



TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND FEATURED RECIPIENTS

This month, we are featuring two more recipients of your generosity: Sierra Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program and 2020 Scholarship Awardee Chuy Rizo.

SIERRA SENIOR SERVICES



The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is proud to support Sierra Senior Services and their Meals on Wheels program, which is celebrating its 20th year serving Truckee and North Lake Tahoe areas. With your help, we were able to extend a grant of \$5,000 in 2020 to support this much-needed program.

Sierra Senior Services provides home-delivered meals each week-day, community dining in non-COVID-19 times, social connection and additional support services. This assistance empowers seniors to continue living independently to support their mission "to improve the quality of life for every senior in our community and to foster a more giving and charitable society." Volunteers bring food and friendship along with a daily wellness check to seniors, and they can always use more volunteers.

Sharon Romack, the executive director, expresses her appreciation to the Giving Fund for our support. Over 43,000 meals were delivered in 2020. This number has stayed relatively stable going into 2021. Sharon is also grateful for the amazing community we live in where so many individuals donate their time in delivering meals and helping with other center activities.

The Giving Fund is excited to help the Sierra Senior Center with their mission of helping local seniors live independently at home for as long as possible.

CHECK-IN WITH CHUY



One of Tahoe Donner Giving Fund's 2020 Impact Scholarship recipients is Chuy, more formally known as Fernando Rizo, who is finishing his first year of classes at UC Santa Cruz.

It was not easy for Chuy to launch into college within the context of a COVID-19 pandemic. This meant living at home and completing classes online. Chuy did not let this get in the way of having a successful freshman year. He has carried a full load, taking both general education classes and biology-specific courses, as his major is biology.

Chuy anticipates pursuing a career in the health science field. Greatly influenced by his immigrant parents specifically, "a mother who could never practice medicine like she wanted to and a father who struggles with health issues every day." Chuy is the youngest of seven children in his family and is the first in his family to attend a four-year university.

Chuy is enthusiastic about being on campus this coming fall and taking in all that UCSC has to offer. As an outgoing social guy who is also a natural leader, we are confident Chuy will enjoy campus life while getting a first-rate education.

Please consider donating to the Giving Fund to support local students like Chuy.

You may contribute to causes like Meals on Wheels and students like Chuy by mailing a check to the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund or, more conveniently, contributing via credit card at tahoedonner.com/giving-fund.

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