



Dear (mail merge name),

Because of you and your generosity to the Tellico Community Foundation, many lives in Loudon and Monroe Counties are being enriched. We focus on projects and programs delivered by area non-profits who address the root causes of suboptimal **Childhood Development** and **Support for Seniors**, and that deliver measurable and sustainable results. We believe a community succeeds based on how it cares for these vulnerable segments of its population.

***This year, 14 Loudon and Monroe County non-profits, who received a total of \$66,500 in grants from TCF last year, reported their results.*** Here are a few ...

- ***Boys and Girls Clubs:*** We supported the Rookie Reading programs for children in Monroe and Loudon Counties. Books and supplies provided to children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, exposed them to reading and writing activities which they would not otherwise have. Some barely speak English. 71% of the Rookie Readers maintained or grew their English reading and speech.
- ***Madisonville Library - Children's Literacy Outreach program:*** The Library purchased 333 children's books. The program now has over 100,000 books and serves over 600 children each year.
- ***Loudon County Habitat for Humanity:*** Completed 35 critical repair programs for Seniors, enabling them to stay in their homes. For every \$1 from TCF, LC Habitat raised \$36 in matching funds. One project is showcased in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mjfr5DHHZkM>.
- ***Monroe County Council for the Arts:*** Delivered 15 workshops, attended by 138 seniors in Monroe and Loudon counties. The Seniors learned a skill, conversation, and collaborative work.

Visit our website at [www.tellicolife.org/tellico-community-foundation](http://www.tellicolife.org/tellico-community-foundation) for a complete list of our grants and the results.

***Each April, we host the DEA Drug Take Back Day in Tellico Village.*** This year we helped remove 175 pounds of drugs which might otherwise have been harmful to yourselves, your family, your visitors, and/or the environment.

***In September 2023, we awarded grants totalling over \$37,000 to 10 area non-profits.*** These organizations will report their results in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

- Supporting Childhood Development: Boys & Girls Clubs of Ocoee Region (Monroe County) and Tennessee (Loudon County); Adopt a Class; Good Samaritan of Loudon County; Madisonville Public Library; and Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Supporting Seniors: Our Place; Monroe County Council for the Arts; Tellico Community Playhouse and People Promoting Animal Welfare.

***We continued to strength your Tellico Community Foundation.*** Our board serves as stewards of your generosity.

- Our board welcomes Judy Goebel, Bridget Olson and Ken Thoreson. We are always looking for compassionate, charitably inclined people to join our board, so please let us know if you are interested in serving with us. And we say Thank you to retiring board members: Bill Baxter and Joan Mulliner.
- As an affiliate fund of the East Tennessee Foundation, we benefit from their expertise in foundation management.

- We are stewards for over \$300,000 of your donations. For each \$1 donated, we normally deposit 60% in our long-term Endowment Fund, and 40% in our Grant Making fund. I say normally because donors may request a different allocation.

***A special note and thanks to Joe Beyel who is retiring as Board Chair after 7 years of exceptional leadership.***

Joe and his wife Maureen’s passion for our community were the catalyst for TCF and he served as our 1<sup>st</sup> and founding Board Chair. We wouldn’t exist without Joe! As a small token of our appreciation, the Board will make a grant during 2024 of up to \$5,000 in Joe’s honor.

***Our vision is to award \$50,000 in annual grants, while growing the Endowment Fund to \$1million+.*** A \$1 Million Endowment Fund would allow us to grant \$50,000 each year from the Endowment fund. It’s a big and long-term goal, but one that motivates us all!

***Our impact is ONLY possible because of YOUR generous support. Thank you!*** Donating to TCF is a convenient way for the charitably inclined to make a meaningful local impact. We value your past generosity and ask for your continued support of the Tellico Community Foundation.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy Holliday season.

Sincerely,



Marsha Keiser, 2024 Tellico Community Foundation Board Chair and your TCF Board

Joe Beyel  
Judy Goebel  
Donnie Iverson

Joseph Marlette  
Jill Murphy, EFT  
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Bridget Olson  
Ken Thoreson



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