

# TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND AWARDS \$50,000 IN GRANTS

By **SUZANNE SULLIVAN**, Chair of the Giving Fund Committee

Look what you did! Your donations allowed the Giving Fund to award grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to the ten local nonprofits listed below. Thank you for helping the greater Truckee community. These organizations work hard to enhance the quality of life of everyone in our community.

THE AWARDEES ARE:

ACHIEVE TAHOE	Partial funding* to increase communication with clientele, including online booking for events and donations. Achieve Tahoe is the founding chapter of the national organization, Disabled Sports USA, and provides year-round adaptive sports for children and adults with disabilities.
AIM HIGH FOR HIGH SCHOOL	Partial funding for a 25-day summer educational and enrichment program blending math, science and humanities coursework, social-emotional development, college and career awareness, health and wellness issues and environmental education for low-income middle school students.
ARTS FOR THE SCHOOLS	Partial funding to provide performing arts (music, visual arts and career training) classes and assemblies to bring cultural awareness to students. Meets key California career and arts content standards.
CHOICES PERSON CENTERED SERVICES	Full funding to bring community integration, vocational training and supported employment for the developmentally disabled in the greater Truckee region.
EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER AT CHURCH OF THE MOUNTAINS	Partial funding to provide our under-sheltered neighbors a safe, warm, dry place to stay on the most severe weather nights. Through meals and conversation, clients are connected to longer term services and opportunities.
GIVE BACK TAHOE	Funding for Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation Challenge Grants.
POSITIVELY ROLLING	Full funding to focus on healthy self-esteem and resiliency in middle school boys. This program helps boys develop a heightened perspective on healthy relationships and provides them with productive tools to use during times of stress.
TRUCKEE ARTS ALLIANCE	Partial funding to support the work of the Truckee Cultural District. With this grant the Alliance will bring greater community awareness of the arts in Truckee and forge sustainable partnerships with the community, thereby strengthening Truckee's unique rural position within the California Cultural District program.
TRUCKEE DONNER LAND TRUST	Partial funding connected to the new 26-acre Downtown Riverfront Park. This project opens riverfront land heretofore landlocked and allows for a vital link to the Legacy Trail. This site was once the location of C. F. McGlashon's Ice Palace, an important part of Truckee's history.
TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL	Partial funding to restore, protect and enhance 11 miles of the Truckee River through downtown Truckee with focus on restoring riparian habitat, increasing recreational access and reducing erosion.

\* All mentions of "partial funding" indicate that another fund is underwriting the rest of the grant request.

We truly hope in this season of giving, continuing and new donors will make a gift to the Giving Fund. For more information on ways to give, including online and with your annual assessment, visit [tahoedonner.com/givingfund](http://tahoedonner.com/givingfund) and be sure to see the *Tahoe Donner News* cutout on page 8 of the December 2019 issue.

YEAR	DOLLARS AWARDED	TOTAL DOLLARS AWARDED	ANNUAL INCREASE	INCREASE FROM INCEPTION
2015	11,090	11,090	-	-
2016	11,400	25,090	26%	26%
2017	24,000	49,050	71%	116%
2018	40,000	89,090	67%	261%
2019	50,000	139,090	25%	351%

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund was founded in 2014; no grants were awarded that year.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Giving Fund is excited to announce a new speaker series, starting in January! This is an opportunity for community members to come together and get to know each other better, all while learning about relevant local topics. Learn more at [tahoedonner.com/speaker-series](http://tahoedonner.com/speaker-series). See you there!

January 16	Driving in Snow and Ice PETE MANN, TRUCKEE CHP
February 6	The Physics of Snow BENHARD BACH, UNR
February 20	High Altitude Baking Tips DANIELLA LUCHIAN, SIERRA BAKEHOUSE
March 5	The Art of Grooming PER HURTIG, TAHOE DONNER XC GROOMER
March 19	Microplastics in Lake Tahoe and Sierra Nevada Snow MONICA ARIENZO AND MEGHAN COLLINS, DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE



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