

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, an *Affiliate* of ACF  Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter.

Summer 2018



Art Jess Scholarship Fund

Recipients

We are pleased to introduce you to the first two recipients of the new Art Jess Scholarship Fund, each of whom will receive \$1000!

Jenae Larson graduated from Haines High School in 2016 and is currently a sophomore at the University of Idaho, pursuing a degree in Elementary Education with a special endorsement in Literacy. After getting a Master's in Education and teaching for a while, Jenae would like to eventually move back to Haines and teach, giving back to the community that supported her for so many years.



2017 Art Jess Scholarship
Fund recipients
Jenae Larson and
Rodney Williamson

Rodney Williamson grew up and attended school in Klukwan through the 8th grade, and attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka. After graduating with honors this past May, Rodney is headed to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado where he intends to pursue a double major in Sociology and English. Rodney would like to eventually get a Master's in Social Work, and looks forward to giving struggling people a better chance at life and helping them live up to their full potential.

Grantee Highlight: Haines Dolphins Swim Team

Organized in 1997 by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Dolphins have grown to become one of the largest youth sports organizations in Haines. Up to 65 kids, ages 5 through 14, participated in the 2017-18 season. Four qualified for Junior Olympics and attended this competition in April: Lucia Chapell, Emma Dohrn, Pacific Ricke and Rio Ross-Hirsch.

Head coach Jackie St. Clair says she "hopes to continue to bring in young swimmers, to build the team, and to keep old members as well."

This organization has been a grantee since 2009, the first year the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation offered grants, and has received funds nearly every year since then. Through your generosity, we are proud to support the Haines Dolphins Swim Team!



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Chilkat Valley Community Foundation launched the 2020 Matching Campaign in 2017 thanks to the generosity and assistance of The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation. Our goal is to raise \$185,000 by the end of 2020 to secure all the available matching

dollars. Gifts to the following CVCF funds qualify for a 1:1 match: CVCF Fund, Operating Endowment Fund, Fitness and Wellness Fund, Environmental Fund, and the Memorial Fund. Starting in 2018 match funds will be credited to the CVCF Fund.

Also, if you make a planned gift to a CVCF fund AND complete a Legacy Declaration of Intent Form, 5% of your planned gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar NOW by The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation. (Capped at \$5,000 per bequest gift.) Creating a charitable legacy does not require large income or a vast estate. All that's required is the thoughtful intention to make a difference in the Chilkat Valley for generations to come!

Our Spring 2018 Workshops

Chris Walker, an attorney with Faulkner, Banfield in Juneau, met individually with a dozen community members to discuss their estate planning questions and get them headed in the right direction as they make or revise their wills and estate plans. Chris also spoke at a lunchtime roundtable to about 20 attendees about the importance of having a will.

Mike Walsh, VP of Public Policy with The Foraker Group, led a 3-hour training on board member roles and effective leadership. About 20 board members and staff from 12 nonprofits joined the training, and left energized with new ideas and strategies to work effectively for the organizations they serve. One participant said "What an informative, engaging session that was. I appreciate your work bringing it together."

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