

Seven Tribal members become homeowners through HOYO program

On Aug. 6, 2016, the Siletz Tribal Council authorized the conveyance and assignment of seven homes and improvements to seven Tribal residents located in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz.

These seven homes comprise Phase 1 of the Home Of Your Own (HOYO) program that was designed as a lease-to-own program for low-income Siletz Tribal members who want to become homeowners but are not able to qualify for mortgage financing or save funds for a down payment.

The seven HOYO participants were able to exercise an option to purchase the homes they had leased for the past three years. On Sept. 1, the Siletz Tribe provided long-term financing for the new homeowners. There is a monthly lease

fee for leasing Tribal land after the homes convey and the homeowners also pay their own hazard insurance coverage.

During the lease period, the HOYO participants strengthened their credit scores and learned about budgeting, use of credit, savings, banking and predatory lending by successfully completing a financial education course designed for first-time homebuyers.

The seven Siletz Tribal members who are new HOYO homeowners are Rick Bayya, Sara Bell-Tellez, Isaac DeAnda, Kyanna Fisher, Alicia Keene, Issac Kentta and Tracy Lancaster.

The seven HOYO homes in Phase 1 consist of two two-bedroom units, three three-bedroom units and two four-bedroom units.



Courtesy photo

Housing Department staff member Jessica Garcia (left) and homeowners Rick Bayya and his daughter, Kaetlin Bayya

Reminder from the Siletz Clinic

The Siletz Clinic would like to remind parents and guardians that if you send your child to an appointment with someone other than yourself or other legal guardian, you will need to sign a Release of Information.

This gives permission for another person to bring your child to appointments and for your child's provider to discuss the child's care with them.

If you have any questions, please call 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449. Thank you!

Tribe gives back through distribution of grants from its charitable fund

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$98,264.77 to 38 organizations on Nov. 4 as it continued its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$10.4 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$12.9 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is Dec. 13, 2016. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund; by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mailing Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at stccf@live.com.

Nov. 4, 2016 – Distribution of \$98,264.77

Education – \$27,568.83

Clemens Primary School – five grade levels of supplemental reading materials for dyslexic students; Philomath, OR; \$1,800

Eddyville Charter School – materials for emergency medical responder class for high school students; Eddyville, OR; \$2,763.35

Eddyville Charter School – participation in Oregon regional marine technology ROV competition; Eddyville, OR; \$1,014.38

Lincoln County School District – buses for two-day extended enrichment camp during Thanksgiving break; Lincoln City, OR; \$2,000

Oregon Coast Aquarium – Gape Escape interactive display in new Big Bites exhibition in 2017-19; Newport, OR; \$5,000

Philomath Elementary School – 26 sets of books for Battle of the Books reading competition; Philomath, OR; \$972

Seashore Family Literacy – cedar gazebo and playground games for outdoor classroom; Waldport, OR; \$2,400

Taft High 7-12, Taft Tech – Ultimaker II 3D printer and filaments to continue developing student technology lab; Lincoln City, OR; \$4,000

Taft High 7-12, Taft Tech – six computers and design software for technology lab's new 3D carver; Lincoln City, OR; \$6,000

Toledo Elementary School – science kits for hands-on, inquiry-based science projects; Toledo, OR; \$1,619.10

Health – \$33,000

Alsea Valley Gleaners – food; Alsea, OR; \$2,000

Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay – dental kits for Something to Smile

About in-school dental project; Newport, OR; \$3,500

Canyon Gleaners – food; Mill City, OR; \$2,000

Central Linn Gleaners – food; Halsey, OR; \$2,000

Fair Share Gleaners – food; Sweet Home, OR; \$2,000

HES Food to Home Program – food for weekend food bags for low-income students; Harrisburg, OR; \$2,000

Lebanon Soup Kitchen – walk-in cooler and installation; Lebanon, OR; \$5,000

Lincoln County Joint Transportation Committee – bus vouchers for low-income patient access to health care providers; Lincoln City, OR; \$5,000

Mary's River Gleaners – food; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Meals for Seniors – commercial food mixer; Rockaway Beach, OR; \$3,500

Philomath Community Gleaners – food; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Sharing Hands Inc. – food; Brownsville, OR; \$2,000

Historic Preservation – \$1,500

City of St. Paul Historic Resources Board – historic and cultural resources booklet with walking tour map; St. Paul, OR; \$1,500

Housing – \$2,637

Family Promise of Lincoln County – equipment and software to upgrade work stations, yard tools for skill-building program at homeless day center; Gleneden Beach, OR; \$2,637

Other – \$11,500

Central Coast Humane Society – spay/neuter and rabies vaccination program for homeless and feral cats; Newport, OR; \$5,000

Fraternal Order of Eagles #2576 – food for Christmas baskets; Lincoln City, OR; \$3,000

Prep Oregon – food for Christmas party for children of incarcerated family members; Portland, OR; \$1,000

Toledo Elks – holiday food boxes for families and elders; Toledo, OR; \$2,500

Prevention – \$4,900

Hillsboro High School, Grad Night Party – venue rental for alcohol- and drug-free party; Hillsboro, OR; \$500

Neighbors for Kids – scholarship for expanded services during non-school days; Depoe Bay, OR; \$1,400

Philomath High School, Grad Night Party – inflatable bounce house and games for alcohol- and drug-free party; Philomath, OR; \$500

Siletz Valley Early College Academy, Grad Night Party – alcohol- and drug-free party; Siletz, OR; \$500

Toledo Junior League Basketball – jerseys and basketballs for third- through eighth-grade teams; Toledo, OR; \$2,000

Public Safety – \$17,158.94

Siletz Neighborhood Watch – liability insurance and radios; Siletz, OR; \$3,600

Tillamook County Search & Rescue – medical transport rescue sled and accessories; Milwaukie, OR; \$5,980

Toledo Police Department – six patrol car iPads for dispatch and report system; Toledo, OR; \$1,679.94

Toledo Volunteer Firefighters – workbooks and instructor fees for emergency responders training; Toledo, OR; \$3,300

Yamhill Fire Protection District – CPR manikins and compression training tools for community CPR and first aid classes; Yamhill, OR; \$2,599