




TAHOE  TRUCKEE
**EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION**
FOUNDATION

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2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation enhances public education within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District to strengthen the learning experience for students.

WHO WE ARE

Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation partners with local businesses and community members to raise money and support students of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD). The Foundation invests approximately \$250,000 annually in classroom grants, resources, and partnerships to benefit students and teachers. The Foundation has supported local education efforts for nearly 35 years.



\$5.8 MILLION
funded since inception

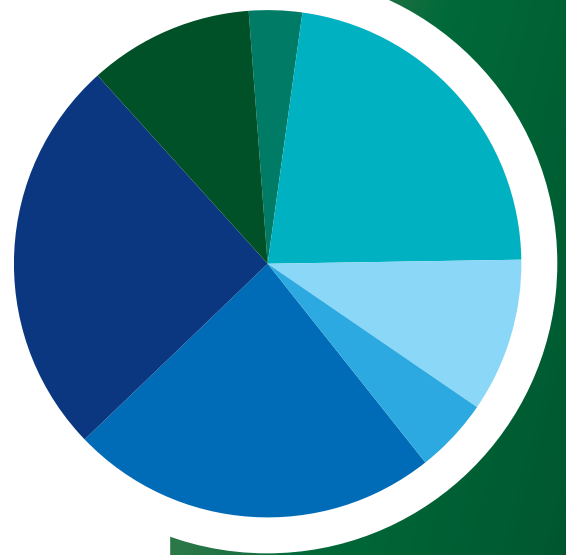
12 schools in
a geographic area of
720 square miles



FINANCIALS

2022–2023 Net Revenue Sources

	Skiing for Schools	\$126,724	25%
	Golfing for Schools	\$116,875	24%
	Dining for Schools	\$23,700	5%
	“Friends of Education” Donation Income	\$48,804	10%
	Investment Income Endowment Fund Available to Spend	\$122,175	25%
	Celebration of Education Fundraising Event	\$6,821	1%
	Other Contributions	\$52,208	10%
TOTALS		\$497,307	100%



2022–2023 Expenditure Sources

	Grants Funded	\$222,280	54%
	Teacher Fellows and Staff Star Awards	\$19,000	5%
	Programs	\$71,271	17%
	Administrative	\$65,467	16%
	Donor Development	\$37,422	9%
TOTALS		\$415,440	100%



Amounts presented are rounded to the next dollar.

HOW WE DO IT

2022–2023 Fundraising Programs


Excellence in Education raises money through community partnerships. These partnerships have resulted in the success of our popular, long-standing fundraising programs: Dining for Schools, Golfing for Schools, and Skiing for Schools. Individual contributions are also welcomed through the TTUSD Payroll Deduction program and the Foundation’s Friends of Education donation program.

Additionally, Excellence in Education continues to grow its endowment fund. The fund balance was \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2023.

Investing in Education

Grant monies support programs designed to promote student interest in learning, provide hands-on learning experiences, and encourage quality academic performance.

\$241,280 Total funded by
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
in the 2022–2023 fiscal year for
**GRANTS, RESOURCES, and
EDUCATOR AWARDS**

49 classroom grants awarded
to individual teachers
within Tahoe Truckee
Unified School District 
totaling **\$129,343**

Board Designated Grants

Board designated grants are funded through the interest from the Foundation’s endowment fund. The Foundation’s policy is to spend up to 3.25% of the three-year trailing average investment balance annually. In 2022–2023, five board designated grants were funded for a total of \$72,847.



Aim High
\$20,000

Support for Aim High, a free summer academic enrichment program for TTUSD middle school students.



**Chromebook Computer
Partnership with TTUSD**
27,500

Continued funding support for TTUSD’s 1:1 Chromebook program. Each student is assigned a Google Chromebook.



FOREST ⇌ FIRE
\$19,347

Support for Nevada County Arts Council and Sierra Watershed Education Partnership (SWEPP) to provide a three-year program, FOREST⇌FIRE, which utilizes art, science, and humanities to teach students about the history and impact of fire in our region.



**Nurtured Heart
Approach Training**
\$5,000

Support for TTUSD to further staff training in the Nurture Heart Approach, a relationship-focused methodology for parents and educators. The program develops strategies that assist students with positive behavior management.



McGinity Scholarship
\$1,000

Awarded to a TTUSD student continuing their education in healthcare.

THE LINDA BROWN FELLOWS AND STAR AWARDS

The Linda Brown Fellows and Star Awards annually recognize and reward exceptional teachers and classified (non-teaching) staff in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. In 2022–2023, five Linda Brown Fellows and four Star Award recipients were honored. Each recipient receives \$1,000 for personal use. Additionally, Fellows recipients each receive a \$2,000 grant for educational enhancement in their classroom.

\$19,000
awarded to

FIVE 

Linda Brown Fellows

and

FOUR 
Star Award recipients

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who supported Excellence in Education during the 2022–2023 fiscal year.

BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$15,000

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Northstar California/
Vail Resorts EpicPromise
For Goodness Sake Foundation

\$5,000-\$10,000

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\$2,500-\$4,999

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\$1,000-\$1,500

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DINING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS
22 Bistro & Bar
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Copper Lane Cafe & Provisions
Cottonwood Restaurant & Bar at Hilltop Lodge
FiftyFifty Brewing Co.
Fireside Pizza Company
Gar Woods Grill & Pier on the Lake
Jake's on the Lake
Jason's Beachside Grille

JAX at the Tracks
Las Panchitas Mexican Restaurant
Montagna
Mountain Valley Meats
PlumpJack Cafe
River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant
Rocker
Rubicon Pizza Company
Sandy's Pub
Six Peaks Grille
Sunnyside Restaurant & Lounge
Truckee Food Shop
The Lodge Restaurant & Pub at Tahoe Donner
The Soule Domain
Truckee Tavern & Grill
Village Pizzeria
Wolfdale's Cuisine Unique
Zano's Family Italian & Pizzeria

GOLFING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

Coyote Moon Golf Course
Links at Everline
Northstar Golf Course
Tahoe City Golf Course
Tahoe Donner Golf Course
Tahoe Mountain Club (Gray's Crossing and Old Greenwood)

SKIING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS

Homewood Mountain Resort
Northstar California
Palisades Tahoe
Tahoe Cross-County
Tahoe Donner Downhill & Cross Country

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Pacos
Safeway – Kings Beach, Truckee
Save Mart – Tahoe City, Truckee
Schaffer's Mill Golf Course
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Word After Word Books

** Indicates Tahoe Truckee Unified School District employees who donate to Excellence in Education through TTUSD's payroll deduction program.*

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It is our intention to recognize every donor. If we have overlooked any business or individual, please advise us so we may include them in our next annual report.