

An aerial photograph of a coastal resort. In the foreground, there's a rocky shoreline with a large, multi-story resort building. To the left, a marina is filled with boats. The middle ground shows a sandy beach curving around a large, calm body of water. The background is a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

TGFF The Gibney Family FOUNDATION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CEO MESSAGE

One thing that I learned from 2021 is that resilience is all around us. For two years now we've lived in a world where the outlook is uncertain. We've rallied around the uncertainty and learned that reaching beyond our giving is more important than ever. Whether you're a family member volunteering in your community or a grantee thinking of innovative ways to help those you serve; thank you for all you do to reach out. Someone recently said to me "Our best opportunity to realize a positive result will depend on the actions we take now". Part of the resiliency I've seen is the action that has taken place to weather these challenging times.

I'd like to thank our partners who are in our communities. You play a critical role in sustaining the lives who are most affected by the evolving challenges of the past two years. You continue to commit and adapt as you provide the programs and services that are so greatly needed.

Let's continue to take action and hold tight to our resilience - That's how together we'll create a better future.

Tracy Wasden
CEO

AREAS OF IMPACT

PRIMARY FOCUS: BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

TGFF strives to empower visually impaired individuals with independence, employment, and quality of life which we strongly feel that all should be able to enjoy.

OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

FAMILY & CHILDREN SUPPORT

TGFF recognizes the importance of mental health, safe living conditions, food security, and other factors needed to support and strengthen families in our communities.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY & DISABLED SUPPORT

TGFF helps organizations put smiles on faces and confidence in souls to reach for the stars through sports and recreation and furthering independence through adaptive technology solutions.

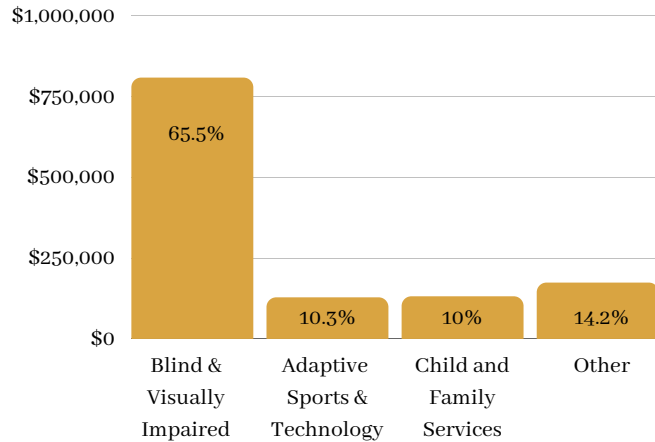
GIVING STATISTICS & TRENDS

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED IN 2021: \$1,214,496*

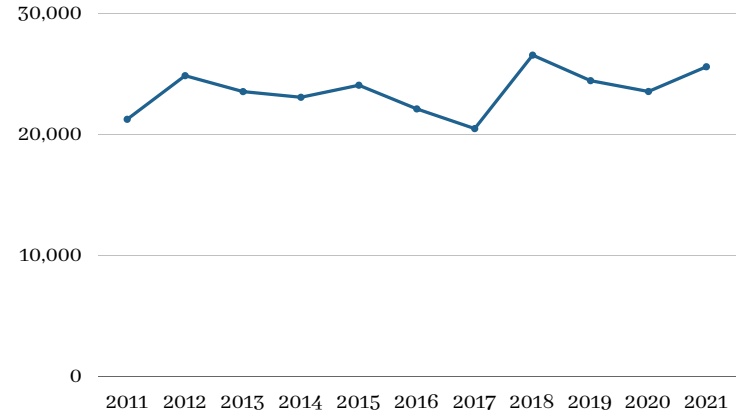
**Includes Grants, Donations, PRI Forgiveness, and contributions to TGFF's Donor Advised Fund*

Grants by Area of Focus

Donations Included

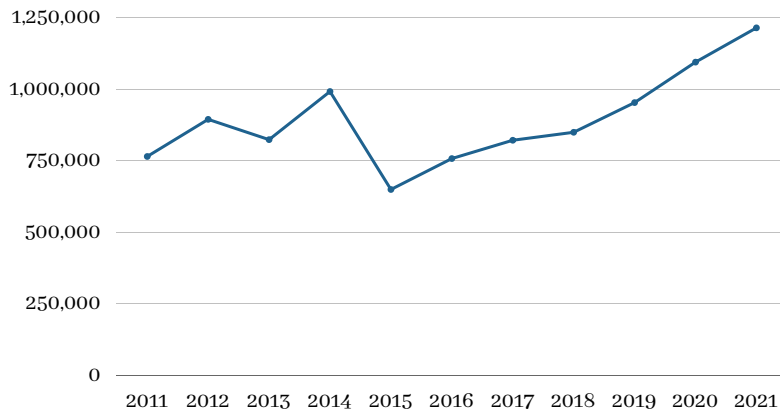


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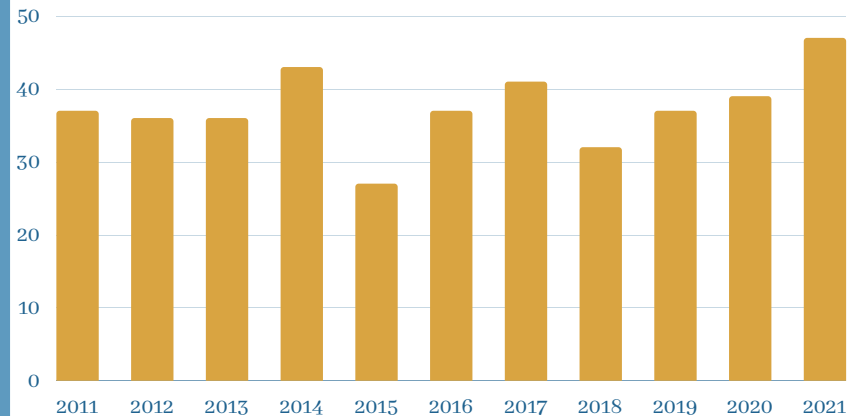


Total Granted by Year

Grants and Donations Included



Number of Grants Per Year



BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

ALEXANDRIA, VA

\$40,000

Providing a new staff position to combat isolation during Covid-19, ACB has engaged its community with an extensive national network of virtual community meetings and special interests group sessions.

BLIND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THORNTON, CO

\$30,000

Funding will develop and pilot an apprenticeship program for professionals who are technology savvy and certified in various software platforms helping them to get a foot in the door to employers.

CAMP ABILITIES

TUCSON, AZ

\$5,000

Grant will help them purchase equipment for various sports to be utilized at summer camp for approximately 25 campers for years to come.

COMPUTERS FOR THE BLIND

RICHARDSON, TX

\$29,750

The grant would propel them to transition from their current website and internal data portal to a fully accessible website and CRM system that will increase efficiency.

CONKLIN DAVIS CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

\$30,000

Funding will offset a portion of staffing wages for our Vocational Rehabilitation Program so we may serve 30 additional individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

EARLE BAUM CENTER OF THE BLIND, INC.

SANTA ROSA, CA

\$40,000

This project is designed to help reach the service goals for intake assessments, clinic appointments, as well as one-on-one and group classes in adjustment to vision loss and to support the cost for clients who cannot afford to pay for services.

FOUNDATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN

PHOENIX, AZ

\$25,000

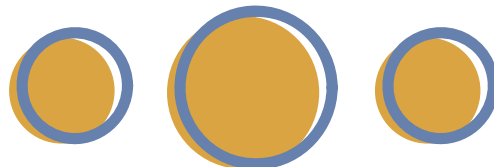
Funding will help support the Early Intervention Program which provides informational, instructional, and emotional support for families.

FUTURE IN SIGHT

CONCORD, NH

\$45,000

Funding will develop and pilot an apprenticeship program for professionals who are technology savvy and certified in various software platforms helping them to get a foot in the door to employers.



BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

IDAHO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOUNDATION

GOODING, ID \$5,000

Supporting IESDB with a virtual Camp in a Box and mini camps for approximately twenty students ages 7-13.

LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND LOW VISION

TAMPA, FL \$5,000

Funds will help support the growth of their early childhood programming to prepare an additional twenty-five kids to be ready for kindergarten.

LOWELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

LOWELL, MA \$35,000

LAB will recruit people who are blind and visually impaired interested in joining the workforce to give them the tools needed to obtain employment or take the next step in their careers.

MAB COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

BROOKLINE, MA \$38,000

Support the expansion of their existing volunteer program to become a statewide program, reaching a broader population of seniors who need assistance.

NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS

BOSTON, MA \$50,000

NBP will create a new program, in which they will distribute free resource kits filled with braille and tactile educational materials directly teaching professionals in the blindness field.

NEWVIEW OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA, OK \$30,000

Funds will expand their MOVE (More Opportunities for Vocational Evaluation and Education) training for young adults who are blind/visually impaired to be job-ready and gain employment.

RESOURCE

BURLINGTON, VT \$32,250

ReSource's goal is to create a strong national peer network for blind and visually impaired youth that will provide personal connection, professional guidance, career support, and mentoring partnerships.

SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

LIVONIA, MI \$5,000

Funding will help us meet the increasing demand for free braille books through our Book Angel Program. More importantly, it will help blind children develop the literacy skills they need for success in school – and in life.



BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

SOUTHERN ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

TUCSON, AZ

\$40,000

SAAVI will implement a new program to provide introductory blindness training to adults and seniors in rural and tribal areas where services are not typically accessible.

THE BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC

LOS ANGELES, CA

\$35,000

Grant will support the continuation of their distance learning in tandem with resuming in-person schooling. Couple this with expanding their learning library, this will enable both teachers and parents to work together to develop content tailored to students' needs.

THE CARROLL CENTER FOR THE BLIND

NEWTON, MA

\$40,000

Funds will help launch an innovative, new User Testing Training program that will instill individuals with the technical skills needed for positions in the IT industry as user testing evaluators.

THE IRIS NETWORK

PORTLAND, ME

\$50,000

Next Gen Grant: Enable Iris Network to improve employment outcomes for individuals who are blind or visually impaired by enhancing their staff's skills in assistive technology. Additionally, funds will provide appropriate technology equipment or software for clients for their ongoing use.

THE PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

WATERTOWN, MA

\$25,000

Perkins will build capacity among teachers of the visually impaired to be able to document and model best practices in virtual instruction while providing accessible, adapted education to students with vision loss.

US ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

\$40,000

USABA is seeking to hire a Blind Soccer Manager to coordinate the grassroots sites, develop training guidelines for coaches and volunteers, develop training for officials and to expand the program availability efforts to additional locations.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADVANCEMENT

BUFFALO, NY

\$30,000

VIA's Main Street Campus has a critical need for capital improvements to ensure the health and safety of employees and their clients who are blind or visually impaired.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PRESCHOOL SERVICES

LOUISVILLE, KY

\$5,000

VIPS will develop a cohesive, detailed curriculum with preschool education best practices which will then open the path to formalizing, marketing, and distributing this critical learning tool.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY & DISABLED SUPPORT

ACHILLES, CT CHAPTER

BRANFORD, CT

\$5,000

Recovering from Covid-19 setbacks and loss of revenue, Achilles is looking to regain the momentum of their funding by reengaging with local and national sponsors.

AMERICAN HEROES PROJECT

SPANISH FORK, UT

\$5,000

Grant will provide recreation activities for disabled veterans and first responders to enhance their lives through the outdoors and life-changing experiences.

CAMP SUMMIT

DALLAS, TX

\$16,984

Support would allow Camp Summit to upgrade their outdoor camp space making it more accessible by purchasing seating and a large portable outdoor sound system with wireless mics and ample speakers.

CAST FOR KIDS

SALEM, OR

\$5,000

Funds would provide a one-day fishing event to accommodate children, ages 6-18, with a wide range of special needs, including those with disabilities, terminally ill as well as disadvantaged children.

HIGHER GROUND SUN VALLEY, INC

KETCHUM, ID

\$38,534

Higher Ground will be able to provide 150 participants with over 2000 hours of highly-individualized recreation opportunities. The skills gained through this program will help all participants gain self-confidence while recreating, empowerment in social settings, and independence in all facets of life's daily challenges.

NATIONAL ABILITY CENTER

PARK CITY, UT

\$15,000

Funds will help fund a COACH intern (Creating Opportunities for ACHievement). It is for individuals with any sort of disabilities, usually between 16-22 years old, focusing on vocational, advocacy, independence & job skills while helping with NAC's programming needs.

NORTHEAST PASSAGE

DURHAM, NH

\$38,750

This grant request will support individuals with physical disabilities through participation in our community-based recreational therapy program and establishing a pathway to sustainability within the organization.

TETON ADAPTIVE SPORTS

TETON VILLAGE, WY

\$5,000

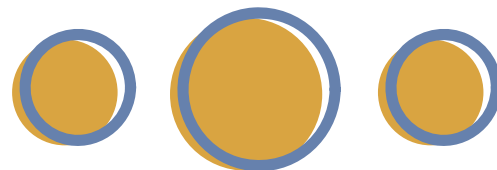
The grant will fund a part-time position that will launch their operations of an adaptive sports program in Idaho. The new staff will establish a database of clients, host introductory events, and establish funding sources.

WAYPOINT ADVENTURES, INC

LEXINGTON, MA

\$15,000

Helping remove the financial barrier to getting participants outdoors by providing scholarships to various activities, as well as assist with the purchase of a trailer to transport their equipment for programming activities.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUPPORT

BAGS OF LOVE

EUGENE, OR

\$10,000

Funds will support the ongoing distribution of their "bags of love" to children who are at risk and in crisis.

BRIDLE UP HOPE

ALPINE, UT

\$5,000

Funding will facilitate scholarships for girls who are struggling with life challenges and set them on the path for success through equine therapy.

CAMP HODIA

BOISE, ID

\$5,000

Funding will support 5-10 Winter Camp participants. The camp supports children with insulin-dependent diabetes in Idaho.

CAPSA

LOGAN, UT

\$48,560

Support and funding to increase awareness activities and community education about domestic violence, sexual abuse, and the resources CAPSA offers.

EYE TO EYE, INC

NEW YORK, NY

\$30,000

Grant will help launch its Educator Training Program in Colorado to create supportive learning environments and awareness for students who learn differently.

FRIENDS IN ACTION

DURHAM, NH

\$5,000

Providing special Zoom programming twice a month with an "Around the World" experience to 50-60 developmentally disabled participants per session.

HEALING MEALS COMMUNITY PROJECT

BLOOMFIELD, CT

\$38,380

Harnessing the power of data, Healing Meals will be able to enhance communication, development efforts, and easily tell their story with reliable and accurate information.

HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES

PEORIA, AZ

\$25,000

Funding will support the Equine Therapy program which serves low-income children and youth who have experienced extreme trauma in their lives.

IDAHO YOUTH RANCH, INC

BOISE, ID

\$20,000

Enable Idaho Youth Ranch to accelerate their services of equine-assisted psychotherapy to youth and their families.

KIDS ON THE MOVE

OREM, UT

\$14,713

Funding for seven Standards/Gait Trainers will help children with special needs strengthen the core muscle groups.

NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S HOME

SPANISH FORK, UT

\$37,500

Partial funding of an additional therapist to help kids in Idaho.

STEPS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BURLINGTON, VT

\$26,455

By assisting with hiring a Groups Facilitator, STEPS has reimaged how to reach their clients and to develop curriculum which focuses on long term, independent stability.

THE ROAD HOME

SOUTH SALT LAKE, UT

\$5,000

Providing the initial funding for an additional Case Manager to work one on one with households to overcome barriers that led to or hinder their ability to achieve permanent housing.

FUTURE IN SIGHT VISIT

Due to Covid restrictions, we opted not to do our annual service project and instead, learn about the services and growth of FIS.

TGFF was honored to host members from Future In Sight at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Future in Sight was one of TGFF's first grant recipients 30 years ago - and since, a fantastic relationship has been built. FIS has transformed the lives of so many with their specialized services and support to those with visual impairments in New Hampshire.

Our day with FIS was filled with stories shared by interim President & CEO, Tim Murray, Randy Pierce, Stephanie Hurd and David Hagen, as well as memories from three of TGFF's founding members. A "Dining in the Dark" lunch experience, guided by members of FIS, was a highlight of our visit. As an end to our time together, Future in Sight surprised TGFF with an Access Award, for the demonstration of and innovative efforts in providing enhanced access and eliminating barriers to those who are visually impaired. TGFF was truly honored to receive this award and grateful for the partnership with Future in Sight.



FAMILY DONATIONS

Family members have the opportunity to give small discretionary donations to organizations of their choosing.

Below are the organizations that received a donation.



A Shared Vision *, Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection, Camp Abilities - Tucson *, Earle Baum Center of the Blind, Inc. *, Girls on the Run, Capital Region, Guiding Eyes for the Blind *, Healing Meals Community Project, Himalayan Cataract Project, Inc. *, Home Share Vermont, HopeKids, Inc, National Braille Press *, National Interscholastic Cycling Association -Idaho, Northeast Sight Services *, Northwest Association for Blind Athletes *, Oak Hill *, Our Space, Our Place *, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions Foundation, Seedlings Braille Books for Children *, Ski for Light, International *, Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired *, Spectrum Youth and Family Services, Sun Sounds of Arizona - Tucson *, Teen Lifeline, Inc, The Committee on Temporary Shelter, The Mentoring Network, The Road Home, Utah Refugee Connection, Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired *, Vermont Council of the Blind *, VISIONS *, VisionServe Alliance *

*Denotes a Blind and Visually Impaired Organization

FOUNDATION GROWTH OVER 30 YEARS



Al Gibney, Founder

DONOR'S INTENT

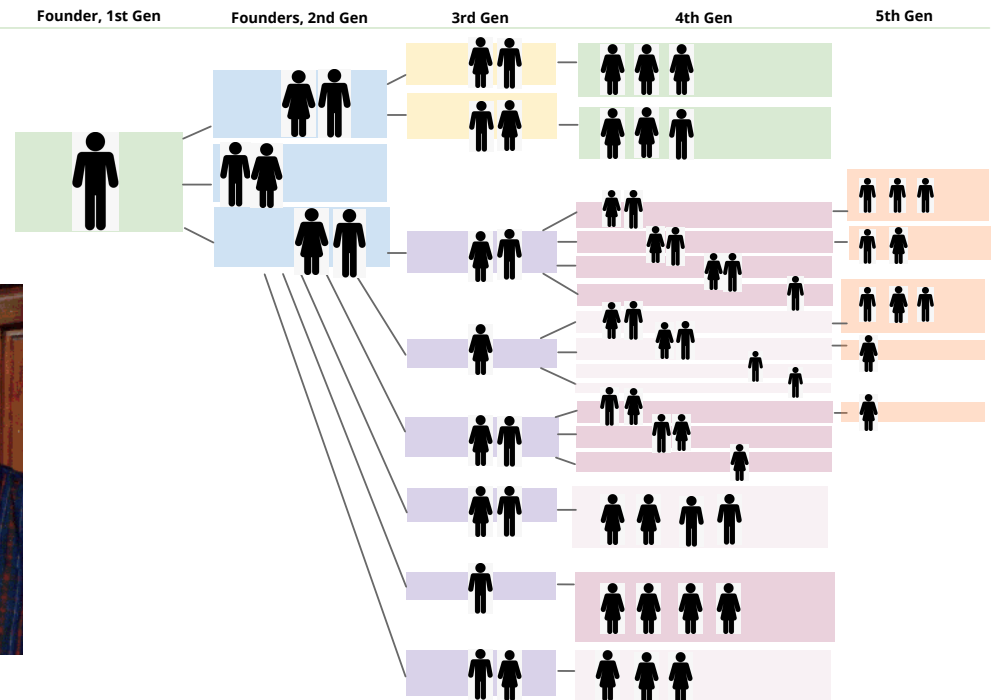
"Embrace the concept of a narrowly focused mission as an opportunity to encourage a geographically scattered family to maximize successes as we work together toward a common goal. These unified efforts and resulting successes will allow passion to grow. The narrow focus will also honor the dedicated and inspirational efforts of the Donor's mother and aunt who spent many hours enabling blind children to read through their efforts to translate children's books into Braille."

5 GENERATIONS TOTALING 65 FAMILY MEMBERS, WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL.



Founding Members of TGFF

TGFF FAMILY TREE



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tracy Wasden, President
Frank Gibney, Founding Member
Sue DiFatta, Corporate Secretary
Brian DiFatta, Treasurer
Diane Muhr
Ken Wasden

Emeritus:

Joan Whittaker, Founding Member
Sue Young, Founding Member



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Frank Gibney	Mallory Bair
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Diane Muhr	Molly Whittaker
	Celeste Beazer



TGFF FAMILY

Second Generation:

Chris and Joan Whittaker
Stan and Sue Young
Frank Gibney and Diane Muhr

Third Generation:

Jerry and Jennifer Boyd
Ken and Tracy Wasden
Adria Sumsion
Rob and Molly Whittaker
Brian and Sue DiFatta
Rob and Joyana Samsel
Todd Young
Andy and Lisa Young

Fourth Generation (over 18):

Jackson and Celeste Beazer
Mason and Kenzie Summers
Cache and Aubrey Summers
Chris and Natalie Hansen
Tate and Mallory Bair
Tyler Samsel
Bailey Dyson
Hayden DiFatta
Brayden and Ashlyn Weeks
Allison and Dillan Rowley
Ryan Sumsion
Madison Whittaker
Ethan Sumsion
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