

A watercolor illustration of two hikers in a mountain landscape. A man in a light blue shirt, khaki shorts, a green hat, and a blue backpack stands with his back to the viewer, holding two trekking poles. A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a green hat and a green backpack, is crouching in front of him. They are surrounded by a dense forest of green evergreen trees. In the background, there are large, misty mountains. Two birds are flying in the sky. In the bottom left corner, there are yellow flowers and a small blue butterfly.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMPACT

**DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM
YOUR COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY**

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Dear Friends of the Community Foundation,

It is our great pleasure to present an overview of 2023 and the incredible accomplishments of the community we serve. Through the support of our donors, Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation was able to distribute **over \$12.1 Million** in grants to dedicated nonprofit organizations. These grants provided resources to organizations responding to the needs and challenges of our community.

Together in 2023 we provided **support** and **hunger relief** to children, elders, and families in our community. We offered **educational and mentorship opportunities** for our future leaders and created a safe space for our children to grow.

We **protected our forests** from the threat of wildfire and created environmental health and sustainability. We supported the **creation of beautiful art** and worked toward the **preservation of heritage, history, and culture**.

We offered **critical support** to our neighbors and friends in **times of need**.

Over the years, we continue to find inspiration in the amazing transforming power of philanthropy. In 2023, your Community Foundation grew in its dedication to **address the complex needs of our region** and we invite you to see a glimpse of the impact your support makes in your community.

We are **moved** by each and every one of you who have played such a vital role in **supporting Tahoe** today and for its future.

Thank you for your commitment,

Ron Alling, Chairman Claudia Andersen, CEO

EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A STRONG FOUNDATION

Our mission is cultivating community philanthropy to enhance and preserve the quality of life at Tahoe. We envision a thriving community created through meaningful philanthropy, inclusive communication, and the willingness to explore possibilities together.

HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

We support nonprofit organizations through **grantmaking**

We promote and support **charitable giving** to benefit the Tahoe community and **ensure donor intentions**

We **lead impactful community initiatives** and **engage in community partnerships** addressing our region's most pressing issues



Since its inception in 1996,
PARASOL TAHOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
has granted over **\$114 MILLION** to nonprofit
organizations who enhance the people and places of
Tahoe.

The generosity of our donors are making an incredible
impact on our community today and for the future of
Tahoe.

TOTAL 2023
GRANTMAKING
\$12.1M

ENVIRONMENT
\$3,090,845

Environmental sustainability and education,
recreation, ecosystems, and wildlife

WELL-BEING
\$2,072,655

Resources and programs promoting social well-
being, helping to build a stronger community

\$114M
TOTAL GRANTMAKING
SINCE 1996

ARTS & CULTURE
\$1,942,529

Arts education, historical preservation,
and a rich cultural experience

EDUCATION &
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
\$2,968,599

Quality educational, training, and mentoring
opportunities for children, youth, and adults

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
\$2,035,689

Strategic partnerships, civic
initiatives, and faith-based causes



GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

Taking a **regional approach** to **addressing unique and challenging issues** in Tahoe, the Community Foundation offers a variety of programs designed to support organizations who are working directly to meet our community's greatest needs. **Grantmaking programs** are supported by donations and each program is designed to meet the charitable intent of the donor.

Here is a breakdown of our grantmaking programs offered in 2023:

MANAGED FUND GRANTS

Managed Fund Grants are grants with **advisors recommending grants** from their fund to support nonprofit organizations and work with the Community Foundation staff to create **meaningful philanthropic impact**. These include Donor Advised Funds, Memorial Funds, Legacy Funds, and others.

DONALD W. REYNOLDS (DWR) COMMUNITY NONPROFIT CENTER GRANTS

DWR Center Grants are **discretionary grants** offered to nonprofit organizations who receive grant supported **office, storage, and meeting space** at the DWR Community Nonprofit Center in Incline Village.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

Community Fund Grants are **discretionary grants** based on **application requests** from nonprofit organizations. The following are the current Community Fund Grants being offered at the Community Foundation:

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

Annually, Community Impact grants allow nonprofit organizations to **request the support they need** to better serve the Tahoe region. They are determined by the **Community Impact Committee (CIC)**, comprised of volunteer members from the community who review each grant proposal and award the most impactful opportunities. In 2023, the Community Foundation **expanded opportunities** for nonprofits by inviting its Donor Advised Fund holders to **co-invest** in the Community Impact grants. Donors were provided brief summaries of each grant proposal and given the opportunity to make grant recommendations from their funds, which **expanded the collective support** for nonprofits serving Lake Tahoe and **increased the overall amount granted**.

ACTION GRANTS

A new and exciting opportunity introduced in 2023, **Action Grants** are small grants that are **intended to pay for specific one-time expenses or materials** for organizations/programs serving the Lake Tahoe Basin. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are awarded quarterly by the Community Foundation's CIC.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The Community Foundation participates in creating **regional solutions by bringing local knowledge and financial resources** to the table in partnership with other community leaders and organizations.



GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

MANAGED FUND GRANTS

ADVISED FUNDS - CHARITABLE FUNDS - LEGACY FUNDS

DWR NONPROFIT CENTER

ROOM USE - STORAGE SPACE - RESIDENT OFFICE SPACE

COMMUNITY FUND

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

ACTION GRANTS

IMPACTS OF \$12.1M GRANTMAKING IN 2023

ADDRESSING PRESSING ISSUES IN OUR REGION

The battle of inflation has escalated pressing issues in the Tahoe region.



HUNGER

With an increase in food insecurity, food distribution services are the nutritious lifeline to many residents. In 2023, in addition to **over \$73,000** in grant supported office, meeting, event, and storage space, SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE was granted **\$20,000** to support their mission by funding the **Hunger Relief Program**, which is essential to the health and well-being of our community.

“It helps me keep my children eating healthy foods especially with the rising food costs... With the program I know my kids will be able to get their fruits and veggies in without wondering if I will have enough food to last all week. “

--Community Member

BREAD & BROTH was granted **\$15,000** to continue the organization's efforts in **responding to food insecurity** in Tahoe's South Shore community. Each year, these programs faithfully feed elderly on fixed incomes, children, struggling families, and veterans.

In 2023, Bread and Broth served more people with food services than ever before, **serving between 90-110 dinner guests each week at Monday Meals**, and close to **175 children through the weekend food program** in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District schools. They also were able to pilot a new program and expand their demographic in order to provide food to children ages 18 months to 5 years of age. Grant funding from the Community Fund directly supports the dedicated work of this organization to **provide nutrition and ease hunger** to our neighbors and friends in time of need.



HOUSING

The unique short and long-term housing complications of Tahoe are being addressed through organizations dedicated to offering support to those who are experiencing financial crisis and in need of housing assistance. TAHOE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES (TYFS) received **\$5,000** in 2023 to **support homeless young adults ages 21-24** who were not able to live independently or who needed a more extended period to establish employment, income, or other necessities to ensure safe and long-term permanent housing through TYFS' Transitional Living Program and Rapid Rehousing program. Funding from the Community Foundation provided **mental health counseling and/or substance use treatment** and **supported basic needs** such as food, clothing, or household supplies.

SAINT JOSEPH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (SJCLT) received **\$20,000** for the upfront **acquisition and predevelopment** costs for a future affordable ownership townhome complex. In 2023, SJCLT built and sold 3 affordable ownership homes to 3 local families in South Lake Tahoe and also began construction on Phase 1, including 68 units, of the Sugar Pine Village 248 unit Workforce Housing Complex.



ECONOMIC RESILIENCY

In addressing pressing issues of the region, the Community Foundation understands that the need for **economic resiliency** are foundational for the sustainable future of Tahoe. In 2023, the Community Foundation provided **over \$19,000** in grant supported office, meeting, event, and storage space to TAHOE PROSPERITY CENTER (TPC) to support their work in making the Tahoe Basin a place where anyone can live, work, play, and thrive.

The Community Foundation continues to provide **community leadership** in addressing our region's most pressing issues by understanding the many facets of the regional needs, by having a seat at the table when conversations take place amongst our community's leaders, and by offering support to nonprofit organizations who are addressing these issues today.

CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL MOMENTS

The sustainable future of Tahoe and other long-term focus provides planning and readiness for critical moments where there is an immediate need.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

The Community Foundation supports programs providing emergency relief to residents.

LIVE VIOLENCE FREE was **granted \$9,000** to provide funds for the **Basic Needs Food Distribution** and Outreach Program. The program offers **victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and stalking** nutritious food. In addition to food services, core programs of Live Violence Free include: urgent support such as crisis intervention, peer counseling, and advocacy. Emergency housing assistance, transportation, mobile advocacy and therapy, and legal support are also available.

In 2023, TAHOE FAMILY SOLUTIONS was granted **\$15,000** for their **Family Resource Center - Community Support Team** fund which made sixteen **emergency assistance distributions** to provide rental assistance, pay medical bills, utility bills, insurance expenses, and more. This aid impacted families like Rob and Diane, who obtained full-time care of their 4-year old grandson, and had temporary needs that were met **in order to become self-sufficient** with their new family addition.



Photo courtesy Live Violence Free



Photo courtesy Adventure Risk Challenge

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Urgent support takes preparation, skill development, and proper equipment to act in critical moments of need. ADVENTURE RISK CHALLENGE received **\$5,000** which helped to facilitate a fully-enrolled **Wilderness First Aid and CPR** certification for youth from both North Tahoe and Truckee High Schools. HIGH FIVES FOUNDATION'S C.R. Johnson (CRJ) Healing Center serves an average of 452 athletes, veterans, and community members with life-changing injuries each month. To increase the safety of visitors, **\$1,900** was granted for the **purchase of an AED** to retain on site in case of cardiac incident.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

When a critical moment arrives, the Community Foundation is proud to have provided financial support to those who so quickly respond, such as the two incidents reported from 2023:



Photo courtesy El Dorado SAR

Rescuer: EL DORADO SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (EL DORADO SAR)

Where: Horsetail Falls

When: December 2023

Grant Funding: \$15,000

Emergency call from **two day hikers** who were stuck in a complicated bouldering area, at risk of falling, and **without ample clothing or equipment**. El Dorado SAR ground team responded and **assisted in getting the subjects safely out** of the precarious situation with the use of climbing gear including headlamps, ropes, climbing equipment, carabiners and rigging gear **which had been purchased with grant assistance**.

Rescuer: TAHOE NORDIC
SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (TNSAR)

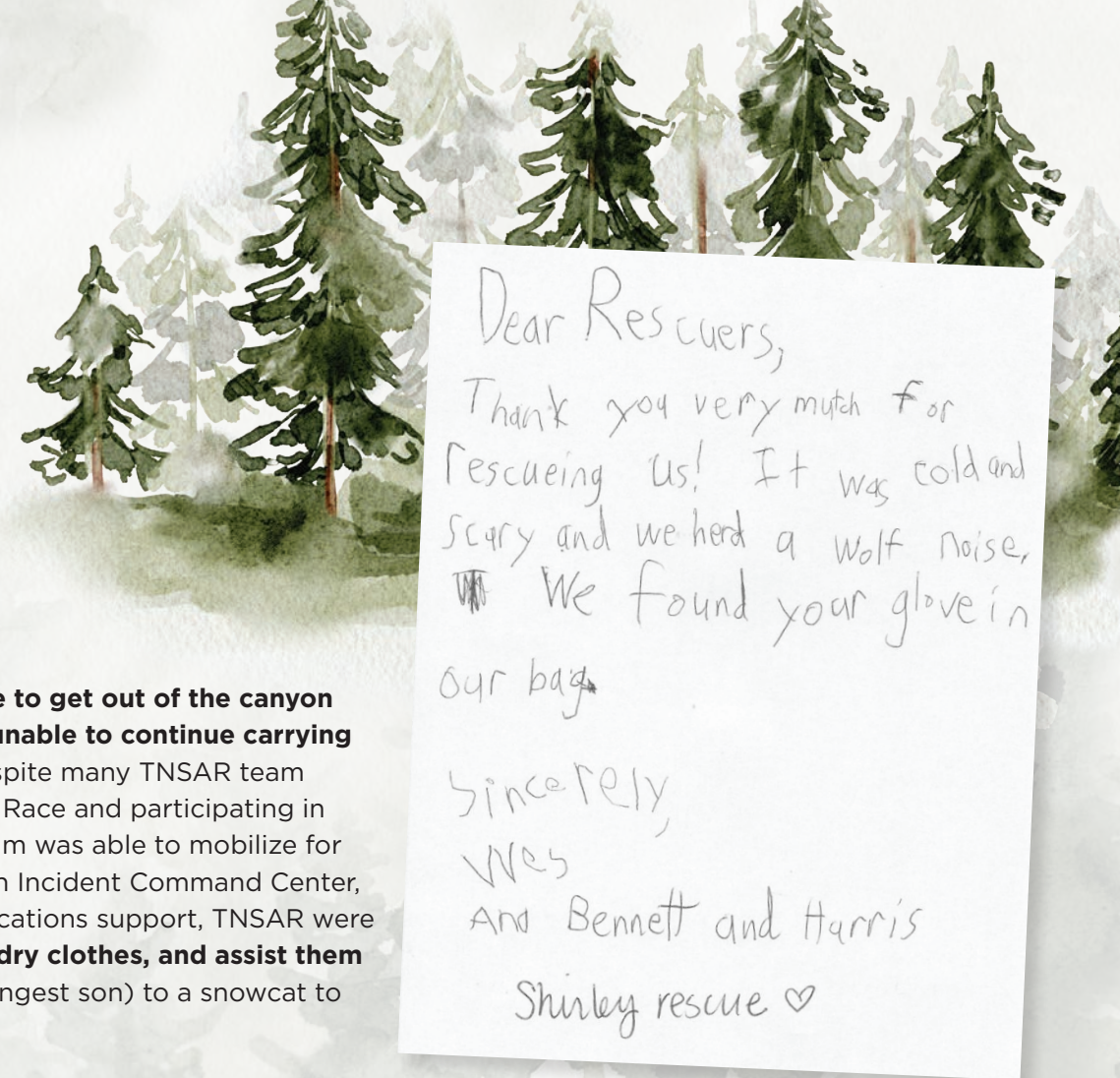
Where: Shirley Canyon

When: Father's Day, June 2023

Grant Funding: \$15,000

A father hiking with his two sons was **unable to get out of the canyon** and the father had become **exhausted and unable to continue carrying his six year old** son up the steep grade. Despite many TNSAR team members volunteering at Broken Arrow Sky Race and participating in another search for a missing woman, the team was able to mobilize for yet another search. With the assistance of an Incident Command Center, Placer County Sheriff deputy, and Communications support, TNSAR were able to **locate the father and sons, provide dry clothes, and assist them** (one TNSAR team member carrying the youngest son) to a snowcat to transport them back to the parking lot.

The youngest boy wrote a note to the team thanking them, which was shared with all TNSAR team members at a monthly meeting



Dear Rescuers,
Thank you very much for
rescueing us! It was cold and
scary and we heard a wolf noise,
We found your glove in
our bag.

Sincerely,
Wes
And Bennett and Harris
Shirley rescue ♥

CULTIVATING ARTS & CULTURE

The enrichment that arts and culture bring to the community **preserves and strengthens us**. Connecting individuals through creativity and experience enhances the well-being of Tahoe, and the evolution of art, movement, and expression helps to **define and inspire our community identity**.

PRESERVING OUR PAST

Built in 1939, Thunderbird Lodge National Historical Site, a museum and learning center for THUNDERBIRD LODGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY received wide-spread support from donors in 2023. Grants totaling **more than \$329,000** supported its mission to inspire curiosity, appreciation, and understanding of Lake Tahoe's art, history, and environment through **preservation, education, and conservation**.

Photo by Jen Schmidt and courtesy Lake Tahoe Dance Collective



ENRICHING OUR PRESENT

As history and high culture blend into today, there are performances that extend in language and art, requiring a step through time. The Community Foundation continues to seek opportunities for growth and inclusion in **creative exposure**.

In 2023, LAKE TAHOE DANCE COLLECTIVE was granted **\$20,000** to engage exceptional artists, costume designers and make updates to materials for their annual Tahoe Nutcracker performance without raising ticket prices in order to **keep attendance accessible to both attendees and performers**, who do not pay to participate.



LAKE TAHOE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL and CLASSICAL TAHOE were provided **over \$69,000** in granted office, meeting, and storage space, giving them a home so that they can bring the stage to life each season as they enrich our community through quality **theatrical, musical, and cultural productions.**

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE

While performance and art enrich the lives of those who experience them, those who perform are being given incredible **education and opportunity** to participate and grow in the arts.

Equitable Access to Music Education, a new program offered by the TAHOE TRUCKEE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, was granted **over \$22,000** as they address the disparities in the Lake Tahoe region by providing high-quality **music education opportunities** to underserved children and youth.

The NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART is able to provide free student admission to all University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College students through a commitment of **\$2 million** to establish an endowment underwriting these admission costs. In 2023, the Wayne L. Prim Free Student Admission program provided **free admission to nearly 4,000 students** who enjoyed free access to the Museum's exhibitions, guided tours and free admission to First Thursdays, public programs, and numerous other events.

FOSTERING FUTURE GENERATIONS

The future of Tahoe's communities is being formed today. The Community Foundation believes in investing in that future through **education, mentorship, and growth opportunities** for our children and youth.

EDUCATION

Through their STEP UP for STEM program, INCLINE EDUCATION FUND utilized a **\$20,000** grant to hold its second annual **Holiday Robotics Parade** where students spend hours coding a robot to move through the parade route. The students coded, tested, and refined their robot, teaching **perseverance through technical difficulties** and resulting in excitement and smiles from students from 2nd to 5th grade.

Over \$1,000 was given to purchase supplies for CLEAN UP THE LAKE's Litter Education and Awareness program, which delivered in-class lesson plans designed to **instill stewardship** and to inspire students to consider environmental litter solutions.



EXPERIENCE

The Community Foundation funds programs that support developmental experiences that may otherwise not be accessible, like BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LAKE TAHOE (BGCLT), who utilized **\$25,000** for their expanding programs, which included a summer educational boating experience. Only two of their members had ever been on a boat, but in 2023, their members were able to learn about the **ecology and water clarity** of Lake Tahoe during their **first ever boat ride**. One session included the BGCLT STEM Director and his personal underwater robot to investigate the sunken barge in Emerald Bay.



Photo courtesy Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe

DEVELOPMENT

The Community Foundation addressed **anxiety and other mental health concerns in our youth** through positive development by working with COURAGE PROJECT, who because of the passion of a donor, received **\$10,000** for their programs dedicated to providing inspiring outdoor experiences to enhance the lives of children in Tahoe who experience anxiety and depression.

GATEWAY MOUNTAIN CENTER, who **served nearly 50 youth** in the Tahoe Basin in 2023, was given **\$20,000** to **incentivize school completion, work and positive attendance**, and access to their outdoor programming for high need students.

With the support of **over \$10,000** in grants, SOS OUTREACH **supported 500 youth** across the basin, and through its Career Development and Mentor Programs, encouraged kids to become **leaders and mentors**. Like Alexis Sanches, who learned to ski through SOS and is preparing to become a junior mentor.

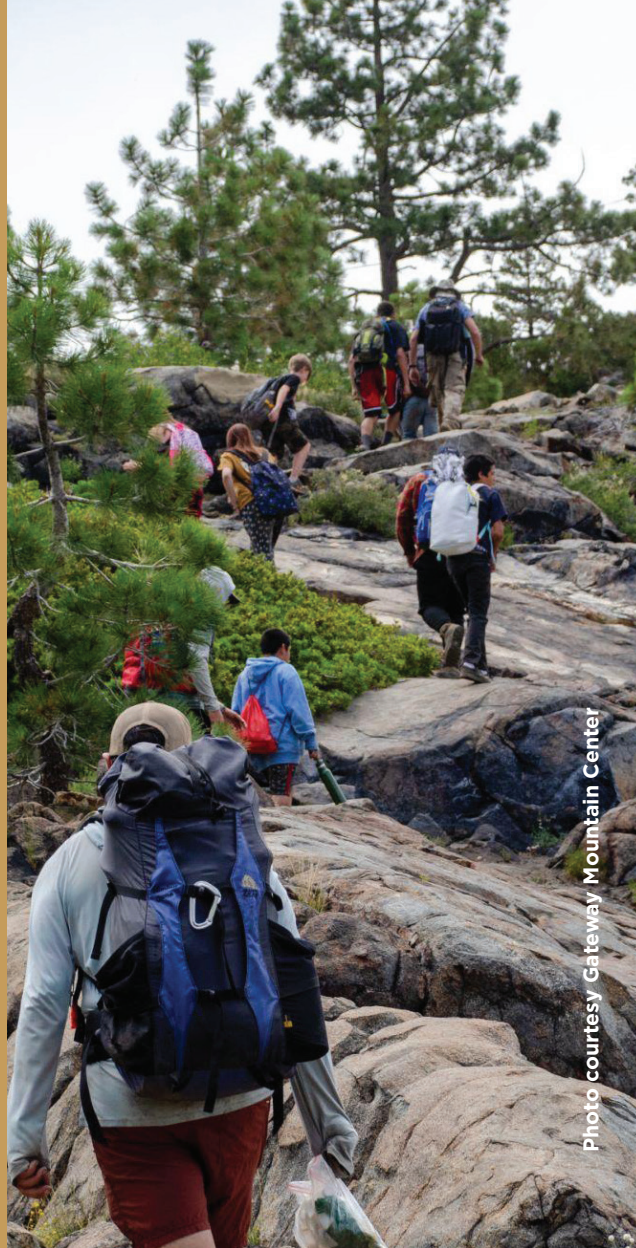


Photo courtesy Gateway Mountain Center



Photo courtesy SOS Outreach

SUPPORTING SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better”

- ALBERT EINSTEIN

ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESS

Human health and well-being depend on our natural environment. The **benefits of nature** are one of Tahoe’s prominent attributes, and the Community Foundation believes in creating access to all individuals who desire to benefit from nature.

ACHIEVE TAHOE was granted **\$15,000** for local participants and their families to attend the 2024 Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Program, reducing financial barriers and **improving access to outdoor recreation for people with disabilities**. Participants are offered adaptive one-on-one or small group instruction that includes all necessary adaptive lessons and equipment and each participant receives instruction customized to their unique needs and abilities.



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SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT

The Community Foundation believes in sustaining the natural world in which we live through **understanding and preserving our biodiversity**.

Supporting organizations like TAHOE FUND, TAHOE INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCES (TINS), and SIMMARON RESEARCH with **over \$35,000** in granted office, meeting, and storage space allows donations they receive from the community to have a greater impact on their **scientific and environmental programs**.

The Community Foundation granted **\$25,000** to the LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE’s new Environment and Education Center building project in 2023 as a symbol of their continuing commitment to **safeguard the lake for future generations**.

UC DAVIS TAHOE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER (TERC) is one of the leading science research organizations advancing the knowledge of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. In 2023, a **\$5,000** grant was made to TERC’s mission which aims to **preserve the resilient and sustainable ecosystem** at Lake Tahoe.



Photo courtesy Tahoe Institute of Natural Sciences



Photo of Porky, Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care's Resident Porcupine

ANIMAL WELFARE

The **treatment, care, and proper management** of our pets and wildlife is important to the welfare of our community.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL CARE

Offering accessible veterinary care and addressing common animal conditions, such as periodontal disease, PET NETWORK HUMANE SOCIETY received **\$1,800** in grant funding to purchase needed equipment to provide **affordable dental services** to our community members.

The NEVADA ANIMAL FUND is a Field of Interest Fund endowed to provide **annual grants** to **address the overpopulation of domestic cats and dogs** through sterilization. In 2023, **over \$1,300** was given to WYLIE ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION to spay and neuter pets in their care.

WILDLIFE CARE

Coexisting and fortifying wildlife is paramount to living in Tahoe. In 2023, LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE received **\$2,500** to **retrofit their outdoor play area for bear cubs** being rehabilitated in order to meet amended requirements set by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE

First responders and service organizations are the boots on the ground ensuring the **safety and overall well-being** of our residents.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Service organizations in the region that revolve around **connection and volunteers** were able to meet regularly through granted space for their meetings and events. In 2023, **over \$33,000** in granted meeting space was provided to AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TAHOE NEVADA (AAUW), MILITARY OFFICERS OF AMERICA LAKE TAHOE, ROTARY CLUB OF INCLINE VILLAGE, and ROTARY CLUB OF TAHOE-INCLINE to host their meetings.

FIRST RESPONDERS

In 2023, The Community Foundation supported organizations focused on **prevention, protection, and response** in our community to create sustainability and to protect those who protect us.

Fire service employees of the NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (NLTFPD) received **continuing education training** through The NLTFPD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND held at the Community Foundation. Similarly, the DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ENDOWMENT FUND was set up for **training, education, and equipment purchases** for the personnel of the DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. These endowed funds make money available each year to serve our first responders today while securing investments in perpetuity.

The Community Foundation helped a group of passionate retired first responders establish the HONOR OUR HEROES field of interest fund and to pave the way for them to create their own nonprofit, now called the 100 CLUB OF NEVADA. The 100 Club of Nevada provides **rapid support to the families** of Nevada firefighters, law enforcement officers, and other first responders **who have lost their lives in the line of duty**.



We are grateful for the incredible response to our Giving for Good campaign in 2023! Our sponsors and donors stepped up in **leading philanthropy** and believed in creating a strong foundation in order to establish a bright and dependable future.

2023 GIVING FOR GOOD SPONSORS:

TRIPLE PREMIER



TAHOE FOREST
PRODUCTS

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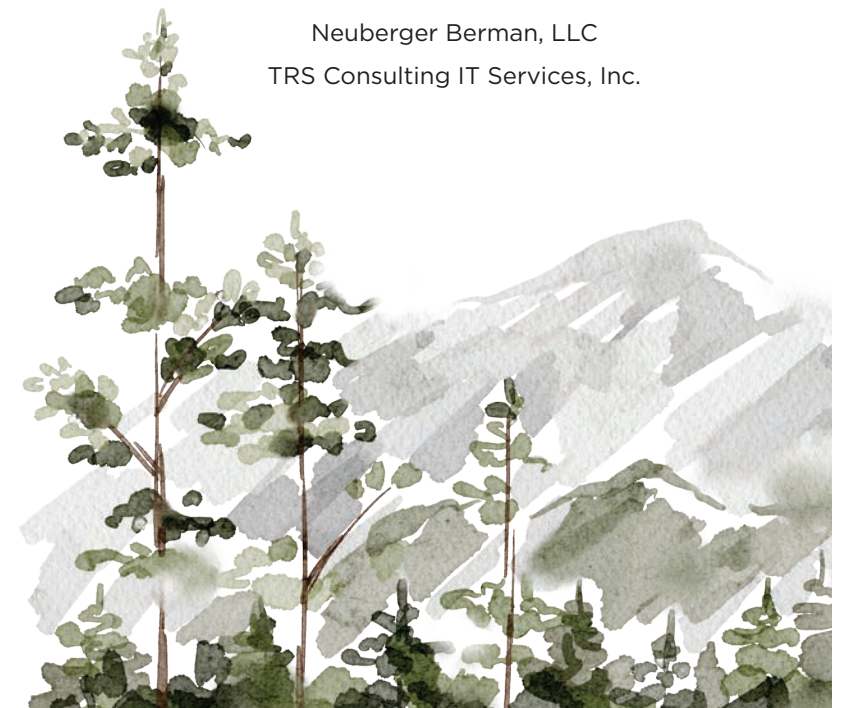
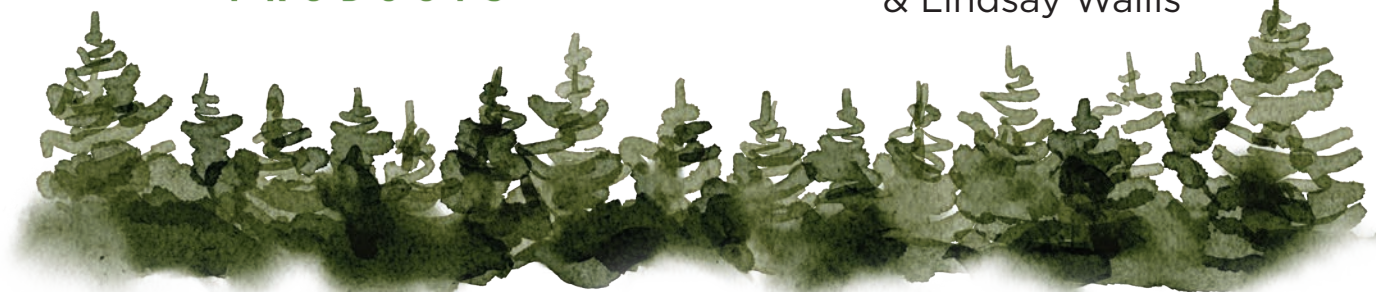
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DONOR PARTNERSHIPS

Built on principles of collaboration in philanthropy, we believe there is power in numbers. The more groups of individuals **come together in their giving**, the more our community transforms. We are grateful to our partners in giving who utilize their Community Foundation as a resource to be an important part of charitable giving in our region.

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND OF INCLINE VILLAGE REALTORS

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND OF INCLINE VILLAGE REALTORS was developed to **enhance education through technology**, address the needs of our students and teachers, offer hunger relief, and support animal welfare groups.

We are grateful that the Incline Village Realtors are passionate about the community they serve and that, by giving back, they are striving to **make Tahoe a wonderful place to live!**



LAHONTAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND

In partnership with the Community Foundation as a fiscal sponsor, LAHONTAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND (LCF) was able to grant **nearly \$228,000** to nonprofit organizations making a difference.

The Lahontan Community Foundation mission is to **bring the Lahontan community together, to have fun, and raise funds** to support the good works of local non-profit organizations making a difference in the Truckee-North Tahoe region. Since its inception in 2002, the LCF has granted **over \$2.5 million** to support the Truckee and North Lake Tahoe community.



One of these grants made to TAHOE INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE (TINS) provided **nature camp scholarships**, supporting **four children who were unable to contribute to the entire enrollment costs** of the Truckee Mini Bug Camp in 2023. These camps invite children to become engaged in their natural surroundings through direct interaction, awakening curiosity in the natural world, and providing healthy activities and opportunities to learn about the richness and importance of Tahoe's natural resources. While many TINS nature camps have full registration with waitlists, occasionally there are camps with low registration, and these scholarships were instrumental in allowing the Truckee Mini Bug Camp to meet registration requirements and move forward, **enriching the experience of the entire camp who attended.**

INITIATIVES

TAHOE FIRE SAFE INITIATIVE

The Tahoe Fire Safe Initiative funds **fire prevention strategies** in the Tahoe Basin, focusing on **people and property** and has supported many projects. Some accomplishments that came out of the Tahoe Fire Safe Initiative in 2023 were:

2023 REGIONAL EVACUATION, SHELTER, AND MASS CARE PLAN

In 2023 the Community Foundation's Donald W. Reynolds (DWR) Community Nonprofit Center served as **central command for an evacuation** drill led by Washoe County Emergency Management, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and other community partners. The purpose of the exercise was to test and find ways to **improve plans, responses, and relationships** among partnership agencies in order to provide more efficient and effective service delivery in an emergency event.

TAHOE FIRE AND INSURANCE EXPERTS GROUP

The Community Foundation continued to **convene meetings** with local fire and insurance experts to strategize ways to protect the people and properties of Tahoe. In 2023, the Nevada Insurance Commissioner and his team were brought into the Tahoe Fire and Insurance Experts Group, giving a platform for fire experts to share fire prevention efforts that could potentially influence positive impacts on insurance coverage and **protection of residents in Tahoe communities**.



Photo courtesy North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District

FIRE ASIDE SOFTWARE

In 2023, the Community Foundation funded the launch of a Fire Aside software pilot program in Tahoe used by the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection district to **streamline the process of defensible space inspections and community wood chipping**. This launch set the foundation for other districts to adopt and implement the software allowing a basin-wide expansion in 2024.

FIRE BREAK MAPS

The Community Foundation provided funding for the map used in 2023 to identify the first shaded fire break demonstration site to **lay the groundwork for a full halo of fire safety** around all Tahoe Nevada communities.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue is reimplementing its **public education** programs, which have been inactive for 15 years due to lack of funding. With its recent reimplementation, and increase in costs, in 2023, the Community Foundation was able to provide gap funding for the purchase of an inflatable fire education smokehouse. This portable and interactive trailer provides realistic scenarios for children to identify and prevent potential fire hazards, as well as to locate and safely exit an emergency escape route, **offering potential life-saving practices for fire prevention and response**.



NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIPS

Funds held by nonprofit organizations at the Community Foundation provide professional investment strategy and management and offer **stable sources of funding** to sustain their good work into the future.

WYLIE ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION (WARF)

For 25 years, WARF has been serving the North Lake Tahoe region by **rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals into loving homes**. Over the years, WARF has grown, built a sanctuary in Northern Nevada, and continues to expand their rescue mission.

“Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation has an excellent reputation for fiscal responsibility and being transparent with donors and investors,” says WARF volunteer Donna Coombs. WARF operates on minimal overhead costs, and their investment fund helps grow the money they raise to maximize their impact. Their fund also provides sustainability to ensure they can continue to help the animals in their care. With a strong core of local volunteers, WARF is able to utilize the strengths of the Community Foundation to grow their investment, while their volunteers can focus on their mission.

THUNDERBIRD LODGE PRESERVATION

Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society inspires curiosity, appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of Lake Tahoe’s art, history, and environment through preservation, education, and conservation. Specifically, the organization cares for the Thunderbird Lodge National Historic District, Thunderbird yacht, and a vast collection of Tahoe-related historical artifacts, archives, and cultural material.

“As stewards of Lake Tahoe’s history, we recognize the significance of preserving our cultural heritage for generations to come. The historic Thunderbird Lodge, yacht, and the new museum stand as testaments to safeguarding the stories and legacies woven into the fabric of this remarkable place,” says Bill Watson, Chief Executive of Thunderbird. “Establishing a permanent endowment at Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation ensures that we protect and sustain these cherished treasures allowing visitors to connect with the past and appreciate the enduring beauty of Lake Tahoe’s history.

THE LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE

For over 65 years, the League to Save Lake Tahoe has been dedicated to conserving the delicate beauty of the lake and its ecosystem. Working alongside the region’s largest network of volunteers and international network of conservation partners, they have worked to tackle Tahoe’s complex environmental challenges today and with the future in mind.

“Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation is locally based and locally focused, with an acute understanding and sense of care for the Tahoe community,” says the League to Save Lake Tahoe’s Philanthropy Director, Matisse Geenty. “We trust the organization as both a partner and steward of our donors’ generous gifts to Keep Tahoe Blue.” Opening an investment fund with the Community Foundation allows the League to Save Lake Tahoe to grow their finances and work toward their mission today, while their endowment fund allows them to focus on long-term solutions so we can all keep loving Tahoe for generations to come.





LEAVING A LEGACY OF GIVING

REMEMBERING STEPHEN A. LIND

January 15, 1941 - February 15, 2024

Stephen “Steve” Lind loved all things Lake Tahoe. If you spotted his stunning, classic 280 SL parked somewhere around the lake, you knew there would be a fun gathering nearby. He enjoyed hiking, wooden boats, and the beautiful lake and mountain vistas. Growing up spending his summers in Homewood, Steve went on to act as a social director in college at Fallen Leaf Lake, and later owned a home in Rubicon Bay. He was always “at home” at the Lake.

After the passing of his parents during his teenage years, Steve was very close to his only older sibling Chris, who also tragically passed away at the age of 38. Steve made a promise that he would take care of his brother’s daughter Liz, and a powerful bond was formed - he became her surrogate father, mentor, and one of her best friends.

Charitable giving was a way of life to Steve. He was passionate about the churches he attended, arts and education, and enriching the lives of

those less fortunate than him. Steve modeled his philanthropy for Liz, teaching her the importance of giving back and helping others through donations and service. Steve opened his Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation in 2014, with Liz opening her own in 2023. In his honor, Liz has funded a new roof for the St. Francis of the Mountains at Fallen Leaf Lake Chapel where Steve spent countless summer Sundays throughout his lifetime.

Steve served as a law professor at the University of San Francisco, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Law at UC Law SF (formerly UC Hastings), and at the University of Florida in both its J.D. and LL.M. (taxation) programs. With the knowledge he gained through his tax law career, Steve knew his retirement plan was his best asset to leave to charity. Steve’s kindness and generosity will live on through the Stephen A. Lind Endowment Legacy Fund at the Community Foundation, and his impact will continue as he passes his passion for charitable giving on to his niece Liz.

Steve created a list of organizations he wanted to support and the Community Foundation will carry that out in his name in perpetuity. His philanthropy and good humor have left an indelible mark on Lake Tahoe.



A man in a grey long-sleeved shirt and black shorts is walking away from the camera on a dirt trail. A golden retriever is walking beside him. The trail is surrounded by dense evergreen trees. In the background, a lake is visible between two mountain ranges under a sunset sky with orange and blue hues.

YOUR GIVING LEGACY PLAN

Creating an endowed Legacy Fund at the Community Foundation is a way to **ensure that your charitable intentions will be carried out in perpetuity.** As your charitable passions change throughout your lifetime, making adjustments to your fund is easy and flexible, leaving your estate plans intact, and grants will be made in your name to the organizations you have indicated.

To schedule a personal meeting to discuss your charitable giving options, contact Claudia Andersen, CEO at 775-298-0100.

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The foundation you create for philanthropy determines the impact it will make for years to come. Endowing your fund preserves your principal gift(s) while making grants from income, growing over time through investment. An endowment **ensures a lasting impact**, and over time, the amount granted exceeds the original contribution to the fund, ensuring your charitable stability in perpetuity for **a strong and promising future.**

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