



# HOW ONE DAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

## GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 28

By **DIANE CAMPBELL**, Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee Member

One day can make a life-changing difference, whether it's the one-day worldwide phenomenon of Giving Tuesday or the one day a student is awarded a scholarship that changes their life and that of the family.

### LET'S GIVE TOGETHER TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Giving Tuesday follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday with a radical day of online giving that brings together communities worldwide. Our community at Tahoe Donner supports scholarships for local students and funds grants to help local nonprofits.

This year, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is pleased to give you a great reason to be generous. **For every \$100 you donate on Nov. 28 at [givingfund.tahoedonner.com/GivingTuesday2023](http://givingfund.tahoedonner.com/GivingTuesday2023), your donation earns one entry to opt-in to a drawing for a ride-along in a Tahoe Donner snowcat and an opportunity to learn from the pros about trail grooming at the Downhill Ski Resort or Cross Country Ski Center.** This prize drawing is good for one rider 18 years or older. Depending on the conditions, the ride will last one to two hours. For details, see [tahoedonner.com/giving-fund](http://tahoedonner.com/giving-fund). There is no obligation to participate in the Snowcat incentive when you donate \$100 or more.



Let's give together to help more students and nonprofits and (ahem) earn more chances to ride on that snowcat!

### YOUR DONATIONS MADE A LIFE-CHANGING DIFFERENCE

One particular day in May of 2020, Luis awoke to find that he was the recipient of a Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Impact Scholarship. From that day forward, Luis' life was changed forever. He enrolled in UC Irvine as a freshman and will proudly graduate in the upcoming spring of 2024.

Luis rode through the turmoil of the pandemic but spent his freshman year studying online at home in Truckee and working a night job at Panda Express. He admits that he felt lonely and isolated during that time. He moved to Irvine the following year and has successfully forged ahead with enthusiasm and gratitude ever since.

UC Irvine has awakened Luis to three passions! His main area of study has been criminology, and he has law school ambitions on his radar. He would like to become an "exoneration" lawyer to help those, especially minorities, who have been wrongly accused and imprisoned. He has also studied education and continues to give back to his hometown by teaching at Tahoe/Truckee Unified School District's Aim High summer programs.



Luis, third from left, stands with other Tahoe Donner Giving Fund IMPACT Scholars.

And Luis' third passion? DANCE! Luis joined UC Irvine's Ballet Folklorico, which celebrates and performs music and dance from various regions of Mexico, like Sinaloa and Veracruz. This year, he was nominated to a leadership position and now holds the impressive title of Wardrobe Coordinator.

Luis thanks the TDGF for its tremendous generosity. Because of the scholarship, Luis can focus all his energy on his academic life without the burden of family financial woes. He proudly told me that he has grown independent and responsible as a result of his UC Irvine experiences.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is chartered by the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors to administer the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, an affiliate fund of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax #68-0416404. All contributions are voluntary and are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Tahoe Donner Giving Fund grants and scholarships are made through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation's annual review process. For more information, visit [tahoedonner.com/giving-fund](http://tahoedonner.com/giving-fund).

Thank you to all donors and to our founding partner, Elements Mountain Company, for their continued support since the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund was founded in 2014, as well as to our anonymous donor who generously funds the IMPACT Scholarships each year.

POWERED BY



FOUNDING PARTNER