#### **Dear TCF Donors and Friends,**

Thank you for your continued support of the Tellico Community Foundation (TCF). Your generosity drives everything we do, and we are excited to share recent successes and upcoming plans for 2025.



## **Improving Childhood Development and Support for Seniors**

In 2024, through our data-driven research, we learned that 70% of fifth grade students in Loudon and Monroe counties test below grade level in reading and/or math. Students who perform at grade level in reading and math by the fifth grade have a significantly better chance of becoming successful adults. We identified nonprofit organizations in our counties who focus on improving literacy and math skills. We learned from their successes. Our 2025 grant to the Tellico Prime Time Players' literacy initiative is an example of TCF's literacy support. With your help, in 2025 we will award up to \$50,000 in new grants to programs which promote childhood reading and math skills.

In the future, we will use the same data-driven approach to explore new ways to support seniors in our communities.

### **Stewardship of Your Gifts**

TCF remains committed to maximizing the impact of your donations. Grantees report measurable results, like the Boys and Girls Club, which enhanced the academic skills of 1,200 students last year.

#### **Building Connections**

We continue investing in community outreach through events, social media, and partnerships, including with Tellico SAFE, which links seniors and children through sports and academics. Look for updates on a new fundraising event designed to strengthen these connections.

#### **In Appreciation**

Thank you to our past and present board members for their dedication, especially retiring members Joe Beyel, Cathy Nyberg, and Ken Thoreson. Since our founding in 2017, Joe Beyel's vision and leadership as TCF Board Chairperson have been invaluable. It has been my honor to succeed him.

We are excited to welcome new board members: Diane Anda, Paul Ernst, Mariann Curran, Nancy Gaul, and Carl Hagen to our talented team. They join our returning board members: Marsha Keiser, Joe Marlette and Donnie Iverson.

Your support makes TCF's mission possible. If you'd like to contribute or discuss estate giving, please use the attached donation form or contact us directly. Together, we're making a lasting difference.

Sincerely,



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#### For Additional Information:

- Improving Childhood Development Outcomes: <u>TCF's Data Driven Research and TCF's point of view on root causes of suboptimal childhood development in our community.</u>
- Prime Time Players Literacy Initiative
- TCF Grant to Boys and Girls Club of Ocoee Region: Success Story
- TCF 2023 Awards Get Results: Grant Result Summary
- <u>Tellico Community Foundation on the web</u>

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