



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Whidbey Homeless Coalition 2016-Q4

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**GENERAL GOALS:** To make homelessness a brief and rare experience  
in our community.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award was used as support for operational expenses and programs.

For more information please see the attached report from Whidbey Homeless Coalition.



## SEED TO SERVE

### Final Report

To: Marilyn Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund

From: Judy Thorslund, Whidbey Homeless Coalition

Regarding: Final Report – Seed to Serve Project

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Fall approaches and we are wrapping up our final harvests of vegetables both at our Old Beach Road Farm in Freeland, as well as our Seed to Serve garden at the House of Hope in Langley. This has been a sizzling Summer and our produce has thrived, though keeping our gardens watered seemed a daily task. Children at the House of Hope pitched in and watered our beds and we had a return volunteer to our Freeland garden, Hailey, who came again this year and helped us out.

As we were working with less funds this year we did not hire a garden manager. We split the [REDACTED] between the three-bed garden at our shelter, and we used a smaller portion (the upper garden) of garden space at Old Beach Road Farm. All our funds went toward fertilizer, seeds, and other items needed to keep our gardens growing. One of our volunteers gave us a 40% discount at our local garden center and that was such a bonus. The following is a summary from our House Manager Ashley about the shelter garden this year.

**"The Seed to Serve Program was developed as a community project for House of Hope guests to maintain, utilize, and admire. With the help from the Tulalip Tribe and community volunteers Seed to Serve garden was given a new garden bed and fencing this June of 2017. Since then, guests at the HOH have planted and grown an assortment of veggies; from onions and potatoes to squash, carrots and rhubarb. The garden not only provides guests at the HOH with nutritious meals but it allows**

guests to take responsibility for the growth and life of their own food source. It has taught guests to care, to be consistent, and to be proud of what they have helped grown and maintained. It also gives the guests a way to give back to the surrounding community. Any extra veggies not used at the HOH are displayed in a veggie stand free of charge for the community to gather and enjoy. With Summer coming to an end, we are proud of the many harvests our little Seed to Serve Garden has offered and continues to provide to families at the HOH."

Last year we produced about 250 bags of produce for our friends and neighbors in low income housing here in Langley. This year we delivered approximately 100 smaller bags. Though smaller...our neighbors were blessed. As attested to here by our recipient/volunteer neighbors Patti, and Crystal.

***"I wanted to let you know from me and all the residents that I delivered to this summer of the wonderful, delicious, and all the different varieties of the organic vegetables from Seed to Serve, that we enjoyed them tremendously!"***

***"In so many ways these organic vegetables are helping our community health wise, meaning for example, myself, I must eat so many different varieties of vegetables every day for all the nerve damages going on with me, thanks to Seed to Serve, they make it possible, plus with a huge bonus, all the vegetables are ORGANIC :) All the residents, including myself, don't even buy Organic vegetables, just not in our budget. It was such a good feeling to see the happy faces on the people when I delivered their vegetables because they didn't know which vegetables they were getting sometimes, so when I would approach them with their basket of goodies they got excited to see which vegetables it was! Last summer and this summer we all feel very blessed to have been a part of Seed to Serve and hopefully we will be enjoying those unique, fresh tasting, organic vegetables next summer!" Patti/Resident of Brookhaven***

***"Seed to Serve Fresh local fruits and Veggies are horrendously expensive. But to keep my body strong through Chemo and surgeries I needed lots and that is where Seed to Serve was invaluable. Every dime I had went towards transporting me to hospital every few weeks so I just couldn't buy much fresh veggies. Through Seed to Serve I could eat greens nearly every night and make soups that were so healing. I can't thank the Whidbey Homeless Coalition enough for providing me with a basket of delicious produce every week. I will never forget it and hope this program will continue to Serve many more in this community." Crystal/Resident of Saratoga Housing***

We here at the Whidbey Homeless Coalition wish to thank The Tulalip Tribe for their generous support to us these past two years. Many young, (and old!) lives have been touched by the gifts that are inherent in putting our hands in the dirt, planting seeds, and harvesting our produce. Thank you again for your service to our community and so many others.

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