



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Wonderland Development Center

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GENERAL GOALS: Wonderland Developmental Center empowers children with special needs and their families to reach their full potential as they live, learn and play.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Thank you once more for the generous gift from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, providing general operating support for Wonderland Developmental Center. Wonderland had a very successful 2014. We provided services to an average of 135 families per month. We supported 282 children and 494 parents and caregivers in our early-intervention program and 322 children and caregivers through supplemental support services including, Play & Learn, Explorers Summer Camp, Hanen Parenting Programs, and Preschool Readiness.

For more information see the attached pages from Wonderland Development Center.





April 28, 2015

Marilyn Sheldon
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
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Dear Ms. Sheldon,

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In 2014 we completed development of our three-tiered program model, based on the acclaimed *Early Intervention Colorado Autism Guidelines for Infants and Young Toddlers*, and debuted it in February 2014 for all newly enrolled Snohomish County families, thanks in part to funding from foundations such as The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund and The Verdant Health Commission. At launch in early 2014 12 newly enrolled Snohomish County families benefited from this support, and more do every day. This program model, incorporating many of our existing best practices, ensures that children and families at the highest level of need (i.e., child has autism diagnosis and significant delays in all areas of development; family is in need of mental health support), are offered the highest level of service (weekly visits from a primary service provider, sessions with a different discipline at least monthly, and mental health support from our Infant Mental Health Specialist). *The Next Level* exemplifies Wonderland's commitment to delivering high-quality, evidence-based programming that effectively works to maximize the developmental progress made by babies and toddlers with developmental delays and to improve overall family functioning. Wonderland has a reputation as a regional leader in providing critical early-intervention services to children with developmental delays.

The Next Level is a critical step forward for our agency. A growing number of the children we serve have complex, high-level needs: 10% of children receiving services through *The Next Level* have been assigned to Level 3, the highest level of need. Many of our families face additional challenges: low income (28%), limited English speaking (10%), recent immigrants (22%), and single-parent households (13%); 10% of the families served are foster families. These families will benefit from the increased intensity of services/programming of our new model. *The Next Level* will help these children and families achieve improved developmental outcomes, strengthen the family unit and family functioning, and create greater, and more sustainable, long-term success.

We are committed to giving the children and families we serve the best chance for long-term success. Matthew was born several weeks early and spent the first 26 days of his life in the pediatric ICU. He had a large hole in his heart, multiple cysts on his kidneys, thyroid issues, and problems sucking, which required a feeding tube. Matthew's his family was introduced to Wonderland after discharge. His mom recalls, "Though Matthew was only a month old, Wonderland helped us with paperwork, evaluations, and encouragement—such a blessing! Now the whole world has opened up, and we are more focused on movement. Matthew would not be the champion eater, walker, and talker he is today without the extra reassurance and assistance from Wonderland!"

We are so appreciative of the support from The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. We would welcome a visit to learn more about programs. On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Mary Kirchoff
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