

Tellico Community Foundation
2023 Grants Awarded
Total Awards: \$37,218

CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – \$20,500

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee (Loudon & Monroe) - \$5,000. Food For Kids.

The Food for Kids Program (FFK) is designed to meet the needs that families with children experience beyond the school setting. FFK addresses the necessary nutritional foundation for healthy lifestyles and provides a powerful, viable solution to the serious problem of these children's lack of access to food and adequate nutritious content. For 1,199 Loudon and Monroe County children participating in the FFK Program, they will receive 78,960 pounds of food through this program.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley (Loudon County). - \$5,000. Rookie Readers Program.

The Boys & Girls Club of Loudon County will serve 30 youth (grades K-2) in its immersive literacy Rookie Readers Program. For 18 weeks (three six-week sessions in fall, spring, & summer), youth will read a "Book of the Week" as a group, individually, and with Reading Buddies, completing phonetics, arts & crafts, and games to improve literacy skills and reading comprehension. Youth will take the Book of the Week home to build a personal library, practicing reading skills with friends and family.

Madisonville Public Library. \$4,000. Children's Literacy Outreach Program.

Our Outreach Program services Daycare Centers and Head Starts as well as the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center in the Madisonville area. We bring a monthly rotation of books and dvds to each facility and read to the children while we are there. We have partnered with 3 new Daycares that have recently opened in our community and would like to purchase more books for existing partners as well as these new ones.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region (Monroe County). \$3,000. Great Futures Program.

Monroe County's at-risk youth benefit from the Great Futures program, which offers evidence-based enrichment programs to develop caring, productive, and responsible citizens. The program has a holistic approach, focusing on three priority areas: Academic Success, Good Character and Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. Our goal is for every child participating in this program to discover their passion and achieve a clear direction for their future, enabling them to thrive.

Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County. \$2,500. Snack Bags for Kids.

Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County (GSC) is the largest pantry in the County since 1997 and last year provided residents in need with over 300,000 lbs. of food and other pantry items, providing meals for approximately 6,500 individuals. The kids bags are specifically geared to children's appetites to provide healthy snacks to aid in educational performance and encourage healthy eating habits. Research has shown a link between food insecurity and lower cognitive skills.

Adopt-a-Class TN - \$1,000. Mathematics and STEM Support Program (Loudon & Monroe Cos).

Adopt-a-Class is launching a new program for the 2023-2024 school year to fund educational resources for mathematics and STEM education at three local public elementary schools. Funds are to be used for enrichment material for mathematics instructions, scientific equipment, and consumable supplies of classroom science projects. This program will support curriculum chosen by teachers and administrators.

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS - \$16,718

Our Place (Loudon & Monroe Counties) - \$10,000. Facility Expansion.

Our PLACE Adult Day Center has been open for fourteen months and has been very successful in attracting new participants and assisting caregivers. As a result of this success, limitations on space, and a desire to maintain an ideal 1 to 4 trained staff to participant ratio, while maintaining a low-cost program, we now find it necessary to expand our facility by adding a second activity room. This will allow us to maintain a quality program while becoming operationally self-sufficient.

Monroe Area Council for the Arts (MACA) - \$3,500. Art for Our Place.

This grant develops art activities for people of ages 55 years old and older to engage with various art mediums lead by local artists. TCF funds will be used to pay local artists to lead projects and to purchase consumable supplies. Two artists with specialized training in planning, designing, implementing, and evaluating, creative aging art programs will work with the seniors at Our Place to complete five (5) different art projects.

People Promoting Animal Welfare (PPAWS) (Loudon Co) - \$2,500. Assistance for Seniors.

This program will target low-income seniors age 60+, who qualify for subsidized spay/neuter & core vaccination services for their companion pet(s). A \$20 co-pay is desired but may be waived on a case-by-case basis. Spay/neuter of male or female cat or dog, & a rabies & distemper vaccination will be included. Additionally, the pets will be assessed for any other medical conditions requiring intervention, and those services, if needed, will be provided at no cost from our Helping Animals Fund.

Tellico Playhouse - \$718.

