



TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND 10TH ANNIVERSARY WINTER CAMPAIGN: OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

"Local hunger relief program faces funding cuts."

– Sierra Sun
Sept. 19, 2025

"Most nonprofits are in survival mode, waiting for donors to act."

– Forbes Magazine
Oct. 2, 2025

Headlines such as these underscore the growing need for fundraising efforts, as seen in the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund's 10th Anniversary Winter Campaign. There's never been a more critical time for the philanthropy envisioned a decade ago by The Giving Fund's founders.

10 YEARS OF GIVING

In 2015, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund awarded its first scholarship. Since then, the Giving Fund has awarded scholarships to a total of 84 local students and made grants to 37 nonprofit organizations during our first decade.

In 2025, the need for philanthropy is greater than ever before, with extensive funding cuts for social services and education continuing to occur, both nationally and locally. The essential programs that serve our seniors, families and community are struggling to provide help and hope, and some programs are having to close their doors.

But we know we can help. Together with you, our neighbors in Tahoe Donner, we can raise funds, make grants, award scholarships and continue to make our community the great place we love to live, work and play.

The need is greater than ever, but so is our ability to make a difference. Join us in making the final months of our 10th anniversary year the most generous in our history!



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MEET ANTHONY, 2025 GRADUATE IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: SETTING OUT TO CHANGE THE WORLD

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Anthony began his remarks at this summer's Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Donor Event with that powerful statement from Nelson Mandela, adding, "It's with this belief that I am pursuing higher education." Anthony graduated from Truckee High School in June and is now studying political science at the University of California, Riverside.



His interest in how politics operates started when he represented Truckee on the Nevada County Youth Commission, and continued at the California Department of Education, where he researched ways to help mixed-status families understand their constitutional rights.

"Coming from a low-income household, the importance of seeking higher education has always been instilled in me, with the understanding that when you are truly passionate about something, you will find a way to succeed," he explained, crediting the influence of his parents, who worked tirelessly to foster educated minds and his sisters, who pursued degrees at Sacramento State University.

"My parents, my family, and I are extremely appreciative of this support," he continued. "For me, this scholarship represents more than financial assistance. It's a symbol of belief in my potential to contribute meaningfully to politics and policy. Receiving this scholarship is going to bring me one step closer to realizing my aspirations of shaping impactful legislation and driving positive change in our society."

"It brings me both peace and hope, knowing that there are still good people out there in this troubled world. I promise to honor this gift by paying it forward, mentoring future students from similar backgrounds and working to create opportunities for them. This truly means the world to me. Thank you."

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 is administered as an affiliate fund of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit 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 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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