

TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND: MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund recently completed the annual grant process and we thought you might like to hear about our experiences in the process.

Committee members, Lois Ermak and Jeanette Fagerskog, were the Giving Fund's representatives this year. They joined Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation's (TTCF) grant committee along with representatives of the Community Foundation's Nature Fund and

the Queen of Hearts foundation in reviewing 73 grant applicant proposals.

The applicants were asked to tell us their current successes, vision and goals for the upcoming year, greatest challenges, and any specific projects they might be working on. This was done in a new electronic format so you can imagine the amount of information we had to research. We met over a two-day period as a "sorting circle" before making final recommendations.

We selected our recommendations to represent a variety of organizations that we think our Tahoe Donner members would be proud to support. These included:

ENVIRONMENTAL AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

- Sierra Watershed Education Partnership - \$5,000
- Headwaters Science Institute - \$1,500

ARTS AND CULTURE:

- Arts for the Schools - \$1,500
- North Tahoe Arts - \$1,500

HUMAN SERVICES:

- Community Recovery Resources - \$1,500
- Sierra Senior Services - \$1,500
- Biking for a Better World - \$1,500

Future Tahoe Donner News articles will tell

more about these great organizations. When added to our prior grants this year to the Boys and Girls Club of North Tahoe, The Tahoe Food Hub and two \$2,000 scholarships, we were able to grant over \$24,000 this year!

It was an amazing and humbling experience. There are so many wonderful organizations in our area doing such great work. Nature, youth, arts, health and human services groups are working to better this beautiful area we all love. We wish we could have funded more!

Thank you to all Tahoe Donner members who donated to the Giving Fund in 2016. With your continued help we can fund even more of these much-needed organizations in 2017.

Please consider us in your annual charitable contributions and help us reach our goal of \$100,000. Visit tahoedonner.com/giving-fund to make your contribution today or use the form in the Association's annual assessment letter that was sent to you.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is chartered by the Tahoe Donner board of directors. All contributions are voluntary tax deductible gifts from Tahoe Donner 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 tahoedonner.com/giving-fund/. Contact tdgf@tahoedonner.com with questions or to volunteer for the committee.

TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND MISSION:

TO INSPIRE GENEROSITY AND POOL CHARITABLE GIVING AMONG OUR TAHOE DONNER NEIGHBORS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT DESERVING PROGRAMS AND YOUTH IN THE GREATER TRUCKEE AND NORTH TAHOE COMMUNITY.



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