TVLC Endowment Committee Update September 2026

The TVLC Endowment Committee began the year with $5,708 2026 Budget Approved by TVLC Council. Throughout the year several applications for funding were considered and awarded as described below.

On September 24th, TVLC's Endowment Committee took an enlightening and inspiring field trip to the More Than a Bed and GAP Ministries campuses where we took tours of their facilities and saw firsthand their impact on our community.

Funded $ 500 Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
TVLC purchased items for the April 2026 LSS-SW Community Baby Shower.

Funded $2,500 More Than a Bed
MTaB provides essential items and support to children in foster care, kinship and adoptive families so every child feels valued. The entire TVLC grant will fund diapers and wipes, dressers, new shoes and underwear, beds, clothing, car seats, and other necessities for children facing hardship. No funds will be used for administrative costs or staff salaries. Overview of items MTaB provided last fiscal year: 330 beds, 65 cribs, 5412 pairs of shoes, 259 cars seats, 2441 packs of diapers 22, 123 toys, and 354 bikes.

Funded $1,000 GAP Ministries
GAP Ministries' Community Hub helps break cycles of poverty and abuse through relationship-centered, individualized goal setting that addresses challenges facing people with low incomes. GAP requested funding from Tanque Verde Lutheran Church to purchase kitchen, bathroom, hygiene, and cleaning supplies for Hub Kits tailored to families moving into low-income housing. Summary of GAP Ministries services and resources: Group foster care home & foster care training, GAP Kitchen prepares meals for low-income families, their Miracle Center provides career and life developments training, their Community Warehouse and markets share fresh food and basic items with struggling individuals.

Funded $1,305 TVLC Preschool
This grant will enable nine TVLC Preschool staff members to attend the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference on November 21, 2026: *The Architecture of Belonging: Building Spaces Where Every Child Fits*. The conference will provide eight hours of professional development for early childhood educators, with a focus on creating inclusive classrooms where every child is welcome.

For information about TVLC Endowment Giving Opportunities and Applications – please visit TVLC.org >Give> Endowment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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