

# TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND COMING SOON

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund (TDGF) will officially launch in 2015. This fund is a new non-profit program designed to allow Tahoe Donner members the opportunity to make charitable contributions to benefit the greater Truckee/Tahoe area. Contributing to the TDGF is on a volunteer basis and is a tax deductible contribution. The TDGF is part of the Tahoe Donner Homeowners Association, but no assessment money will go into the fund and the fund will reimburse the association for any services rendered.

The fund is administered by the Tahoe Donner board and assisted by a volunteer committee made up of Tahoe Donner homeowners in good standing who are passionate about giving back to this community. The newly established committee, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund operations and grant committee, will recommend actions and funding to support the following local areas of interest:

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

The board appointed the initial committee members to include: Merle Fajans and Dick Gander as co-chairs, Marilyn Disbrow, Jennifer Jordon, Suzanne Sullivan, Joan Woodard, Cam Murphy, Barbara Czerwinski and Janet Zipser Zipkin. There are three open seats on the committee; contact Dick Gander at [rwgander@yahoo.com](mailto:rwgander@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

“The board would like to thank the volunteers for the new committee and for their effort over the past few months in creating this important new way for homeowners that live part-time or full-time in Tahoe Donner to support and give back to our local community,” said Jim Stang, Tahoe Donner board president.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund volunteer operations and grant committee will create a funding and marketing plan over the next few months for fundraising in 2015. The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) will provide all legal, accounting and investment

services for the TDGF. In addition, TTCF will assist with the grant making process to local non-profit organizations.

With over 25,000 Tahoe Donner members, if every member donated just \$10 to raise more than \$250,000 in local funding, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund has the potential to make a significant difference in our community. Tahoe Donner and the TDGF team look forward to the endless possibilities coming to the community this 2015 year.



Richard Gander (left) and Merle Fajans (right), co-chairs for the new Tahoe Donner Giving Fund are pictured with Kristi Darzynkiewicz (center), financial officer for the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation to celebrate the start of the new Tahoe Donner Giving Fund which will be coordinated through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation.

## E16 WINE SAMPLING AT THE LODGE, NOVEMBER 9

E16 Wines embraces artisanal winemaking methods in California Wine Country and is owned and operated by Tahoe Donner member, Kelly Young.

The winery takes its name from the original winegrower's original estate vineyard located off Highway E16 in El Dorado. Twenty years ago, it was a road less traveled to develop a mountain vineyard, but the rugged wine

country eventually became the up-and-coming Fairplay appellation. The wines are produced in Sebastopol, at the heart of the Russian River Valley.

Come up to The Lodge Restaurant & Pub on Nov. 9 from 5-7 p.m. to receive one free sampling per person of chardonnay or pinot noir produced by E16 Wines.

Cheers!

