: Campers play ball during physical activity time.

Right: Camper Luka pauses to smell the flowers.

Week 4: Farm to Table



Left: Campers make milkshakes using a bicycle-powered blender at Bow Hill Blueberry Farm.

Right: Camper Mark gathers fresh cut flowers to make his own bouquet.



Left: Campers get ready to run a race at Edison Elementary School after working on their garden clean-up service project.

Right: Campers make their own salad dressing to accompany their farm-to-table lunch.

Camp Celebration!



Left: Camper Asa and family.



Right: Camper Skyler and family.



Left: Camper Nayib and family.



Right: Camper Charlie and family.



Left: Campers enjoyed fruit, salad, pizza, desserts, and games before posing for a group photo at Padilla Bay.