

SAFETY NET UPDATE

WINTER 2021



Nationwide there is a movement to improve communities, rebuild them and make them better. As I reflect on what this means for the Tahoe Truckee community, I recognize the **vital role our safety net, community-based organizations play**. We know that as a tourist-based economy, greater economic fluctuations make it harder for our community members to get by. We also know that in communities with soaring home prices, homelessness increases. And yet, our Collaborative partners have been resilient in their response to improve our community's well-being and to feed and shelter our most **vulnerable community members**. By the end of the year, our partners provided **affordable housing to 288 households**, including **26 individuals** who were previously homeless. We reflect on the responsive role our hunger-relief providers played in recent catastrophic wildfires. And we are grateful for the mental health providers who continue to work through waitlists and provide innovative programs.

Together we are **moving the needle** to ensure that all residents have access to affordable housing, health care, nourishing food, affordable and quality childcare, and mental health support.

Sincerely,
Alison Schwedner, *Director*
Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee

OUR MISSION

The Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee (CCTT), a program of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF), is comprised of over 45 health, education, and social service organizations and coalitions who have worked together for over 20 years to address the complex issues and fundamental needs of community members in North Tahoe-Truckee. The Collaborative seeks to understand the stories of our local people, and we root our work in the power of data to inform our leaders and drive results.



OUR PARTNERS

Adventure Risk Challenge	Sierra Mental Wellness Group
Aim High	Sierra Nevada Children's Services
Alta Regional	Sierra Senior Services
AMI Housing	Sierra Teen Education Parenting Program
Arts in Wellness	SOS Outreach
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northern Sierra	State of California, Department of Vocational Rehab
Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe	Tahoe Forest Health System
Child Advocates of Nevada County	Tahoe Food Hub
Connecting Point 211	Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
Excellence in Education	Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
Foothills Truckee Healthy Babies	Truckee N. Tahoe Transportation Management Agency
For Goodness Sake	Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church
FREED	Truckee Police Department
Gateway Mountain Center	UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center
Girls on the Run – Sierras	Uplift Family Services
Granite Wellness Centers	Victor Community Support Services
KidZCommunity Head Start	Western Sierra Medical Clinic
KidZone Museum	
Mental Health America of Northern California	
Mercy Housing/ Riverside Homes	
Nevada County Human Services Agency	
North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services	
Placer County Health and Human Services	
Placer County Network of Care	
Placer County Office of Education	
Placer County Sheriff's Office	
Read Up	
Sierra Agape	
Sierra College	
Sierra Community House	

COALITIONS

Communities 4 Kids
Tahoe Truckee Future Without Drug Dependence
Tahoe Truckee Perinatal Outreach Team
Tahoe Truckee Reads
Tahoe Truckee Suicide Prevention Coalition
United for Action

WELL-BEING & MENTAL HEALTH



The Tahoe Truckee region has been designated a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and doesn't have enough Spanish speaking providers. Telehealth and peer-based services are helping to fill the gap.



55 COMMUNITY MEMBERS participated in family strengthening programs ~Sierra Community House



42 ONE-ON-ONE peer support sessions provided to community members ~ Sierra Community House



3 NEW STUDENTS received therapy (starting 9/7/21 to 9/30/21 when school began in the fall) in addition to the 76 students who received virtual and in person therapy last school year 20-21. ~ TTUSD Wellness Program

CHILD CARE



There is not sufficient child care availability to meet the need for the number of children under the age of 5 living in our community. In addition, there is a lack of evening and weekend child care options for our families who are working in the service industry. Training more in-home care providers would expand availability.



2 LICENSED CHILD SITES in Eastern Nevada County had to close (one permanently and one became inactive due to COVID) ~ Sierra Nevada Children's Services



14 SPANISH SPEAKING CAREGIVERS participated in virtual early literacy training ~ Placer County Office of Education

HOUSING STABILITY



Of our region's workforce, 54% of households are inadequately housed, which means that they are spending more than 30% of their income on housing, living with more than one person per room, and/or living in housing that lacks plumbing or kitchen facilities. New programs and services are providing housing opportunities to our most vulnerable community members.



932 VISITS from 133 guests over 47 days at the Respite Day Center ~ North Tahoe - Truckee Homeless Services, AMI Housing, Inc.



124 NEW UNITS of affordable housing opened in Truckee ~ Mountain Housing Council



61 INDIVIDUALS experiencing homelessness received case management services ~ Truckee Homeless Services, AMI Housing, Inc.



21 COMMUNITY MEMBERS received legal assistance and conflict resolution around Landlord Tenant Law ~ Sierra Community House



19 INDIVIDUALS individuals experiencing homelessness assisted to move into permanent housing ~ North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services, AMI Housing, Inc. (March 2020-June 30, 2021)



2 HOUSEHOLDS received direct rental assistance for \$2,910 ~ Sierra Community House



HUNGER RELIEF

Food insecurity has not waned since it surged amid the Coronavirus pandemic. In Eastern Placer County, more households applied for CalFresh benefits in September than any other month in 2021. Providers continue to distribute food weekly and provide community food programs.



172,937 MEALS PROVIDED

(88,209) meals ~Sierra Community House

(9,728) meals ~ Sierra Senior Services
(75,000) meals ~Tahoe Truckee Unified School District



1,143 GIVING BOXES of which **512** went to Caldor Fire victims, **400** went to Reno and Gardnerville evacuation centers, and **120** to Grizzly Flats ~ Tahoe Food Hub



4,788 POUNDS OF TRUCKEE SOURDOUGH BREAD rescued

~ Feed Truckee



116 HOUSEHOLDS in Eastern Placer County applied for CalFresh benefits ~ Placer County



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*Data is collected by agencies that use different sources and timing. These statistics represent our best understanding of community data as of July 1-September 30, 2021.