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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SKAGIT VALLEY RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY FOR \$25,000.

Burlington, WA (12/19/2020) – The Humane Society of Skagit Valley (HSSV) is pleased to announce it has received a \$25,000 grant from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. These funds will support the *2020 HSSV Building Repair and Improvement Project, expected to reach completion during the first quarter of 2021.*

This vital grant will allow HSSV to make important repairs and upgrades to the shelter campus located at 18841 Kelleher Road in Burlington, Washington. Built in 2006, the facility is aging and general wear-and-tear has caused several issues. The grant will be used in conjunction with other Foundation Grants as well as donations from the community to update and repair aging structures such as the roof and some interior walls, apply a fresh coat of paint to the exterior and repair other key areas on the campus grounds. Additionally, the funds will go toward efforts to improve the internal infrastructure by updating the shelter phones, server, and computing equipment. HSSV is also in the process of updating their shelter network server and improving security measures by updating existing internal wiring and equipment with support from Cyemptive Technologies, Inc, formerly Interpreting Technology.

“The gift of these Community Impact Funds to our shelter is truly a blessing and a Godsend. Though the timing is extremely challenging, the repairs and upgrades to our facilities are a necessity. We are beyond blessed by the support of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and their assistance with this project. They have long been allies of our cause and we are grateful for the wonderful working relationship we have with the tribes. We’re proud to work together to advance humane animal advocacy and we are incredibly appreciative of the confidence and support from the Tribal Leaders.” – Janine Ceja, Executive Director, HSSV.

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The Swinomish Tribe's community impact funds provide an opportunity for the Tribe to give back to the local community and build a healthier neighborhood for all. The Tribe is committed to helping grow and improve the local community in the areas of arts and culture, education and youth services, the environment, health care, public safety, and social services. The Community Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process.

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About the Humane Society of Skagit Valley

The Humane Society of Skagit Valley is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to offer animal advocacy and socially conscious sheltering for companion animals in Northwest Washington - specifically in the Skagit Valley. The shelter's vision is a healthy and happy home for every companion animal that needs one. HSSV offers companion animal adoption, adoption counseling, a low-income food bank, pet behavior counseling, a Barn Buddy Program, feral cat colony, low-income spay and neuter clinic, medical intervention for animals in crisis, education, outreach, and many more services for the animals and citizens of Skagit Valley. Learn more at: www.skagithumane.org

About the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (Swinomish Tribe) is a present-day successor in interest to certain tribes and bands that signed the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott (Treaty) with the United States. The purpose and mission of the Swinomish Tribe is to protect and enhance the quality of the lives of all its members by providing a combination of economic opportunities and a safety net of social services; to protect the culture and traditional practices of the Swinomish people; and to respect and protect the spirit of the ancestors that have gone before and the future generations to come; and to provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone living on and participating in the activities of the Swinomish Reservation. Learn more at <https://swinomish-nsn.gov>.