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Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
ARK Institute of Learning

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Organization's General Goals:
Our mission is to diminish the impact of learning disorders in the lives of individuals.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from ARK Institute of Learning.

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January 31, 2024

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon, Director
8802 27th Ave. NE
Tulalip, WA 99501

Re: Q4 2022 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

On behalf of the ARK Institute of Learning, I'd like to thank the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for the generous [REDACTED] grant for ARK's Scholarship Program. This kind gift has created a new future for local students. By awarding this grant, you've made it possible for ARK to give students the skills and strategies they need to be successful in school and in life.

Please find enclosed a final report and let me know if there is any additional information you need.

Thank you again for your contribution to the work of the ARK agency and those we serve. We appreciate your partnership as we strive together to make a difference in the community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Kehm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "K".

Diane Kehm
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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund's contribution to ARK Institute of Learning's Scholarship Program for financial assistance to low-income clients made an impact on students who received academic intervention in the form of individualized educational therapy instruction. The high quality of service ARK provided these students as a result of grants such as these from the Tulalip Tribe is reflected in the success and achievements of scholarship students. Scholarship funding helped the students and families to better understand the learning strengths and needs of the student, as well as determine a plan for intervention to help the students increase their academic success.

Last year, ARK served 182 students, 34% of whom received a scholarship on a sliding scale. In total, we awarded more than \$125,000 in scholarships in 2023, and the Tulalip Tribe's contribution was important to enable us to provide much-needed services to students struggling with learning challenges.

ARK Scholarships has helped learning-challenged students with special learning needs who would not otherwise afford the valuable individualized instruction offered at ARK. Here is a story of two clients whose lives have been transformed by services they received at ARK as a result of your generous grant:

When Neil* began instruction services at ARK, he had a very hard time sustaining attention for a full lesson session, both in person and online. After being homeschooled during the pandemic, he was reading very basic CVC words. His reading level was at about the Kindergarten level, which was a struggle as he was beginning his first school placement as a 3rd grader in a multiage (3rd-5th grade classroom). He quickly progressed to full length lessons after the first few months and is now able to read a 3rd grade passage at a rate of 84 wpm (as a 4th grader) and is writing well structured paragraphs. Neil is not all the way where he needs to be but is much more confident in a school setting.

Linda* was referred to ARK by her classroom teacher because she was demonstrating some learning challenges that were interfering with her confidence and hindering her academic progress. An ARK evaluation was completed, and in it some specific areas of concern were identified. In partnership with her classroom teacher, ARK strategically worked on these. The progress that Linda has made has been remarkable. She has become a more confident reader, increased her vocabulary, and she developed significantly better comprehension using the tools she learned and practiced at ARK. Linda's writing skills also saw tremendous gains. She wrote a letter to an author she admires and mailed it to her! She was so proud of that accomplishment! The generous scholarship granted has truly had a life changing impact on this student, and her family.

** Names have been changed for confidentiality.*