TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND SUPPORTS THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NORTH LAKE TAHOF

The Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe (BGCNLT) opened in 1998 in response to a lack of affordable childcare in the North Tahoe region. Since then, BGCNLT has become a hub for youth development activities and programs while achieving its mission of inspiring and enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their fullest potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Since its inception, the cost of membership was and still is purposefully kept low, at \$50 per year, to allow all children the opportunity to have a safe, positive place to learn and grow.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund (TDGF) made a grant to BGCNLT in November of 2015. "We were very pleased to help this incredible organization," said Merle Fajans, co-chair of the TDGF operating and grant committee. "In fact, along with the TD 4-Wheelers Club, we have decided to dedicate the proceeds from this summer's Trails and Ales event to Boya

and Girls Club."

BGCNLT provides before and after school programming, summer camps, sports leagues, specialty classes and more to children ages 4-18 who live across the North Tahoe-Truckee region. Currently, BGCNLT has 1,500 members, with 320 attending daily in Kings Beach and 110 daily in Truckee. All members can participate in fun and engaging programs that aim to achieve three priority outcomes: good character and leadership, academic success and healthy lifestyles.

The club has grown tremendously since 1998, moving from two small donated houses into a large facility with a full court gymnasium, performing arts stage, computer lab, commercial kitchen, art room, dedicated teen center and large games room. Membership has also grown along with the addition of new programs and services.

In the last three years, the club has responsed to local needs that were presented by outside agencies and individuals. The addition of two new programs has expanded services to more children and families in the North Tahoe/Truckee region. The Great Futures Early Learning Center opened in response to a lack of affordable preschool programs in Kings Beach and is now nearly operating at capacity.

Likewise, the club opened a program at Truckee Elementary School-serving elementary aged students with after school programs focusing on academic support. The Truckee program is also operating at capacity.

If you are interested in learning more about the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe, visit bgcnlt.org or call the club at 530-546-4324.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is chartered by the TD Board of Directors. All contributions are voluntary tax deductible gifts from TD members and friends.

The TDGF is administered through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. For more information on the TDGF or to make a contribution visit our web page at tahoedonner.com/giving-fund/. Contact tdgf@tahoedonner.com with questions or to volunteer for the committee.

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