

# Symmetria Medical donates \$10,000 to Tulalip Boys & Girls Club

By Micheal Rios

Within our shared Tulalip/Marysville community are organizations staffed with dedicated professionals who prioritize health and wellbeing. These professionals are well aware that in order to have a culturally vibrant community, the individuals within the community, child to elder, must be physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy. Recognizing this, medical establishments like Symmetria Integrative Medical play a pivotal role not only in providing healthcare services but also in creating community well-being through philanthropic efforts, such as making a large financial donation to our reservation's Boys & Girls Club. Their recent \$10,000 contribution extends the impact

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#### Easter Bunny and Sparky return for annual Easter Run

By Kalvin Valdillez

The kids of Tulalip could not contain their excitement on the afternoon of Saturday, March 30. Many were literally jumping with joy when they spotted two life size characters



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The Tulalip Tribes are successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Tribe and other tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, January 22, 1855

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#### Media Release

#### **Tulalip Police Drug Task Force**

On March 27, 2024, Tulalip Police Drug Task Force Detectives, while conducting a narcotics interdiction emphasis, located a suspicious vehicle with narcotics in plain view. Upon contact with the male driver of the vehicle, he admitted to having narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search warrant was applied for and executed. The total amount of narcotics recovered in the operation:

- . 8895 counterfeit M-30 pills
- 294 grams of suspected fentanyl (10 oz)
- . 181 grams of suspected cocaine (6.4 oz)
- · 4 grams of suspected methamphetamines



The <u>Tulalip Police Department Drug Task Force (DTF)</u> is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our Tribal Community. DTF works to identify and apprehend those involved in drug trafficking and distribution. We urge anyone with information related to drug activity or other criminal behavior to reach out to the Tulalip Police Department or submit an anonymous tip through our dedicated hotline. To report suspected drug activity, you're encouraged to call the drug tip hotline at (360) 716-5990.



Chris Sutter, Chief of Police

Tulalip Police Department: 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite A, Tulalip, WA, 98271

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#### What happens when you turn 55 years old?

Enrolled Tulalip Tribal members age 55+ are eligible for a cable subsidy from Tulalip Tribes.

You will need to stop by Salish Networks office to activate your benefit with your tribal ID card.

Any outstanding account balance prior to turning 55 will be your responsibility to pay it off.

Reminder, you must live in the home where you are receiving the subsidy. If you have any questions, please let us know.

(360)716-8000, 2601 88th St NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.



## Tulalip Bay Fire Department opens new station, hires more firefighters

By Wade Sheldon

Exciting things are happening for the Tulalip Bay Fire Department in the terms of expansion. In preparation for their new fire station, 15 firefighters and EMTs were sworn in on Thursday, March 21. Family and friends gathered to commemorate the occasion, symbolized Tulalip's unwavering commitment to delivering essential medical and fire services to its community.

For years, the area of Tulalip closest to town fell under Marysville's jurisdiction, but the Tulalip tribes have installed a temporary fire station on 27th Avenue near the Tulalip Resort Casino. Eventually, a permanent location will be on 88th Street, next to the Tulalip Bingo Hall.

"This means a great deal for the Tulalip people," remarked Board member Hazen Shopbell. "Implementing the new fire station at Quil Ceda Boulevard helps Tulalip exercise its sovereign rights. It also allows us to collect tax revenue previously going to

enormous undertaking. "We've come a long way," stated Fire Chairman David Sherman. "I can't think of a better group or way for the Tulalip Bay Fire Department to embark on this next chapter.

Battalion Chief Bronson Smith, boasting 14 years of firefighting experience, discussed his responsibility day-to-day staffing emergency response, highlighting the department's progress in acquiring paramedic capabilities. "When I first started, we didn't have a paramedic, and we relied on Marysville. Since then, we've built up our capabilities, reducing response times from 15 minutes to three minutes."

**Chief Smith emphasizes** longstanding aspiration provide comprehensive services to the entire tribal community. Viewing the new fire station as a pivotal step toward this goal, he affirmed the department's commitment to exceeding standards and ensuring everyone feels heard and supported. Looking ahead,



dedication to serving the tribe with honor and excellence.

Smith added, "We offer ridealong programs and have started a cadet program at Heritage High School. That's where it starts. We have them come to the station a couple of days a week during the school year, where they get a chance to roll hose, learn how to throw gear and learn how to put the air pack on. I don't want

to keep my skills to myself; I want to teach others how to save lives. If anyone is interested, all they need to do is reach out to the fire department, and we can get you going."

Contact the Tulalip Bay Fire Department at 360-659-2416 to learn more.



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of healthcare providers beyond the confines of clinics and injected pure excitement and goodwill into the heart of the community.

That excitement is best demonstrated by reliving a super cute moment shared by all those within earshot of two jubilant youth preparing to take a picture with the gigantic cardboard check.

"We got \$1,000!"

"Nu-huh! We got \$10,000!"

"Ten-thousand?! We're rich!"

Then in unison and completely unprompted, they shouted "Yay!'

That moment may have only lasted mere seconds, but the feels it generated, much like the \$10,000 worth of support and supplies to be purchased, can leave a longlasting impact for those for whom the local Club is a sanctuary.

"It's important we share moments like this with the kids because its important they understand that people really care for them," shared Tulalip Club director Shawn Sanchey. "Our Club kids are supported by those on and off the Rez and by those who aren't here everyday with them, but who still contribute in a significant way that helps us develop programs and services which allow our kids to grow in a good way. Ultimately, I feel we can do and should do a better job as adults to help our kids understand there are people and even entire organizations out there who truly care about them and care about their successes."

Our local boys & girls club offers a comprehensive collection of programs designed to promote the holistic development of Tulalip's next generation. According to Grandma Diane's latest estimations, the Club serves over 275 kids daily. From biddy ball everything to culturally relevant arts and crafts to the tech-driven future that is here now, the Club's programs address critical areas of development for each one of those 275 kids. Each one of them has access to range of services that include education assistance, athletic support, and something as seemingly simple as access to hot meals and nutritional snacks.

"I grew up in Marysville. I went to Marysville Pilchuck High School, and I've always viewed the citizens of Tulalip as part of my community," said Dr. Baljinder Gill, Symmetria president and operations director. "Now that I'm in the position of running a community-based clinic, I want to give back in way that now only supports the Tribe, but also builds upon the relationship of trust for its membership.

"The Tulalip Boys & Girls Club is so advanced, and being here today I can feel just how much trust the kids have for the staff and in turn how much the staff really cares for the kids," added Dr. Gill. "This environment is what my clinic strives to emulate with its patient/provider relationship. It's worth mentioning that a few years ago, the Tulalip Board of Directors passed a resolution that gives Tulalip tribal members coverage in our office. Plus, anyone who work with the Tribe and has HMA coverage, depending on the plan level they have, almost all our services are covered at 100%."

By donating such a large sum to our Boys & Girls Club, Dr. Gill and his Symmetria clinic are doing much more than providing financial support, they are investing in the health and future of the community. To quote those previously mentioned Club kids, "Yay!"

#### Easter Run from front page

strolling down their street. And though some of the kiddos were initially terrified, a few of them put on their brave faces and overcame their fear once they were gifted candy and toys from Sparky the Fire Dog and the Easter Bunny.

A year into the COVID-19 pandemic, a local nonprofit known as Together We're Better organized the first Easter Run for the community of Tulalip in 2021. The event was an instant success

and helped raise the spirits of the entire reservation. With gathering restrictions in place, and while many folks were practicing social distancing, the Easter Run brought back a sense of normalcy to the community.

At the time, Together We're Better Founder, Malory Simpson, shared, "It was important for us to do an event. Normally, we do a huge egg hunt and multiple communities come out to celebrate,











but COVID has interfered with a lot of events this year. Together We're Better is community-driven and 100% community funded, so seeing the kids cooped up and not having anything really planned for them, we wanted to do something for them and bring Easter to the community."

Malory drew inspiration from the Tulalip Bay Fire Department's yearly Santa Run, in which the Fire squad escorts Santa Claus throughout Tulalip neighborhoods while collecting donations for the Tulalip Church of God Food Bank. When Malory reached out to the fire station, a partnership was quickly forged between Together We're Better and the Tulalip Bay Fire Department. Their firehouse dalmatian mascot, Sparky, also wanted in on the fun and volunteered to distribute candy alongside the Easter Bunny.

"When you see the kid's

faces light up, and their smiles are so big, ear to ear, when they see Easter Bunny and Sparky from across the road, it's just the best," expressed TBFD Captain John Carlson. "The interactions are always great; they all mean a lot to us. To make their day makes my day, because we see people on some of their worst days. I view the fire services as a family and the Tulalip community is a huge part of our family too. It's so great to work together and make each other's day better, it means a lot to us. It's why we're here."

In addition to Sparky and the fire crew, two other local groups volunteer their time to hand out candy each year and are essential to the Easter Run – Aunties in Action and the Redrum First Nations Motorcycle Club. Every Easter Run, there are about 20 volunteers who walk numerous miles throughout the day to deliv-

er treats and smiles to the homes of Tulalip children and their families.

The Easter Run was such a big hit within the community that Together We're Better decided to make it an annual occasion. Now, it is something that many kids look forward to each spring. Kids are on the lookout, peering out their windows, and as soon as they catch a glimpse of the dynamic duo, they are outside waiting to greet them. The kids shower the bunny and fire dog with hugs and high fives, and graciously accept their gifts of sugar and plastic novelties. The parents are equally as excited as the youngins, and they are sure to have their camera apps open and ready to snap a shot of their babies with the two loveable characters.

Said Malory, "Giving back to the community always feels really good. This is all community effort; it makes my heart happy to see the community coming together to take care of each other. I just love it. The smiles and laughter make you feel really good inside. Just seeing the kids get excited is one of the best things about the event. It's pretty fun to see all of their reactions and see how happy the kids are to spend some time with the Easter Bunny and Sparky."

This year, the Tulalip Bay Fire Department expanded its district to include homes located in the Quil Ceda Creek neighborhood developments. As the Easter Run mirrors the fire department's service area, this meant that the Easter Bunny and Sparky would see some new faces this year. And that they did. With the addition of three neighborhoods, Sparky and the bunny made dozens of new friends of all ages, from newborns to elders, as they spent a generous portion of their day getting to know

the kids and families on the Quil.

In total, the Easter Bunny and Sparky visited 10 neighborhoods on the reservation, walked over 14,000 steps ( $\approx 7$  miles), and brought smiles to over 100 kids during the 2024 Easter Run.

Natosha Gobin, the 2024 Easter Run event planner, stated, "The Together We're Better events are so much fun to participate in because it is community driven. For the Easter Run, a lot of community members look forward

to stuffing eggs, buying snacks, and doing whatever they can to help. It's nice to take time and visit with the families and go to all the different developments. This year, we were excited to add the Quil developments as well. It feels so good to be with the community for a positive reason. And to see how much this means to the family as a whole - it just feels really good to be a part of something that is putting smiles on their faces."

If you are looking to get more involved with the community, Together We're Better is always accepting donations, whether that is goods, funds, or your personal volunteered time. For more information, please contact Natosha Gobin at (425) 319-4416 or Malory Simpson at (425) 905-9137.

# Easter Bunny brings literary joy to TELA

By Wade Sheldon

In a heartwarming event that brought smiles to children's faces at the Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy (TELA), the Easter Bunny appeared on Thursday, March 28 to distribute books and cookies, spreading joy and excitement among the young learners. The happy bunny made his way through every classroom.

Students would either run up to give a high five or pound fists, while some held back as they weren't sure of the furry creature standing in their room. One student said, "That's a big bunny." Another student remarked, "Can he hop like a little bunny?"

This year, TELA is working on consent. The teachers instructed the students to ask the bunny for consent before trying to hug the bunny.

And as a special treat, a copy of the book, 'Coast Salish ABCs' by TELA counselor and tribal member, Marysa Sylvester, was given to each child. "It felt very cool," Marysa said. "I didn't think my ABC book would be picked; I am very grateful that the Academy chose my book. I feel very blessed, and I think it's awesome."

"There are many positives to early learning reading," teacher assistant Absyde Dacoscos said. "It exposes the kids to language literacy and letter recognition. We want to provide books to encourage families to go home and read together. The Co-Salish ABC's book is a bonus, allowing them to see the cultural designs while teaching the ABCs."

As the children bid farewell to their furry friend, TELA concluded yet another successful event dedicated to spreading happiness and fostering a love for learning.











# **Youth Services Easter Bash**







By Micheal Rios

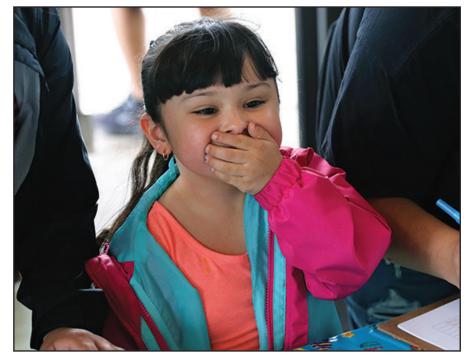
Hundreds hippity hopped to an early Easter Bash hosted at Tulalip's Youth Center on Saturday, March 30. There were dyed eggs galore, coloring stations, plenty of Easter themed backdrops for pictures, and energy-inducing sugary treats. However, nothing topped the pure joy of children eager to meet their imaginary icon, the Easter bunny.

"The Easter Bash was a huge success," said Sheena Oldham, one of the event coordinators. Serving as an activities specialist and proud mom of three kids, she was well versed in what a proper Easter party required. "I feel like our Bash brought a ton of people together. I'm proud of your Youth Services staff for all they did behind the scenes to make this happen, including wearing the bunny suit.

"The games, the food, the racing to get eggs, you could see how much everything meant to the kids who were running around endlessly from one activity to another," she added. "Personally, my favorite aspect was seeing the competitive atmosphere from both parents and

kids when it came time to the egg hunt. It was all smiles throughout and we saw so many people taking and sharing pictures of their happy kids. It's events like this that really show how much our community appreciates getting together and having fun."

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#### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted by Sydney Gilbert, Children's Advocacy Center and Legacy of Healing Coordinator

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; a time to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. We know that most caregivers don't set out with the intention of abusing or neglecting their children. There are economic, personal trauma histories, and mental health factors that are typically at the root of substance use disorders. However, one large safety/neglect component that deserves specific recognition in the depths of the opioid/substance abuse crisis are the risks that drug-endangered children face.

It is estimated that in the United States, more than 9 million children live in homes where a parent or other adult uses illegal drugs. We know that 1 in 8 children live in households with at least one parent who has a substance use disorder and 1 in 10 who live in households with at least one parent who has an alcohol use disorder. Children in these situations are at risk of deadly health implications such as contact contamination and risk of fatal overdoses.

They are also more likely to experience negative physical, psychological, and emotional impacts as well from what is known as "Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)". Children with high ACEs scores are more likely to grow up to experience chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, and an increased risk of future violence victimization and perpetrations. You can take your own ACEs quiz by visiting https://americanspcc.org/take-the-aces-quiz/.

Drug Endangered Children are also the same children at risk for Human Trafficking. Please read the below information from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children on the link between drug usage in households and its connection to risk of Child Human Trafficking.

If you are a parent and struggling with substance use disorder, please reach out to the Tulalip Recovery Resource Center at 425-626-4511 and the Tulalip Children's Advocacy Center at 360-716-5437. We can assist with resource referral and safety planning resources to help you keep your children safe and free from drug exposure.





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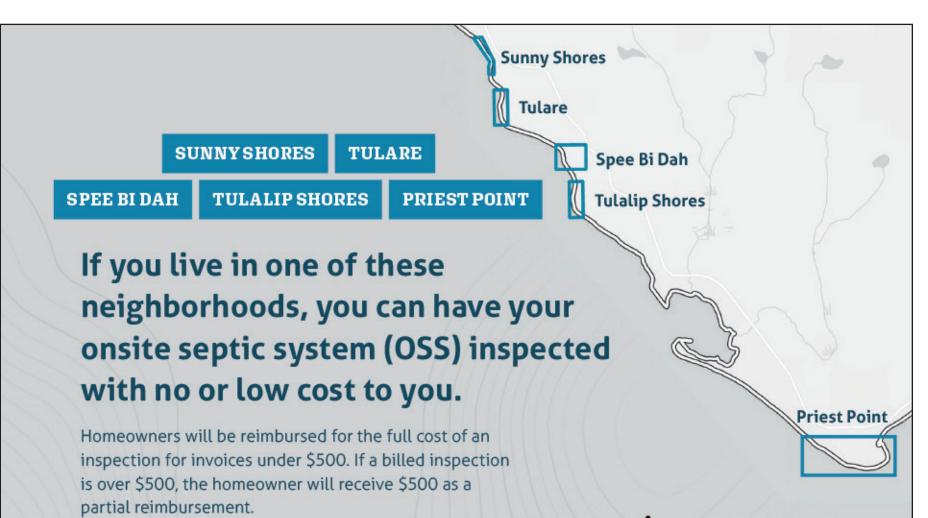
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- 3) The inspection report must indicate the type of OSS, location of tank and drainfield on property, and functionality of current OSS.
- 4) The contractor who completes the work must be certified by the Snohomish County Health Department to provide services and must upload the inspection report to the OnlineRME database.
- 5) Property owners will need to submit a receipt, invoice, or other proof of payment (within 90 days of date of receipt) and a W-9 form to receive their reimbursement.

Qualified homeowners should contact Braulio Ramos or Valerie Streeter to verify that the reimbursement is valid. Once it is determined that the reimbursement is approved, Braulio or Valerie will submit the approval amount to Tulalip Finance Department.

The Tulalip Finance Department will mail the reimbursement check to the landowner.



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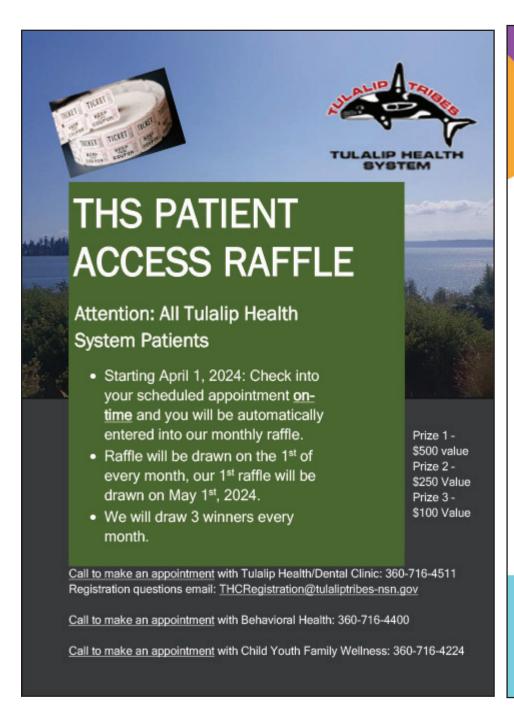
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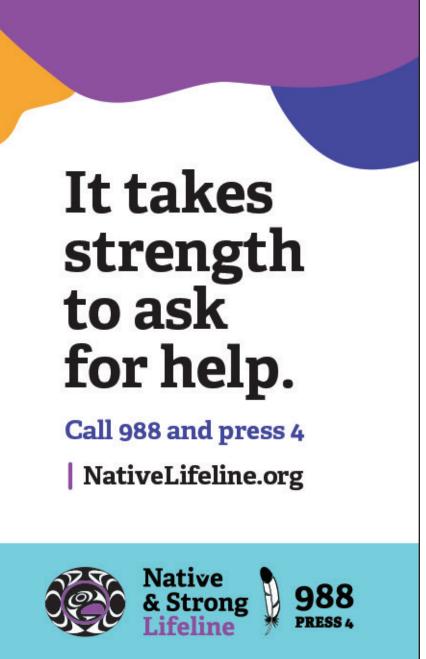
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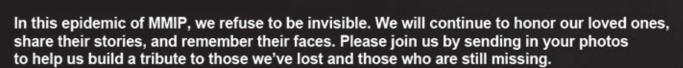
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