

HIGHLIGHTING GRANTS

\$16,000 for Local Health and Human Services

By THE TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the local nonprofit organizations to whom we awarded grants in November 2018. A full listing of 2018 grants and scholarships can be found at tahoedonner.com/giving-fund.

Thanks to your generosity, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund awarded four grants to local organizations in the area of Health and Human Services in 2018. We hope to reward even more organizations like this in 2019, which we anticipate will be our most generous year yet.



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER of Truckee in support for their Mediation and Legal Assistance Program for low-income community members' civil and family law matters.

"The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund helped the Family Resource Center of Truckee further its mission of providing direct services and education to more than 1,000 households annually," says Elizabeth Balmin, director of the Mediation and Legal Assistance Program. "It is Truckee's one-stop, safety net location where vulnerable families and individuals obtain education, advocacy and professional services for free in a welcoming and supportive environment."



HIGH FIVES FOUNDATION in support of personalized outpatient therapy sessions for 10 locals who have suffered a life-altering injury. The High Fives Foundation focuses

on raising injury prevention awareness and providing resources and inspiration when injuries occur.

"Thank you for the support and the help of spreading the awareness of the organization," says Roy Tuscany, founder and CEO of High Fives. This grant will help grow healing opportunities for adaptive athletes at the CR Johnson Healing Center in Truckee, a facility that provides resources for all modalities of healing. The facility sees over 4,000 visits per year, all at low or no cost to the injured athletes.



SLOW FOOD LAKE TAHOE to use for a new native plant garden, signage and overall garden expenses.

"One of Slow Food Lake Tahoe's main projects is operating the Truckee Demonstration Garden," says Andrea Schaffer, member of the Slow Food Lake Tahoe board of directors. "We utilize this garden to teach community members how to garden in our challenging mountain climate, as well as to donate all harvests to help feed underserved populations during our summer harvest season."

"We will use the granted funds to buy supplies, seeds, plants and equipment necessary to run the garden, expand our growing capacity by refurbishing the few remaining 20- to 30-year-old garden beds, and to support paid internships for one or two students to work in the garden. Thank you again for making it possible to do this wonderful work in our community!"



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to purchase new laptop computers for use by developmentally disabled clients during programs, research projects and field trips. Choices was established in 1988 and provides progressive programs and services to adults with developmental disabilities.

"These grants allow us to provide individualized services to the people in our programs and help them develop skills that help them to be self-sufficient and productive members of our community," says Nancy Chance, executive director of Choices. "Many of the people in our programs learn job skills through volunteer work throughout Truckee, and we also have some very accomplished artists who sell their work in the community."

A heartfelt Thank You to all who donated to the Giving Fund in 2018. Here's to making 2019 our most generous year yet!

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