

My husband and I have donated regularly for many years to the TDGF as we strongly support the GF's mission of supporting deserving programs and youth in the greater Truckee community. That said, I would like to further support this organization in a more "hands-on" way, not just financially. For the past 13 years (I retired in June 2022) I was a Special Education Para-Educator in the Portola Valley School District. Many of the students that I supported were minority students from East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park – participants in the Tinsley Voluntary Transfer Program in San Mateo County. My job was rewarding on many fronts but the two primary reasons was being able to witness and aid in the academic and social advancements of the students as well as knowing that these students now had resources available to them that they might not have had in their home district. I have always had a passion for the education sector. My conversations with Nan Meeks, Marcia Argyris, and Diane Campbell regarding the amazing impact being made on in the lives of the scholarship recipients (and their families) is not only heart-warming but has bolstered my interest in being a part of this process. Prior to working in the Education sector, I also worked as an Operations Manager in the travel industry, with primary responsibilities in HR and accounting. Other experience includes relationship building through volunteering for various organizations.