

# THE TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND IS 4 YEARS OLD!

By **DICK GANDER**, Giving Fund Committee Chair

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is currently in its fourth year of making grants for the local community. We are proud to say that after this round of grants we will have awarded more than \$120,000 in scholarships to local high school graduates and grants to area nonprofits. The tremendous support by Tahoe Donner members in such a short time is a testament to how much *Tahoe Donner Cares!*

Our committee is reviewing grant applications made to the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation from a wide variety of nonprofit organizations, with the goal of distributing \$40,000 to deserving organizations in our areas of interest:

- Health and human services
- Environment, conservation and animal welfare
- Education and youth development
- Arts and culture

This will be a 66% increase over last year's grants due to increases in annual gifts, a record return on our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, and generous support from Elements Mountain Company, our founding partner.

The organizations we have supported in the past include: The Boys & Girls Club, Sierra Senior Services, Tahoe Food Hub, Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships, Headwaters Science Institute, Community Recovery Resources, Arts for the Schools, North Tahoe Arts, Truckee Community Theater, SOS Outreach, Biking for a Better World, Truckee Trails Foundation, Aim High for High School, Choices Transitional Services and Church of the Mountains' Emergency Warming Center.

These organizations do tremendous good in our community, and your Giving Fund contributions have helped them perform their mission.

In the spring, we will join other scholarship funds to select students to support as they pursue their dreams of advanced education. To date, we have helped a young mother be the first in her family to go to college; two young men with the goal of becoming firefighters/EMTs; and our very first scholar, a young woman in her last year at UNR with the intent of returning to Truckee to teach school! These students have compelling stories and we are very proud to have helped them achieve their goals.

All of this good is possible because you and your neighbors have decided to support our greater community by donating to the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund. It is very easy to do online at [tahoedonner.com/giving-fund](http://tahoedonner.com/giving-fund). You will also receive a Giving Fund donation form in your Annual Assessment letter from the association, and you can send in a check with your assessment. Please help us meet our goal of an average gift of \$100 from 15% of Tahoe Donner members. With that help, we can make a huge impact on the Greater Truckee/North Lake Tahoe community and demonstrate that *Tahoe Donner Cares!*

*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 Giving Fund is administered through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. For more information on the Giving Fund or to make a contribution, visit our web page at [tahoedonner.com/giving-fund](http://tahoedonner.com/giving-fund). Contact [tdgf@tahoedonner.com](mailto:tdgf@tahoedonner.com) with questions or to volunteer for the committee. Thank you to our founding partner, Elements Mountain Company, for their continued support.*

