

TELLCIO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS ANOTHER GRANT

(Insert photo of Friends of Tellico Village Library Award Ceremony)

The newest charitable organization in Tellico Village - the Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) - recently issued its fourth grant to the Friends of the Tellico Village Library.

The \$400 award from the TCF will be utilized to upgrade the library's computers in the facility's learning center. The donation will underwrite the cost of making all of the local library's computers compatible with all the library computers in Tennessee.

The Public Library at Tellico Village is Tennessee's only privately funded library. It relies on the generosity of Villagers and other outside sources to sustain its programs. "The TCF's gift serves a critical need that benefits all residents of not only the Village, but the area as well," commented Joe Beyel, TCF chair.

"The Friends of the Tellico Village Library are grateful to the TCF for this grant. It will improve our connectivity with other libraries around the state and adds a valuable dimension to the library's learning center," said Becky Haile, president of the Friends

Late last year, the TCF made the organization's initial three grants to the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department, Tennessee Bluebird Society and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs.

The TCF was formed in 2017 by a few philanthropic-minded Villagers. It is affiliated under the umbrella of the East Tennessee Foundation (ETF). Associating with the ETF provides the Tellico Community Foundation with professional management to ensure the foundation's financial integrity and maintain compliance with the ever-changing IRS tax laws. The TCF's funds are pooled for investment purposes in comingled funds with the other 450 funds the East Tennessee Foundation manages.

"In the coming months, we hope to expand the TCF's Villager donors which will allow the organization to also expand its gifting to needy Village and area groups," said Beyel.

Beyel asked Villagers to consider donating to the TCF. Gifting options, including online giving, as well as more information about the Tellico Community Foundation can be accessed at www.etf.org/Tellico and on *Tellico Life*.

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