

Local nonprofits benefit from Vail Resorts

Heavenly Mountain, Northstar and Kirkwood resorts gave money and product donations to 92 nonprofits in South Lake Tahoe, Meyers, Jackson, Stateline, Minden, Gardnerville and Carson City as well as organizations from Truckee, Tahoe City, Kings Beach and Incline Village.

For this year's EpicPromise grant cycle, Vail Resorts – the parent company of the ski resorts – wanted to make sure its contributions were pertinent and addressed the community's most critical issues.

Contributions:

South Lake Tahoe

- Connecting youth to nature | Grants to the Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Tahoe Institute for Natural Science, Marine Research & Education and the Lake Tahoe Unified School District will each highlight different aspects of local ecology and will grow the next generation of environmental stewards.

- Mental health | By partnering with Live Violence Free, children who are victims of domestic violence and/or child abuse will receive positive adult role models and guidance towards establishing lifestyles.

- Improving our community fabric | Support of Bread & Broth provides nutritious meals to families in need through the "Adopt-A-Day of Nourishment" and "Bread & Broth 4 Kids" programs.

Truckee and North Lake Tahoe

- After-school and life skills programs for youth |

Grants to Adventure Risk Challenge, Aim High for High School, Arts for the Schools, the Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe, Girls on the Run and SOS Outreach will help local youth reach their fullest potential.

- Environmental organizations | By partnering with the Truckee River Watershed Council on their mission and River Day event, grants will help bring the Truckee community together to restore, protect and enhance our beloved Truckee River.

- Hunger and basic need | Support of Project MANA, Truckee Community Christmas and the Tahoe Food Hub provides nutrition to Truckee and North Lake Tahoe families year round.

- Local school districts | Lift tickets to each school in TTUSD and Washoe County school districts and support of Sagehen Outdoor Education Program and the SWEP Program to promote sustainability.

New to EpicPromise this year, employees were asked to vote on the EpicPromise Kids Award for a nonprofit that was committed to making a tangible impact for kids of all demographics in the community in a way that meets critical needs. These \$2,500 awards were given to Tahoe Youth & Family Services in South Lake Tahoe and Arts for the Schools in Tahoe-Truckee.