



SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE GIVING FUND

Your support of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund has assisted local non-profits and student scholars. This month we are featuring two more who have been recipients of your generosity: the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail and José Ponce, a 2018 Truckee High School graduate.

BIKE TO RENO



Isn't it wonderful to be able to access the great outdoors on the two wheels of a bicycle? Have you ridden beyond the wonderful Tahoe Donner trails?

Just last November, the Giving Fund awarded a total of \$45,000 in grants to local non-profits. One recipient was the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail. If you venture onto the trail toward Reno, your ride is now smoother thanks to the Giving Fund's support for resolving a rough spot near Farad.

Thanks to favorable December weather, this project is already complete. As you can see in the "before" and "after" images above, the original gravel trail had become quite rutted in this short stretch, creating a safety concern - especially for novice riders.

Going forward, riders can enjoy a safer paved path thanks to work done by Rock & Rose Nursery + Landscape. It was no small task, as 32 yards of material had to be wheelbarrowed 300 yards from the delivery site to the work site!

While you probably do not want to bring your Costco load home via the bike trail, you certainly can enjoy a scenic and safe ride along the Truckee River between here and Reno thanks in part to generous contributions from people like you - Tahoe Donner property owners.

CHEF'S SPECIAL



Please meet José Ponce, a 2018 Truckee High School graduate you have supported as he works toward fulfilling his dream of opening his own Asian-Mexican restaurant in the greater Truckee area. Currently, he is a student in the Lake Tahoe Culinary Arts Program in South Lake Tahoe. Upon completion, he will have an associate degree with a major in culinary arts and a minor in business.

He is persevering despite the COVID-19 pandemic having derailed his coursework and apprenticeship; some of his classes had to be canceled or recreated virtually. The apprenticeship will have to wait until the restaurants are once again operating "normally." Given this learning challenge, it will take a bit longer to complete the program as he waits for key classes to return to in-person settings.

In the meantime, José continues to work full-time in the kitchen at Tahoe Forest Hospital gaining valuable back-of-the-house experience as well as a paycheck he shares with his family.

Through your donations, the Giving Fund has been able to support José; he has used your contributions to purchase a fine set of chef's knives as well as provide for his transportation between Truckee and the south shore of Lake Tahoe. José is a fine young man, and we are so proud to be able to support him in making his dream come true.

The Giving Fund has ended its year-end annual appeal. However, we accept donations at any time. You may contribute to causes like the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail and students like José by mailing a check to the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund or, even more conveniently, contributing via credit card at tahoedonner.com/giving-fund.

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