

Tellico Community Foundation
2021/22 Grant Results (as of February 2023)
Total Awards: \$66,500

CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT - \$24,500 (37%)

Boys & Girls Clubs of the TN Valley - \$7,000

- ***Lenoir City/Loudon County Rookie Readers Program.*** Over eighteen weeks, 35 children in grades K-2 read a “Book of the Week” with Reading Buddies and take the book home to build their own libraries.
- Club members were assessed utilizing Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. 71% of the Rookie Readers demonstrated growth and/or maintained levels of literacy components focused on sound/letter recognition (for kindergarten students) and oral reading fluency (for students in Grades 1 & 2). “We had a member who came to us barely speaking English. After the program he was able to speak in full sentences and comprehend the story”.
- This is a new program enabled by the TCF grant. The funds were used to purchase equipment and supplies for the program at the Boys & Girls Club of Loudon County. This included literacy games, writing activities, reading tools, big books, 3D books, take home books and incentives.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East TN - \$5,000

- The ***Food for Kids Program*** is a partnership between Second Harvest and public schools that provides healthy, easily prepared weekend meals to students in all 18 counties of the Food Bank’s service area.
- During the grant period, \$100,000 = 65,022 pounds of food were distributed to 1,,132 students at 26 schools in Monroe and Loudon Counties.
- One student’s weekend meals for the entire school year cost the Food Bank \$100, so 50 students were sponsored by the TCF grant.

STAR - \$5,000

- ***Aligning STRIDES*** is a pilot program to train selected individuals in recovery from addiction to be peer counselors. This is 43-week program created through partnerships with the Loudon County Health Improvement Council, Align 9 and STAR. As the final segment of Aligning Strides, STAR provides an 8-week integrity and leadership program which teaches life skills while in partnership with horses.
- 5 individuals completed the successful pilot program in 2022. To quote one participant, “I learned about using trust and overcoming obstacles in order to be a better leader and communicator”. The program will continue in 2023.
- The TCF grant provided funding for one 2-hour class, each week, for 8 weeks = \$1,000/participant.

Madisonville Public Library - \$4,000

- The ***Children’s Literacy Outreach Program*** supports children in daycare centers, Head Start and the Boys & Girls Teen Center in the Madisonville area. They rotate books each month for children to read, or for them to be read to. Since 1999, they have rotated over 100,000 books to their partners and read over 2,500 books to children at the library.
- During the grant period, the library brought 3,435 books for their partners. 600 children were served.
- The TCF grant funded 333 books - 238 preschool and 95 school age books.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region - \$2,500

- The **Great Futures** program is designed to provide academic assistance, thought provoking character development programs, mentoring, and interactive activities, to area youth, ages 5-18. The goal is for each child to walk out one day with a clear sense of direction and passion for their future. 1,200 children have been served in this program.
- With the TCF grant, Monroe area clubs purchased books for the literacy program, supplies for academic support and supplies for program activities.

Adopt-a-Class TN - \$1,000.

- **Highlights Magazines for Children.** TCF approved \$1,000 toward a pilot program to develop literacy. Adopt-a-Class' proposal was to provide an individual Highlights magazine subscription to each elementary school student in grades 2 and 3. They raised \$3,400 (including the TCF grant) for the pilot of 200 students in one grade.
- Based on teacher feedback, Adopt-a-Class has determined the pilot program was successful, and has expanded individual subscriptions of Highlights Magazines for 400 second and third graders, and Storyworks Magazines for 200 fourth graders at 3 local public elementary schools, at an annual cost of \$9,000.

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS - \$42,000 (63%)

Loudon County Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000

- The **Critical Repair Program** helps low-income seniors and disabled adults who already own their home, by making needed repairs that allow them to live safer, healthier lives and stay in their homes longer. In 2022, 23 projects were completed helping 35 seniors. The average repair cost was \$17,229 per home. The program receives grants from diverse funding sources. "It changed my life. Everything was rotten and falling apart and I couldn't afford to fix it. I love each and every one of the volunteers." Visit loudoncountyhabitat.org for additional testimonials.
- Since the TCF grant was unrestricted, it was applied as needed across the Critical Repair Program.

Monroe Area Council for the Arts (MACA) - \$8,000

- The **Art 4 Seniors 2022** program supports art and cultural activities for people 55+ by delivering workshops which are led by local artists.
- 138 seniors participated in 15 workshops held in Madisonville, Sweetwater, and Our Place. Some seniors enjoyed the workshops so much they traveled to other locations to attend additional workshops. The seniors benefited by learning a skill, conversation, and collaborative work.
- The TCF grant provided workshop supplies and paid for the artist's time.

Good Shepherd Center – 2 Grants \$8,000 and \$1,000

- **Process Improvement.** A complete overhaul of management software systems for scheduling volunteers, client interactions and inventory management.
- **Helping Save Lives** by purchasing and maintaining an automated external defibrillator (AED) and CPR/AED training and certification for its staff and volunteers.

Tellico Village Library - \$6,000

- **Library Building Maintenance** costs were covered for 1 year.

Timeless Tellico Foundation - \$3,000

- **Kayak Launch.** Grant To complete the construction of a public-access kayak launch at Clear Creek.

Village Quilters - \$2,000

- **Ten Quilts for Our Place Clients.** The Quilters serve more than 25 organizations including hospices, dialysis centers, schools, Head Start programs, children’s hospitals, and nursing homes. 871 quilts were donated in 2022.
- The TCF grant was used to purchase quilting materials. The quilts were donated to Our Place clients and 50 Lenoir City Children in need of a warm blanket.

Loudon County Friends of Animals - \$2,000

- The **Saving Seniors for Seniors** program matches seniors in assisted living or nursing homes who need a companion, with older pets that are tested, revaccinated, flea treated and spay/neutered.
- The TCF grant provided funding for 43 senior cats to be vetted (vaccinations, testing and spay/neuter if needed) and placed with area seniors.

Monroe County Friends of Animals (MCFA) - \$2,000

- The **Second Chance Pals** helps senior animals coming through the Monroe County Shelter by providing extra medical attention and foster homes until a permanent home can be found.
- MCFA provided medical expenses for 12 animals. The animals were adopted, often by seniors in the community. Seniors who wish to have a pet may not be able to handle a feisty young pet. Research has shown that having a pet provides a physical and mental boost to their owner.

Tellico Community Foundation Vision

Loudon & Monroe counties are thriving, growing communities with an educated, healthy, and engaged population.

Tellico Community Foundation Mission Statement

Enrich the Loudon and Monroe County communities by funding programs and projects delivered by area non-profits who provide measurable and sustainable results by addressing the root causes of suboptimal Childhood Development and Support for Seniors.

Tellico Community Foundation Key Objectives

Tellico Community Foundation operates under an umbrella of improving the communities through support of non-profit organizations in the community.

- A community succeeds based on how well it's children are educated and develop into good citizens.
- Community success is also measured by how well it cares for the senior population.
- A successful community has non-profit organizations that deliver support when needed, to help citizens become independent and successful.
- Long term success requires efforts that are measurable, sustainable and address root causes.

Childhood Development

- To ensure childhood educational achievement is in the top 25 percent of the state.
- To support efforts to ensure graduating high school seniors are engaged in higher education and/or training.
- To support efforts to feed, clothe and provide the tools necessary for children to succeed in school.

Support for Seniors

- To help provide resources to victims of dementia and their care givers to ensure quality of life in their senior years.
- To supplement food, housing, and enrichment for seniors throughout the communities.

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