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*A Portrait of the work and impact of the Trail Dames
Charitable Foundation*

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Executive Summary

This has been a year of excitement and growth for the Trail Dames Charitable Foudation (TDCF). As our sister organziation, Trail Dames, Inc., grows, so do the opportunities for us to share our vision.

We continue to focus on our three priorities:

- Education
- Trail Maintenance
- Charitable Giving and Support

And are looking forward to new ways to serve in 2025.



Mission Statement

The Trail Dames Foundation Mission Statement:

Our foundation aims to provide the resources necessary to enable, inspire and educate women. We want to empower women to explore and experience nature and all it has to offer.

The foundation aims to collect resources for both the Trail Dames and other nonprofit organizations whose focus is the betterment of women.

The goal of the foundation is to raise funds, donated for tax-exempt charitable purposes, and administer these funds in areas that emphasize outdoor education for women and support for outdoor experiences for women.



2024 Board of Directors



Dixie Huthmaker, Treasurer, Member at Large



Kim Weiler, Board Member



Anna Huthmaker, Founder



Pam de Graaf, Board Member

Ongoing Projects

- Financial Support for areas impacted by 2024 storms
- Trail Maintenance
- Hike Leader Training
- Meet and Greets-education for the new hiker





The Summit

Our first post-pandemic conference was held from June 21-23, 2024 in Cullowhee, North Carolina. Attendance numbers were lower than the previous, pre-pandemic Summit, but the energy and enthusiasm felt by all bodes well for the next one!

Our 2026 Summit will be at a new location, yet to be determined.

The next Summit will include:

- Seminars in hiking, gear making, dehydrating trail food, etc
- Slide show presentations on International hiking and backpacking
- Courses focused on the self-esteem, connection, and camaraderie of hiking
- Support of other women who have excelled in the outdoors
- A silent auction benefitting the Trail Dames Charitable Foundation





2024 Additional Projects

In 2024, we made several donations of \$1,000 to Best Friends Pets, The Cajun Navy, and The Appalachian Trail Conservancy to help in the recovery efforts needed in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene devastated the area.



Financial Reports

Profit and Loss reports and Balance Sheets available on request

Summit financials are available upon request

TDCF Financial Controls, Policies and Procedures available on request

TDCF By-Laws available on request