



## TAHOE TRUCKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, THE TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND'S STRATEGIC PARTNER

How does a community like North Tahoe and Truckee best understand the complexities that face the region? How might we go about solving some of our toughest challenges?

Those are the questions that the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) asks itself every day. TTCF's mission is to connect people and opportunities, while generating resources to build a more caring, creative, and effective community. TTCF does this by attracting community-minded donors who want to see their dollars positively impact our region – exactly the mission of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund.

TTCF is also a community leader. While our region's 17 special districts, multiple counties, and town can be restrained by political

nuances and boundary lines, TTCF is in a unique position to convene all of the partners at the table and lead tough community conversations. The regional housing issues that are affecting our workforce and residents have become one of those conversations.

As a tourism destination, the North Tahoe and Truckee region faces a spectrum of complex housing issues. A regional housing study was funded by local leaders and facilitated by TTCF which acted as a neutral convener to assemble diverse regional partners and stakeholders. The study consisted of a needs and data assessment and a community outreach campaign that included workforce housing surveys, public forums, and focus groups. It also examined potential solutions that have worked in similar communities. Now after nine months, the study provides a baseline of housing needs, catalyzing our community to design and act on effective solutions.

The housing issues our region faces affect every aspect of our community. Across income levels, our workforce is either over-housed, under-housed, overpaying, or living in unsuitable conditions that lack proper facilities or require repair. Our businesses, including Tahoe Donner as one of Truckee's largest employers, and districts are finding it difficult to attract and retain employees; of those employees that stay with them, many move outside of the region. Our teachers, first-responders, and police force cannot afford to live here.

With the final housing study and accompanying materials complete, momentum is strong. The entire community is engaged in the conversation around housing, and Stacy Caldwell, CEO of TTCF, and her team are presenting the study's findings along with proposed solutions throughout the region.

TTCF is the fiscal agent for the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund. They provide us with back office services, financial and legal oversight, and deep knowledge of our community's highest needs. This allows us, the Tahoe Donner homeowners who have a passion for this region, to know that the dollars that we work so hard to raise are being stewarded well and are having the most impact across the community.

To view the complete Regional Housing Study and associated materials, visit [ttcf.net](http://ttcf.net). Keep an eye out for presentations provided by TTCF

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