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#### Gifts from the Heart

Forming medicine through unity at fundraiser for Lahaina



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#### THE TULALIP TRIBES 2023 ANNUAL COMMISSION/ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

Friday, October 20, 2023, Voting Only 7:00AM - 4:00PM Saturday, October 21, 2023 Voting 7:00AM - 1:00PM Semi Annual October 21, 2023 -10:00AM

#### Tulalip Resort Casino, 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd, Tulalip, WA 98271

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The qualified candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve; <u>Elders</u> has 2 positions, 3 year terms; <u>Fish</u> has 2 positions, 3 year terms; <u>Gaming</u> has 2 positions, 3 year terms; <u>Hunting</u> has 1 position, 3 year terms; <u>Planning</u> has 1 position, 3 year terms; <u>Police</u> has 1 position, 2 year term; <u>TERO</u> has 1 position, 3 year terms. Veterans has 1 position-, 3 year terms -In the event of a tie(s), the election shall be determined by coin toss. \*Only those 50 and over as of 10/20/2023 are allowed to vote for Elders Committee\*

Elders (2)	Fish (2)	Gaming (2)
Dale M. Jones	Gerald Fryberg Jr.	Howard Brown
Linda L. Jones	Harold Joseph III	John Campbell
		Blair Duncan
Hunting (1)	Planning (1)	Darcy Grant
Mark Hatch	Valerie Guzman	Caroline O'Neill
Dylan Houle	Hayden McCoy	

Police Advisory Board (1)
Clayton Horne

TERO (1)
Lukas Reves Sr.

Veteran (1)
No Candidate

\*\*Names are in alphabetical order and formatted as the candidate requested it to be placed on the ballots\*\*

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION:**

Email Electioncommittee@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

- A request must be done on the Absentee Ballot Form, one per voter.
- Absentee Ballots can be picked up from Election Staff at Admin, but only by the requestor and when the physical ballot is in the office.
- They will be mailed Certified Mail or Fed Ex (depending on the location).
- The ballot can only mailed to the home address, if not a letter needs to be attached explain why.
- A Power of Attorney cannot complete an Absentee Ballot request.
- Requests forms are available with Election Staff at the Tribal Administration building, rm. 206 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, PH (360) 716-4283,fax (360) 716-0635, click on https://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/Dept/Elections or

#### Timeline:

- Absentee ballot requests must be received before October 19, 2023 at 12:00PM.
- The completed absentee ballot must be at the UPS Store, Quil Ceda Plaza, 8825 34th NE Suite L-#161 Tulalip, WA 98271 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023.
  IMPORTANT NOTE: Upon requesting an Absentee Ballot Packet, a voter is unable to vote in person on Election Day for this election. Absentee ballots cannot be delivered to the polling place on Election Day. The voter must mail the completed ballot as directed to the Elections post office box. Also Absentee Ballot Packets contain TWO envelopes.
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<sup>\*</sup>August 25, 2023 Updated\*\* Dates, Times and Locations are subject to change.



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#### **Gifts** from front page











By Micheal Rios

On Saturday, September 23, Nakani Native Program hosted a heartwarming, cross-cultural fundraiser at the Tulalip Amphitheatre to support recovery efforts for the Lahaina community devastated by wildfires on the island of Maui.

For those readers unaware, Lahaina, the former capital of the Hawaiian kingdom, made national headlines in August after being destroyed by wildfires. The rural island town known for its cultural vibrancy has 13,000 community residents now reeling in the tragic aftermath. Many organizations and nonprofits are working to support recovery efforts, from medical supplies and financial aid to clothing, hygiene products, and basic household items.

As a Native American sovereign, Tulalip intrinsically holds a strong connection with Native Hawaiian communities located across the islands. Our cultures, separated by the Pacific Ocean, are geographically distant but spiritually linked. For Tulalip tribal members like Martin Napeahi, this connection is deepened through kinship ties and family relations. His mother is Tulalip elder Annette Napeahi and his father is a military veteran originally from Hilo, Hawaii.

"Our organization strives to serve

all our Native people, which includes Native Americans, First Nations, Polynesians, Hawaiians, Samoans, Tongans, and more," explained Martin, who holds the prestigious title of Nakani Program Director. "We are the same people. We share the same blood. We share the same trials and tribulations. And why we are here today is because we also share the same deep connection and love for our land.

"This fundraiser for the people of Lahaina is to try and do something truly impactful for our brothers and sisters who lost so much," he continued. "I'm thankful for Tulalip hosting and beyond grateful for all those who traveled here today to take part in this healing for Lahaina."

Cultural performances from across the islander spectrum were received with great joy by fundraiser attendees as they sat under the amphitheater tarps to avoid the gusting winds and torrential downpours. While physically cold in the frigid fall temperature, their hearts were warmed by weather-proof performances that went on undeterred.

Tulalip culture bearer Andy William, flanked by Martin, offered songs accompanied by traditional hand drum beats. Samoan youth from Auburn-based Faatasi Performing Arts sang and danced





with a rhythm all their own, overcoming their pre-performance shivering and exposed, cold feet, that overwhelmed the crowd to give generously.

"We are so honored to be a part of this event and offer our support for the families in Mauri," said Fia Taito, youth group coordinator. "These amazing children, ranging from age 5 to 10 years old, practiced so hard to memorize the actions and words of each song presentation. And look. We've been blessed as the rain has paused just for us."

Fia then asked her youthled Faatasi group to state their mission. To which the kids yelled in unison, "Our mission is to bring community together through arts of love! Serving one family at a time! Hooah hooah!"

Over the course of the 6-hour long fundraising event, attendees were encouraged to buy raffle tickets, lunch and dinner plates loaded with local cuisine, or simply donate funds via a QR code on their phones. It was stated repeatedly that 100% of all proceeds are going to the Kako'o Maui Fund to support those affected by the western Maui wildfires.

In the weeks preceding the fundraiser, Nakani staff worked tirelessly to garner support among local tribes and Native artisans

to create culture-filled gifts and donation baskets that were used as further incentives to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle prizes included a hand-carved and painted paddle by Martin, an original print by Monie Ordonia, Devil's Club drum earrings by Kiera Blum, a wool skirt and earring set by Krislyn Parks, an assortment of 8th Generation blankets, and much more.

"It took a ton of coordination to collect these wonderful donations from Native artists and Native-owned businesses across the Coast Salish territories. It was a four-week labor of love that was only possible because of the team we have," shared Linzie Crofoot, NaKani's traditional medicine director.

"The foundation of our medicine is love," she added. "So when we are doing anything and we're doing it with love, whether it's within our community or for those outside of our community, then we are practicing medicine and doing healing work. In essence, we are using our love as a means to heal, and that's what gifts from the heart are truly about. This is us sending our love to our relatives in Lahaina, who we feel deeply for, in the best way we know how, and in keeping with our traditions as Native people."

# Down but not out: Tulalip-Marysville Hawks battle it out on the gridiron









By Wade Sheldon

The stands were electric, without concern for the rain, thanks to the newly covered bleachers at the Alpheaus "Gunny" Jones, Sr. ball field in Tulalip. The Tulalip-Marysville Hawks Midget and Peewee football leagues faced off against the Golden Eagles from Ferndale on Saturday, September 23.

First up was the Midget league consisting of boys and girls 10-12 years old. The Hawks were off to a slow start and fell behind early in the game as Ferndale took the lead 14-6. After some halftime adjustments, the Hawks battled back with two touchdowns in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter due to a couple of fumbles by Ferndale, giving the Hawks the lead heading into the fourth. With another fumble in the fourth quarter by Ferndale, the Hawks recovered the ball, drove down the field, and put the game out of reach with a 6-yard touchdown, extending their lead to 18. The final score of the contest was Tulalip-Marysville 32, Ferndale 14.

A tough fought contest; ultimately, the several turnovers Ferndale endured in the second half, mixed with some great runs by the Hawks, gave Tulalip-Marysville the win and brought their record on the season to 2-2. Coach Marshall Guthrie said, "It started slow, but we ended up doing good. The kids did great and fought hard out there, and we got the win."

Next up were the Peewee League kids from 9 to 11 years old. Coming off a 3-game losing streak, the crew from Tulalip-Marysville were looking to turn things around. The Hawks offense started on high cylinders, bouncing off defenders and bursting across the field, scoring early in the first quarter. Their defense ran a shutdown performance, holding the Golden Eagles scoreless in the first half. Looking in control on both sides of the ball, the Hawks extended their lead 19 to nothing in the fourth quarter. Looking like a shutout, the Ferndale Golden Eagles managed to break free for a long run, scoring a touchdown as time ran out, leading to the final score of Tulalip-Marysville 19, Ferndale 6, giving the Hawks their first win on the season and bringing their record to 1-3.







### PURPLE OCTOBER

#### Show your support for DV Awareness month at October 6 Coastal Jam

By Kalvin Valdillez

Calling all drummers, singers, dancers, community members, and relatives of Tulalip, the Tribe's Legacy of Healing program is in need of your good medicine on Friday October 6.

In an effort to raise awareness, provide support and resources to survivors and victims, and also open up discussion about domestic violence, the Legacy of Healing is hosting a dinner and a costal jam.

The idea behind the jam is that by uniting the people together in song and prayer, those who have endured an abusive relationship can feel the love and support from the community. And likewise, those who are silently going through it in their home life, can come to a safe space and identify their available resources, ask questions, and speak in confidence with a professional from the Legacy of Healing.

Said Legacy of Healing's Lead Family Advocate, Kaely Wickham, "It's important to know when you're in that situation you can feel isolated or like you're going crazy, and that what's happening to you is not real. It's important to increase awareness that this is actually serious. You're not alone. We do care. You're not going crazy. If you feel that you're not in a healthy relationship, we're here to support you and give that knowledge of what domestic violence is - we're here to help you learn about it. Our services are entirely confidential and there's no pressure to report about what happened to you."

For the past several years, the department has taken part in DV Awareness Month, a nationwide initiative that dedicates the month of October to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence and to show support to the victims and survivors of DV.

Through film screenings, self-defense classes, trauma workshops, beading lessons and a number of other community gatherings, the Legacy of Healing has helped bring about a clearer understanding to Tulalip of what DV is. Additionally, the event goers will often take the chance to open

up and share laughter, exchange stories, and at times, shed tears together. No matter what emotions are brought out at each gathering, more often than not, the participants walk away with a smile, their heads up high, and newfound optimism, knowing that they have the support of the Legacy of Healing and the community behind them.

engaging While their participants and clients in activities and open discussions, the Legacy of Healing has provided many opportunities for the people to learn about DV each October. That alone is extremely important because many are not able to recognize domestic violence as it's occurring. And this is due to the fact that the majority of folk have misconceptions about what DV is exactly, and they do not realize that there are numerous ways an abuser asserts control and power in a relationship, including isolation, gaslighting, manipulation, among many others.

"A lot of people can kind of sweep DV under the rug because it happens slowly," explained Marisa Chavez, Legacy of Healing Victim Advocate. "It's not like the first time you meet somebody, you're put in the hospital. It's a slow build and you don't often realize what's happening until you're really deep in it

"Typically, people who are victims of domestic violence think that if they call law enforcement it's because it's something physical. But usually it starts emotional, then it goes to psychological – financial abuse, threats. And then it becomes physical. So, this month's about educating and providing information for people to realize that it's not okay that this is happening."

Within Native America, DV has plagued our communities and statistics show that the Indigenous population is at a much higher risk of experiencing an abusive relationship compared to other ethnicities. According to the National Institute of Justice, 84% of Native women have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime, as have 81% of Native men.

However, it's important to

note that this study was conducted well before the coronavirus outbreak and those numbers are now projected to be on the rise. Not to mention that even with updated statistics, the amount of DV incidents may be higher, but do not necessarily reflect in research and studies due to underreporting.

To help prevent further underreporting and so the community knows how to identify DV, the Legacy of Healing compiled a list that reads as follows:

#### What Abuse Can Look Like

- Hitting, pinching
- Burning
- Pulling hair
- Pushing
- Strangulation
- Physical intimidation
- Use of weapons
- Forcing the use of substances
- Throwing items
- Punching walls
- Kicking in doors
- Requesting your login info
- Monitoring your social media- Stalking
- IPV sexual abuse
- Kicking
- Rape
- Forcing any sexual act
- Uses children against you
- Lies about your mental health
- Financial control
- Name calling
- Jealousy
- Shaming or humiliating you
- Blaming you for their actions
- Controlling where you go
- Gaslighting
- Love bombing

If you are experiencing any forms of abuse listed above, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Legacy of Healing. The program can speak in hypotheticals for those looking to discreetly acquire information. And if you are ready to take the next step, the department can also design a safety plan with you, for whenever you are ready to exit a DV relationship.

Noting that each circumstance is different, the Legacy of Healing understands that leaving a DV situation is difficult and can sometimes involve the court systems. The department wants to inform the community that if you are in a situation where you do have to go through tribal or state court, they will be there to support you emotionally throughout the entire process.

The Legacy of Healing is careful not to pass any judgements and allows their clients grace and understanding, because from a statis-

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Our services are entirely confidential and there's no pressure to report about what happened to you."

- Kaely Wickham, Legacy of Healings Lead Family Advocate

tical standpoint, it could take a victim multiple attempts to leave an abusive partnership for good.

In previous years, the culture has been prevalent and at the forefront of many of DV awareness month gatherings at Tulalip. This year, the Legacy of Healing is returning to the ancestral ways with the coastal jam in hopes of not only giving a voice to all the local survivors and victims, but also amplifying that voice inturn through the powerful songs of the sduhubš.

"From what we know, the reason we have these different crimes on our reservation is because it stems from the colonization that's happened to us as a people," stated Jade Carela, Director of the Legacy of Healing. "I think the healing piece for us is knowing this is not something that stems from us as a people. When you're going through this process, that's part of what you're learning - that it's not okay. It's not who we are. It's not something that comes from us. It's something that was taught to us."

The Legacy of Healing is asking for your assistance in raising awareness throughout the month by participating in their raffle (\$5 for 1 ticket/\$20 for 5 tickets) in which all of the proceeds go towards supporting survivors of DV. Over 20 prizes will be raffled off at the end of the month including a number gift cards and gift baskets, Xbox games, a ribbon skirt donated by Morning Star Creations, a beaded necklace by Winona Shopbell, beaded earrings by Paige Pettibon and Odessa Flores, and a cedar and abalone headband by Malorie Simpson.

To purchase a raffle ticket, you can catch the Legacy of Healing team and the Tulalip Foundation at the following locations/date/times:

- 10/2 on the second floor of the Tulalip Administration building from 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- 10/6 at the Greg Williams Court (Coastal Jam) from 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- 10/16 at the Tulalip Tribal Court from 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
- 10/19 on the second floor of the Tulalip Ad-

- ministration building (Carmel apple social) from 11:30 a.m. 1:30 a.m.
- 10/21 at the Tulalip Resort Casino (Semi-General Council) from 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- 10/31 at the Tulalip Gathering Hall (Employee Halloween Luncheon) from 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

If you are looking for more ways to show your support throughout DV Awareness Month, you can order the Unity Elixir or the Violet Hope Lotus drinks from the café at the Tulalip Administration building, Ti Kupihali. The drinks are purple, which is the official color of the awareness month. In fact, October 19 is 'Wear Purple Day'. Government employees and the Tulalip citizenry are encouraged to participate, so don't forget to send photos of your team and your families decked out in purple gear to the Legacy of Healing.

As a reminder, the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Coastal Jam is scheduled to take place on October 6 at the Teen Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first 200 people to arrive will receive a free t-shirt. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. at the Don Hatch Court. And the costal jam will follow and is set to begin at the Greg Williams Court at 6:30 p.m.

If you or anybody you know is experiencing an abusive relationship, please do not hesitate to call the Legacy of Healing at (360) 716-4100 for assistance. And if you are in a crisis or an emergency situation, the Legacy of Healing provided a list of three additional hotline numbers that you can utilize during your time of need:

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Strong Hearts Native Helpline: 1-844-762-8483
- Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County 425-25-ABUSE (22873)

# Indigenous Cinephiles:

# Hibulb Cultural Center now accepting entries for annual Film Festival



Submitted by Ana Ramirez, photo by Kalvin Valdillez

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Hibulb Cultural Center Film Festival will be taking place November 4, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We are very excited to be growing our film festival. So far, we have over 50 submissions.

Among the films being shown are a documentary short about Lily Gladstone, who is the lead actress in the upcoming film Killers of the Flower Moon, which will have its global theatrical release on October 20. Furthermore, we have a short film directed by Tai

etsarón:sere 'Tai' Leclaire, who was a writer and actor for NBC comedy Rutherford Falls. We also have a documentary short about Autumn Peltier, a First Nations Activist and Chief Water Commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation who has addressed the United Nations.

We will be showing youth friendly films in Classroom 2 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Classroom 2, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm, we will be showing films in different languages about Indigenous communities across the globe, including Brazil (Portuguese), Latin America (Spanish),

and even Taiwan (Mandarin Chinese). We are thrilled about the lineup of films so far made by Indigenous People and communities across the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand. We have a couple films in the Cherokee language as well.

This year we will be giving out seven awards, one for the seven Tulalip stories/values. These include the Crane and Changer, who teaches us to respect elders and pay attention to their good words; Her First Basket that teaches us to uphold and respect ancestral teachings; How Daylight was Stolen, which teaches us to value work to

uphold and serve our people, and so on.

For more on the Tulalip story values, visit https://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/WhoWeAre/MissionVisionAndValues

If you are, or know, a film-maker, please submit your film at filmfreeway.com/HCC2023 from now until October 21. If you have questions or concerns about the Hibulb Film Festival, please contact Film Festival Coordinator and Education Curator, Ana Ramirez at ana@hibulbcultural-center.org or by phone at 360-716-2640.





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#### **Lindy Lee Morris**

Lindy Lee Morris Sr. was born on August 27, 1967 in Bellingham, Washington to parents Dawn Williams and James Morris Sr. Lindy joined our ancestors on September 17, 2023.

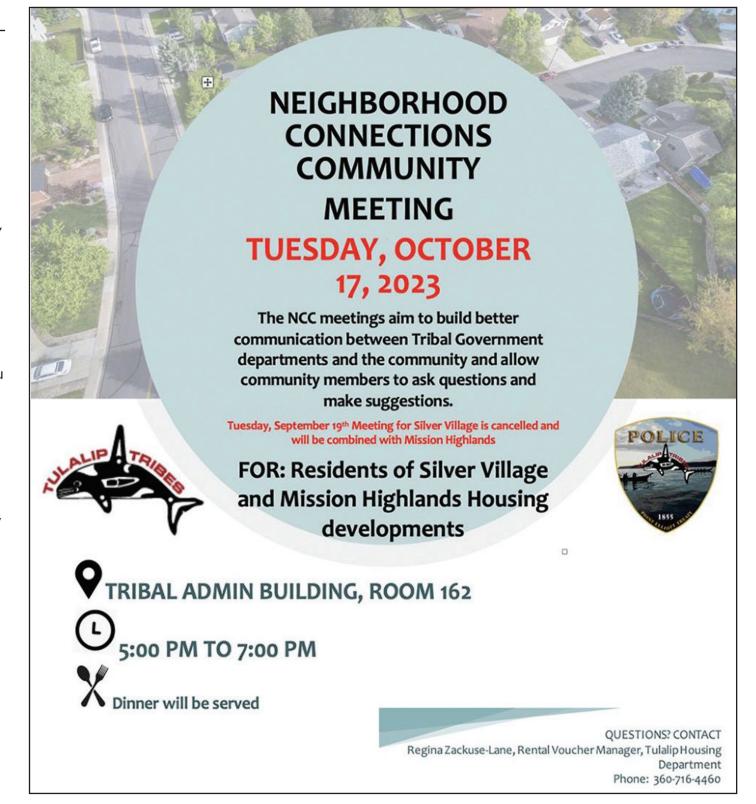
Lindy was a proud Tulalip Tribal member and resided on the Tulalip and Lummi Reservation most of his life. The family reminisced about the earlier days and time spent at the family home on J street. Lindy attended Chemawa Indian School and returned home, embracing his inherited rights. Fishing on the Elusive Dream and The Western Warrior, he fished with his cousins, uncles, especially his son Colin in Tulalip and Bellingham. Lindy was a crabber, clam digger and hunter as well. Most of all, he enjoyed life with the oxygen to his lungs and love of his life, Dora Johnson.

Lindy survived by his mate, Dora; children, Zack, Talin, Tyson, Dravon, Tristen, Trevor, Collin, Chase, Lindy Jr., Logan, Bryson and only daughter, McKayla. Brothers, James Morris Jr, Joseph Morris (Deanna), Steven Morris; aunties, Sharon James

(Andy), Jean Morris and uncle Ron Morris (Gloria) and numerous nieces and nephews. Lindy proceeded in death by his parents, Dawn Williams and James Morris Sr. Son, Zack Morris; Sister, Crystal Wassillie; grandparents, Ron and Cecilia Morris and numerous family mem-Interfaith services began 6pm Monday, September 25th at the Tulalip Gathering Hall. Funeral service, was 10am Tuesday, on September 26, 2023 with burial following at Mission Beach Cemetery.

#### **Court notices**

TUL-CV-YI-2022-0494. SUMMONS BY PUB-LICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: S. R. R. TO: APRIL ROSE RUS-**SELL: YOU ARE HEREBY** NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care (YINC) dependency case has a scheduled Permanent Plan Hearing in the abovenamed Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at this Permanent Plan Hearing on TUES-DAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 at 09:30 A.M. – IN PER-SON in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: September 30, 2023.



## TULALIP ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE FOCUS GROUP

Are you interested in shaping the future of education for Native children?

The Tulalip Tribes plans to open a community and culture-based school, the Tulalip Academy of Excellence (Name TBD). We invite community members and professionals working with children to participate in a focus group to help us develop the school's mission and vision.

Your participation is crucial to ensure that the school meets the needs of our Native children. We want to create a culturally responsive and nurturing school.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO AS A FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Share your insights on community and culture-based education.
- Engage in discussions about TAE's goals and objectives.

Scan the QR code or visit www.bit.ly/3LuXKhG to help us place you in the right focus group. If you can't join, you can still share your thoughts through an online survey afterward.









#### **DETAILS**

The focus groups will be held at the Tulalip Admin Building from October 2 to October 6.

We're offering a \$25 honorarium for your participation

The focus groups will be led by researchers from the Research for Indigenous Social Action and Equity (RISE) Center at the University of Michigan, founded by Dr. Stephanie Fryberg, a member of the Tulalip Tribal community. If you want to learn more about the focus group interview, please contact our team at cowang@umich.edu.