

# TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND

## \$60,000 IN GRANTS PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS



Giving to our local community through the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund has never been more meaningful as the fallout from government funding cuts is compounded by rising needs throughout the Truckee area. Since 2015, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund in partnership with the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation has awarded grants to nearly 40 local nonprofit organizations. Areas of focus include: arts and culture; education and youth development; environment and conservation; animal welfare; and health and human services.

Thanks to all the Tahoe Donner members who generously donated to the Giving Fund, \$60,000 in grants were awarded in Fall 2025 to the following organizations:

### \$10,000 to Friends of the Truckee Library



The Friends of the Truckee Library support the cultural, social and educational wellbeing of our community. Their vision of a 20,000-square-foot modern library that will serve as the community hub for connection, creativity, and collaboration is well in its way to becoming a reality because of significant sources of funding and the successful passage of Measure G. A larger space will serve our whole community in access to dreams and opportunities, technology, resources and services, and so much more.

### \$10,000 to La Fuerza Latina



Craig Rowe, an English teacher at Truckee High School, started La Fuerza Latina (LFL) in 2015. Support and guidance are provided primarily to Latina students who have good grades, good work ethics and are full of potential, but have limited resources to help them succeed and navigate the arduous college prep and admission process. Funding is used for a wide variety of things including but not limited to: application fees; summer programs; academic travel stipends; tutoring; and research experiences. Several of the Giving Fund scholarship recipients have benefited from being part of LFL.

### \$10,000 to Sierra Senior Services – Meals on Wheels



Sierra Senior Services administers the Meals on Wheels program for the Truckee and Lake Tahoe area. With the cuts to Federal grant funding in 2025, the organization is facing significant challenges as the only organization providing this support for seniors in our area. To qualify for Meals on Wheels, a person must be 60 years of age or older and unable to shop for or prepare their own meals. All deliveries are made by volunteers who drive nine routes, including one route that covers the entire Truckee Community. These deliveries not only provide needed meals but also reduce isolation for seniors and allow them to continue to live independently for as long as possible.

### \$5,000 to Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe



The Boys and Girls Club's mission is to inspire and enable all youth to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible community members. They accomplish this by providing safe and structured after school and summer programs for youth throughout the Truckee and Tahoe Area. The primary Truckee site is located at Truckee Elementary School, where services are provided to TK through 5th grade students.

### \$5,000 to Fellowship of Compassion – Navigation Center



The Navigation Center one-year pilot program is scheduled to open in February of 2026. It is the first shelter of its kind in Truckee and will provide a range of year-round services for the area's unhoused population. The pilot program will provide temporary housing/ shelter (6 interim beds and 10 shelter beds), case management services, and a range of essential resources including showers, meals, laundry, mail services and storage. This model will truly provide stability in people's lives by creating a safe and supportive place for our unhoused neighbors.

### \$5,000 to Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe



The Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe (HSTT) is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of pets through adoption, community spay/neuter and humane education programs. HSTT has seen a drastic increase in the use of their Pet Pantry as members of our community struggle financially. The Giving Fund grant will help to support assistance programs with the goal of keeping pets in their homes.

### \$5,000 to Slow Food Lake Tahoe



Slow Food Lake Tahoe's mission is to connect our community to the enjoyment of good, clean and fair food by inspiring a self-reliant food culture. In Truckee, they are best known for the food bank and community gardens located in the Regional Park. They also coordinate compost collection at the Farmer's Market and sponsor many educational programs about growing, preparing and accessing local and sustainable food.

### \$5,000 to Tahoe Truckee School of Music



The Tahoe Truckee School of Music's mission is to provide music education to students in the TTUSD service area. To further this goal, they maintain an instrument library for students who cannot afford to purchase one. They partner with local businesses, agencies and chambers to showcase local students. Partnerships include Tahoe Donner, Northstar, Palisades Tahoe, Truckee Chamber of Commerce, Tahoe Truckee Airport District and more. This collaboration offers students unique and valuable live performance opportunities.

### \$5,000 to Truckee River Watershed Council – Euer Valley Project



The Euer Valley is a beloved part of the Tahoe Donner community. In collaboration with the Tahoe Donner Association, the Watershed Council is managing a wetland restoration project in the Valley. Phase I of the project includes the improvement and restoration of Coyote Crossing with a new bridge installed across the creek and a boardwalk installed in the wetland area of the trail. The goal is to restore the damaged wetland to its natural habitat.

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.

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# FREE SNOWPLAY MEMBER NIGHTS

FEBRUARY 6-7 + 13-15 | 5:15-6:30PM

Bundle up and join us for a brand-new, **FREE** member-exclusive winter experience at Snowplay! Enjoy tubing under the lights, complete with music, glowing snow and the perfect setting for quality family time and unforgettable winter moments. Race down the lanes, build a snowman, gather around the fire pit, sip hot cocoa, snack on fresh donuts and mix and mingle with fellow Tahoe Donner members.

**Open to members and their accompanied guests only**—no reservations required. Bring your valid Member ID Card for free entry; accompanied guests may join by paying the guest rate on-site.

**Plus! Remember to tag Tahoe Donner (@tahoedonnerassociation) for a chance to be featured on social media!**



All event dates are weather and conditions permitting. Access NOT permitted for the public, unaccompanied guests or Short-Term Tenant Cards.