



# Funds Distribution Report

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**The Mustard Seed Project of Key Peninsula**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
The Mustard Seed Project promotes independent living and quality of life for seniors residing on the Key Peninsula in western Washington by providing services and programs in transportation, information & referral, health and wellness, senior housing options, community education, and nutrition.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2018 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from The Mustard Seed Project of Key Peninsula.

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## Building an Elder-Friendly Community

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Marilyn Sheldon, Charitable Contributions Director  
The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund  
8802 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tulalip, WA 98271

Feb. 29, 2024

Dear Ms. Sheldon and the Charitable Contributions Committee:

We wanted to finally report back to you on what your generous contribution of [REDACTED] in December 2018 to our capital campaign has accomplished. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay of this final report. The Mustard Seed Village, which finally opened seven months ago is now a living elder community on the Key Peninsula. Because of the Tulalip Tribes, and other generous foundations and donors, the vision of a place for Key Peninsula elders to go for supportive care is now a reality.

Your support helped us build 3 assisted living and memory care homes in Key Center creating an elder campus, together with our adjacent Crandall Center building which houses our administrative offices, program spaces, kitchen and the new Mustard Seed Cafe. Upon completion of construction in January of 2023, we received licensing approval to open in May 2023, and as of late February 2024 we have welcomed 28 elders to the Village and hired 26 staff members. We expect to be fully “leased up” with 30-32 elders and 28 care staff very soon.

This endeavor has taken many years and has overcome many challenges thanks to the unwavering support of so many. Through rising construction costs, financing and fundraising challenges, through the pandemic—we collectively “kept at it” and are so proud of the results. As we shared with you in our application for funding, Mustard Seed Village is no ordinary “facility” which is a word we avoid using to describe it. We wanted to build a place that felt like home and are proud to be the first Green House Project assisted living and memory care homes in Washington state. The Green House Project ([thegreenhouseproject.org](http://thegreenhouseproject.org)) model for elder care prioritizes the autonomy and humanity of elders while fostering strong relationships between elders and between elders and caregivers who do everything in the homes including cleaning and cooking.

But your support helped us build more than a building. Although we have been open for just 7 months, as you can see from the pictures we have included below, a community has formed at the Village. New friendships have blossomed, both among elders and between elders and caregivers—and we are just getting started! Now that the building is finished, we are focused on Phase II, which will add outdoor improvements and amenities such as wheelchair accessible raised garden beds for elders, a building to house our two new 14-passenger ADA lift-equipped busses, an outdoor exercise area designed for elders (and visiting grandkids too!), plantings, parking improvements, ADA accessible walking trails that connect to adjacent land parcels, and much more. When complete, we envision our 6-acre elder campus as a beautiful park-like space for Village elders and community members to enjoy.

We’d like to extend an invitation to the Tulalip Tribes—who helped us get to this point—to come for a visit and tour so you can see and experience the elder community that your support helped build here on the Key Peninsula. Please feel free to email me ([exdirector@themustardseedproject.org](mailto:exdirector@themustardseedproject.org)) or call (253-884-9814) if you would like to talk, have questions or would like to set a date for a tour!

The Mustard Seed Project is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) charitable organization. IRS No. 61-1537566.  
Gifts are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

On behalf of all of the elders we serve, we thank you so much for your generous support.

With gratitude,



Eric Blegen, Executive Director



Family dinner at the Village

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