

TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND CELEBRATES A DECADE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT



MEET VICTORIA, 2025 GRADUATE IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

“It opened a whole new set of doors for me,” Victoria said of being awarded the IMPACT Scholarship from the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund in 2021. “It opened a big new door to the world of private school for me, and it opened up a doorway for my community, showing all of us that we can go for bigger things.” This May, she graduated from Dominican University with a degree in education and will continue into her fifth year to earn her master’s degree.

When she began the college application process, Victoria expected to attend a community college first and help her parents pay for it by working. She never considered the possibility of going to a private school until she learned about the IMPACT Scholarship. With her mom’s encouragement, she gave that application her best shot and succeeded beyond her expectations.

Now, Victoria is on track to achieve her dream of teaching special education, or SPED. Victoria will have the education and ability to differentiate instruction for her students, who will have a variety of special needs, and provide them with strategies for learning, motivation and participation.

“Without the support of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund’s IMPACT Scholarship, I would not have had the option to attend Dominican and earn these degrees. I am really happy, and so grateful for this opportunity.”

Dominican’s study abroad program in Spain was memorable for Victoria, where, in addition to her SPED curriculum, her worldview expanded. “I made so many friends, experiencing the different food, culture and music. My younger sister was the brave one who was the first in our family to study abroad, and her experience inspired me to look into a similar program through Dominican.”

As a first-generation Latina, Victoria is grateful to be able to inspire others and open doors to new experiences, excellent education and big dreams for herself and her community.

“I love that I get to show the Hispanic community back home that we are capable of so much more — there’s no telling how far we can go.”

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF GIVING

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary is a special occasion for the volunteers of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee. It’s an opportunity to tell the stories of the local students who have been awarded scholarships, and the local nonprofits who have been awarded grants. It’s a time to say “well done” to the philanthropic foresight of the Giving Fund’s founders and the continuing financial support of Tahoe Donner members. And it’s well worth expressing “thank you, thank you, thank you” to the Tahoe Donner members who have provided the financial gifts that made the past ten years of philanthropy possible.

Our committee’s mission is to inspire generosity and charitable giving among Tahoe Donner members in order to support deserving programs and youth in the greater Truckee community. During our first decade, the Giving Fund awarded \$1,490,000 in local scholarships and \$400,000 in local nonprofit grants, for a total of \$1,890,000 in community support.

In some ways, that’s a lot, but in other ways, it’s not. So many needs remain in our local area, so maintaining and accelerating our fundraising momentum is mission-critical.

Will you help us raise funds for more support this year? Your gift, in any amount, will do so much good. This year, our tenth, there are options to give a one-time gift or sign up for a monthly gift to join the Giving Circle. Give \$10 or add another zero or two in front of the decimal point – every gift is welcome and appreciated!

Give today through the QR code above right – thank you!

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund is administered as an affiliate fund of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 68-0416404. All contributions are voluntary, irrevocable, and are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tahoe Donner Giving Fund grants and scholarships are made through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation’s annual review process. The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is chartered by the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors to carry out the mission of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund: to inspire generosity and charitable giving among Tahoe Donner members in order to support deserving programs and youth in the greater Truckee community. The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee thanks our founding partner, Elements Mountain Company, who has supported the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund since its inception in 2014, and the anonymous Tahoe Donner member who has generously funded the IMPACT Scholarships each year since 2019.



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