



TulalipCares.org

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Community Homes, Inc.

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**GENERAL GOALS:** To help adults with developmental disabilities by providing quality, community-based housing, and services

### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

To help provide the highest quality residential setting for 37 adults with developmental disabilities.

For more information, please see the attached report from Community Homes, Inc.





*Creating rich full lives for adults with disabilities*

November 25, 2015

Marilyn Sheldon, Director  
Tulip Tribes Charitable Contributions  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Tulip, WA 98271

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

We are deeply grateful for The Tulip Tribes support of Community Homes, Inc. With your generous grant award of [REDACTED] in November 2014 for general operating support, you helped us provide the highest quality residential settings for 37 adults with developmental disabilities. We continued to grow in 2015 and strengthen our model of community-based housing in King County. We are also proud of our work during the last year in the following areas:

**New Shared Living model** – Shared Living was created as an alternative housing solution for two of our Adult Family Homes residents who required additional care. With continued collaboration from Partners4Housing, this has become a popular and flexible model for the future. While Community Homes will continue to fully support our 7 Adult Family Homes and the 35 residents who live in these homes, our Shared Living model has allowed us to provide independence for an additional 10 residents in 2015. With more than 100 adults on our waiting list, we are able to access housing for them in a safe and efficient manner.

**Outreach and advocacy to provide more housing resources for adults with disabilities** – The extended timeline and excessive regulations that were required to open our seventh Adult Family Home in Woodinville called us to be advocates for change at the state level. As one of the largest nonprofits providing housing solutions for adults with disabilities in Washington State, we knew that our leadership and voice could help our state legislators understand the barriers we and others face in creating Adult Family Homes for this vulnerable population. Initial changes were made at the state level in 2015 with continued work in 2016 to develop Adult Family Home regulations specific to adults with developmental disabilities to include streamlined licensing, training and oversight specific to the needs of these homes.

We are excited and energized for the future and confident in our organization's ability to continue to serve more adults in developing community-based housing in 2016. We appreciate your past support and look forward to our potential work together in the future to provide rich, full lives for adults with developmental disabilities. Thank you for your all you do to support vulnerable populations in our community.

Sincerely,

Vicki Isett

Executive Director