



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** World Association for Children and Parents

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**GENERAL GOALS:** WACAP (pronounced WAY-cap) provides life-changing aid and adoption services to orphans and other children who need families.

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This year, WACAP's US Kids program placed 17 children in adoptive or foster/adoptive families, exceeding our goal for the year. Within the "A Family for Me" project, 29 children received a video to be featured on King5 TV, and a portrait to be posted on adoptive family recruitment websites, while an additional 14 children received portraits. While we filmed fewer videos than planned, we were able to serve a total of 43 children. Further, we experienced much success in that 9 children who have been featured on the program this year have been matched with families and are moving towards a finalized adoption. Other children served continue to receive advocacy and family recruitment services, as their videos and photos remain available on both the WACAP and King5 websites. To date, nearly 80% of the children served by A Family for Me since 2005 have been adopted.

For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from World Association for Children and Parents.

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Dear Marilyn,

Thank you for your support of WACAP and our US Kids adoption program in fiscal year 2013. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of our successes with you and your colleagues.

Our goals for the US Kids Program in fiscal year 2013 included placing 15 foster children in adoptive families or foster/adoptive families, and serving 40 children through “A Family for Me,” the individualized family recruitment and awareness-raising arm of the US Kids Program.

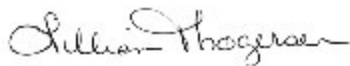
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Children who were adopted through the US Kids Program have benefitted from finding a loving family that will help them develop their full potential and advocate for any special needs they may have. The children placed in foster/adoptive families were able to live in a stable and caring home environment while child welfare authorities and judges decided where they would ultimately live. Finally, the children receiving advocacy through “A Family for Me” were given increased chances to find a permanent family—chances that would have been much lower without the broad exposure provided by this program.

Sisters Maya and Kayla faced several barriers to adoption. They had come into care as teens, and had a reputation among state social workers for their difficult behaviors. Since they had already been separated from two older siblings, their social worker was determined to keep them together, but quickly found that finding an adoptive family for two teenage girls was a difficult undertaking. The social worker turned to our A Family for Me program, to get the word out that these two girls desperately needed the love and support of a permanent family. Our program coordinator took them out for manicures, where Kayla chose yellow nail polish and Maya chose turquoise. During their photo shoot at Yuen Lui, the photographer had a tough time getting the girls to smile, but finally broke through with a joke about Justin Bieber. Meanwhile, a family who was open to adopting siblings had been reviewing Maya and Kayla's files, but just wasn't sure their family was the right fit. Once the video was wrapped and featured on King 5 TV, Maya and Kayla's social worker was able to share it with this potential family. Seeing the video brought the girls to life, and the family was able to see past the tough exterior, to find two bright, creative, funny teenagers. After seeing the video, the family knew that they were the family for Maya and Kayla. Even better, when the family learned that Maya and Kayla's brother wasn't being considered for adoption due to his special needs, they asked if they could adopt him as well. Now all three siblings are finishing up their childhood with a supportive family who can help them heal from the difficulties they've faced, and join them in looking forward to the future.

WACAP remains committed to finding families for children living in US foster care, and we realize that we would be unable to achieve our goals without the generosity of organizations such as The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund. Thank you for sharing in our successes.

Sincerely,



Lillian Thogersen

WACAP

President and CEO

