



GIVING FUND LAUNCHES "TAHOE DONNER CARES"

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Here comes the giving season, and right in step, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is launching a new campaign known as Tahoe Donner Cares. This is your way to become connected to and support the greater community that works so hard to make this such a special place to live, recreate and enjoy.

A SUCCESSFUL START: GIVING TO LOCAL CHARITIES DOUBLES IN TWO YEARS

Just two years ago, the Giving Fund was created. Within year one, we funded diverse local non-profits to the tune of more than \$12,000, with contributions from dozens of homeowners, proceeds from the annual benefit dinner, a generous donation from Waltman Construction and proceeds from the TD 4 Wheelers' Trails and Ales event. Recipients in 2015 were:

- Arts for the Schools
- Boys and Girls Club of North Tahoe
- SOS Outreach
- Tahoe Food Hub
- Truckee Community Theater
- Truckee High School student scholarship of \$1,000

For 2016, annual benefit dinner income doubled, renewal and new contributions came in, July 4th concert tickets add-on gifts generated additional income, a Pizza on the Hill night brought together friends in support of the Giving Fund, and the Four-Wheelers Club annual Trails and Ales event proceeds

augmented our success. The result was nearly \$25,000 provided to local organizations and youth. Recipients for 2016 are:

- Arts for the Schools
- Biking for a Better World
- Boys and Girls Club of North Tahoe
- Community Recovery Resources
- Headwaters Science Institute
- North Tahoe Arts
- Sierra Senior Services
- Sierra Watershed Education Partnership (SWEP)
- Tahoe Food Hub
- Two high school student scholarships of \$2,000 each

MODEST GOALS PROMISE TREMENDOUS LOCAL IMPACT

We're just getting started, but imagine what we can do together as we build our grants fund to positively impact more local organizations—arts, education, human services and environmental groups doing good work for our benefit and the benefit of our neighbors and youth in greater Truckee/North Tahoe!

One formula you may have heard is: If 15 percent of Tahoe Donner Association Members give an average of \$100 each year, we will generate \$100,000 and become one of the most significant charitable funds in the community.

Help us reach this goal and join Tahoe Donner Cares with a gift before Dec. 31. You may go online now to www.tahoedonner.com/

givingfund/ and click on the "Donate Now" link. Or, look for an insert in the upcoming annual assessment mailing from Tahoe Donner Association.

With the generous support of our founding partner, Waltman Construction, we have been able to grant 100 percent of your gifts to date to local programs and youth. The Giving Fund has limited administrative costs as activities are conducted by an all-volunteer committee of your neighbors and is powered by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation.

From our hearts to yours, thank you in advance for being a part of Tahoe Donner Cares!

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.

