# **Funds Distribution Report**



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### **Recipient Organization:**

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#### **Organization's General Goals:**

KidVantage, formerly "Eastside Baby Corner" helps children have what they need to grow, play, learn and thrive. We do this by providing essential care, safety, and health goods for children who are experiencing the stresses of economic insecurity, systemic inequities, or family disruption.

Date of Award: Level:

2022 Q4 \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from KidVantage.



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### **Grant Funds Detail:**

Funds provided by Tulalip Tribes Charitable Foundation in 2022 were used to support the **Strong Foundations for Every Kid program**. It is KidVantage's ongoing main program so all children, regardless of their circumstances, have what they need to be, protected and healthy, creating stability and resiliency for families in need, and stronger communities for all. **Thank you!** 

### **Strong Foundations for Every Kid Update:**

Thank you for funding KidVantage in 2022. By working together, we are giving kids a strong start in life, and the opportunity to create their own future.

The stresses on families are multiplying, from COVID to inflation, becoming increasingly heavy. As a basic need's provider, we have a front-line view into the challenges local families are experiencing.

Comparing 2021 with 2022, we saw a doubledigit increase in both the goods provided to families and children ("product orders"), as well as the number children and expectant moms assisted.

Last year, KidVantage provided 176,587 product orders to 14,842 recipients--40% more than the prior year--who received assistance one or more times in the year. KidVantage assisted 11,907 households through standard and community resource programs. These are unduplicated numbers.

The numbers of children new to the KidVantage system is 53% greater than in 2021. Children receiving vital supplies more than once continues to climb about 20% over the prior





year. On average, 800 children were assisted each week as KidVantage produced an average of 3,000+ product orders, distributed across 5 counties.

The number of agency partners increased to 81, with 282 sites, including 24 in Snohomish County. KidVantage filled 97.21% of all received orders; this was despite severe supply constrictions for infant formula, and challenges with other needed supplies.

The outcomes survey of partner providers provided testimony to the effectiveness of Strong Foundations for Every Kid. 67.7% providers reported services increased communication with client families; 90% reported families could handle their stressful situations better; 76.9% stated it helped improve health outcomes; and 86.9% said it strengthened their bonds with clients.

### **2,300 Smiles**

2,300 children received a full holiday gift bag in December 2022, 61% more than the prior year. It took almost 12,000 individual items to fill each one with a couple of toys, a book, a game or puzzle, and a stuffed animal.

### **More Ways to Help Families**

In 2022, KidVantage took several steps to meet partner agencies and families where they are at and to meet the needs of their community.



- \* More ways to get diapers, formula, and other critical care essentials to families, through school resource rooms, Rapid Response sites, and emergency level projects.
- \* More space for volunteers and donations means more kids helped: KidVantage opened the Shoreline Hub in June, giving easy access for partners in north King and south Snohomish counties. (The northern KidVantage hub was previously in Kenmore.)
- \* **Reaching more families** through our new Hub in Kent. Lowering barriers for access for partner agencies is why we established a pilot distribution hub in Kent, transitioning from the mobile distribution program set up for south King County in 2020.

After 32 years as EBC – Eastside Baby Corner, we changed our name to KidVantage! While our mission remains the same (helping kids reach their full potential tomorrow by meeting their basic needs today), our geography and our beneficiary reach are now greater. Visit <a href="https://kidvantagenw.org/eastside-baby-corner/">https://kidvantagenw.org/eastside-baby-corner/</a> to hear more about the name change from founder Karen Ridlon.

Your partnership with KidVantage as funder makes this possible. We celebrate your commitment to strengthening families and our community with this generous grant.

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