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**Dear TCF Donors and Friends,**

Every few years, The Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) conducts a competitive grant cycle to support nonprofits serving seniors and children in Loudon and Monroe counties.

This year, we focused our efforts on programs that strengthen reading and math skills. The need is urgent: by 5th grade, more than 70% of children in our counties are not performing at grade level in these critical subjects.

We've been inspired by the commitment of local nonprofits—and deeply concerned by the scale of unmet need in our community. The total amount requested by applicants far exceeds what TCF is currently able to fund. We want to do more, and we need your help.

We're seeking **25 households** to each contribute **\$2,000**. Your gift will directly support programs that build a stronger educational foundation for children in Loudon and Monroe counties. Contributions can be made by check, or directly from an IRA as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), or from a Donor Advised Fund.

As a thank you, your family will be recognized as a **Gold Sponsor** of TCF.

Will you join us in giving our children the stronger start they deserve?

With gratitude,

**The TCF Team**

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[Click here](#) for examples of how TCF grants have supported local nonprofits and positively impacted the lives of children in Loudon and Monroe Counties.

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