



North Tahoe Arts, a grant recipient of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, has doubled the participation in their Kids' Art Camps (left). The organization supports regional artists with visual arts programs and events (right).

TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND: MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund has awarded two grants in the arts community as part of its yearly giving to local non-profit organizations.

ARTS FOR THE SCHOOLS. This program is a bi-state 501(c)3 non-profit that fundamentally believes access and exposure to the arts is essential for all. Arts For The Schools fills the gaps in visual and performing arts education for more than 10,000 children at K-12 schools and provides access to artistic excellence for the public. For 32 years, Arts For The Schools has encouraged children and adults to create, perform, learn, lead, understand and discover.

The grant from the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund will help bring performing arts education into alternative schools in the region. "We're excited to partner with the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund to bring arts education directly into our schools. This year, we are utilizing their generous grant to bring in-depth curriculum to regional alternative schools and to juvenile justice system youth, said Arts for the Schools Executive Director Eve McEneaney. Programming includes workshops with the renowned hip-hop group from Los Angeles, Versa-Style Dance Co., which, according to McEneaney, will allow students to learn and express themselves through movement.

"We are so grateful to the homeowners of Tahoe Donner for recog-

nizing the importance of arts education, especially for underprivileged youth. We will be able provide access to the arts for alternative students during school so we can reach all kids regardless of income and children who normally wouldn't be able to participate in the arts," reports McEneaney.

NORTH TAHOE ARTS (NTA). NTA serves artists, community members of all ages, and visitors. The funding is to continue providing quality visual art programming in 2017. This includes operating the North Tahoe Arts Center in Tahoe City, supporting regional artists seeking professional development, mentoring, networking, and teaching opportunities. The NTA offers community members a comprehensive array of visual art programs and engages visitors who want to explore local artists work and cultural events.

In 2016, NTA was able to:

- Expand the ARTisan Shop by 500 square feet and add six new artists.
 - Increase participation in the North Lake Tahoe Plein Air Open Event.
 - Double the Kids Art Camp outreach from 60 to 120 children served.
- NTA staff and board members continue to emphasize the importance

of keeping the visual arts active in this region despite declining financial and volunteer resources.

“We are so grateful for this grant award. This funding will specifically support bringing our treasured ARTour program back, our newly revitalized Plein Air Event and our highly anticipated workshops program,” said NTA Executive Director Kellie Cutler.

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.

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Composer, cellist and trombonist Dana Leong interacts with a student during a performance at the Truckee Community Arts Center. Arts for the Schools regularly brings artistic performances like this one to Truckee and Tahoe schools.



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