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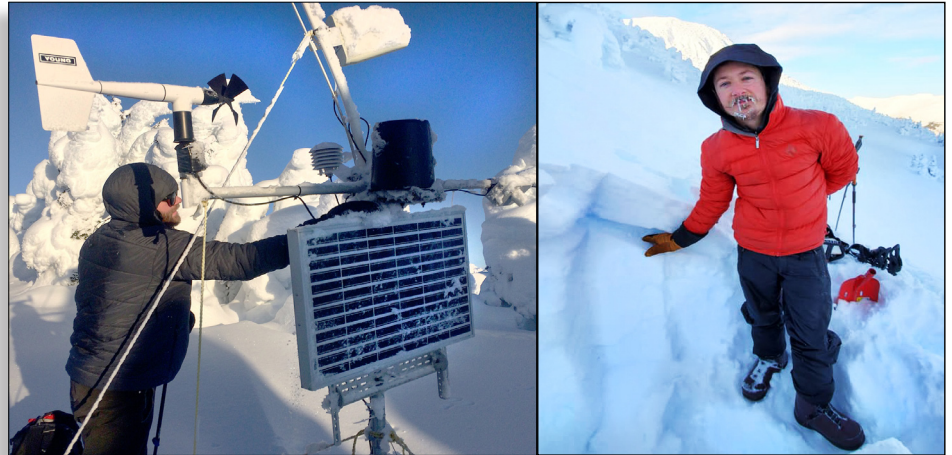
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Highlights of Your Gifts in Action



Your generosity supported operational expenses at Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center.



Your donations supported the ongoing operations of the Haines Avalanche Center, a local branch of the Alaska Avalanche Information Center.



You helped fund operating support for the Haines Animal Rescue Kennel.



You contributed to the American Bald Eagle Foundation's diorama interpretation update.



Thank you, Lucy Harrell !

We wish to continue to offer thanks to the late Lucy Harrell for her incredible generosity. When her estate was settled in May 2020, her final will left one million dollars to the community through CVCF! We are very grateful to Lucy for this amazing gift, and for demonstrating so clearly her belief in our mission. For more details on her many contributions to the Chilkat Valley, please go to our website at chilkatvalleycf.org, and read the article about Lucy Harrell in our Summer 2020 newsletter.



Chilkat Valley Community Foundation

An Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation

A special thanks to The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation for all of their assistance and support!

Thanks to our donors, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation's endowment funds total more than **\$2,340,000!** And these funds will continue to grow, since the principal is never spent. Because of your ongoing support, **\$27,563** was awarded this year to nine organizations and two individuals.

To view our Grants 2020 video presentation, see our Facebook page or our website.

2020 Endowment Grants & Scholarships

Organization/Individual		Amount
Alaska Avalanche Information Center	Haines Avalanche Center Operating Support	\$3,000
Friends of Mosquito Lake Community Center	Victory Garden	\$2,000
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel	Spay & Neuter Program	\$3,000
Haines Dolphins Swim Team	Operating Support	\$2,500
Haines Friends of Recycling	Door Replacement	\$3,000
Lynn Canal Broadcasting	KHNS Engineer Training	\$2,500
RurAL CAP	Haines Head Start & Parents as Teachers	\$2,250
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	Operating Support	\$2,313
Takshanuk Watershed Council	Summer Work Program for Local Youth	\$3,000
Christie Nelson	Art Jess Scholarship Recipient	\$2,000
Ashley Williamson	Art Jess Scholarship Recipient	\$2,000
<i>These funds came from:</i>		Total Awarded
<i>Environmental Fund \$1,599 towards Mosquito Lake Victory Garden, Memorial Fund \$2,215 towards Haines Avalanche Center, Fitness & Wellness Fund \$1,789 to Dolphins Swim Team, Art Jess Scholarship Fund \$4,000 for two scholarships, Call Family Fund \$360 towards RurAL CAP, and the \$17,600 balance came from the General Endowment Fund.</i>		\$27,563

Thanks to support from you, our donors, as well as from The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation, The AK Can Do Fund has helped nonprofits provide critical services to those who are struggling with issues related to COVID-19. This fund has also been made available to nonprofits that are essential to our quality of life, and are financially challenged at this time. This is not an endowment fund; instead, 100% of your donations to this emergency fund have gone directly to the Chilkat Valley nonprofits listed below.

Chilkat Valley 2020 AK Can Do Grants



Organization		Amount
Becky's Place Haven of Hope	Operating Support	\$900
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel	Operating Support	\$2,000
Hospice of Haines	Operating support & "Hope Bags"	\$500
Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center	Operating Support	\$2,000
Salvation Army Alaska, Haines Corps	Assistance Programs	\$4,000
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	Operating Support	\$1,687
SEARHC Haines Clinic	COVID-19 related expenses	\$1,500
Total Awarded		\$12,587

Your Questions Answered

What is a Community Foundation? A community foundation supports local nonprofits in a specific geographic area, pooling donors' gifts into permanent endowment funds. A percentage of the annual earnings from these investments are used to match donors' charitable interests with community needs through grants and scholarships. The beauty of an endowment is that the original gifts are never spent, thereby making the funds – and their community impact – permanent.

What is our relationship to The Alaska Community Foundation? Established in 1995, ACF is an accredited statewide platform for philanthropy, dedicated to partnering with donors to strengthen and enrich Alaska's communities forever. Over the years, ACF has proven itself to be a trustworthy, professionally managed organization, and today manages over 1,900 funds, with over \$150 million in investment assets.

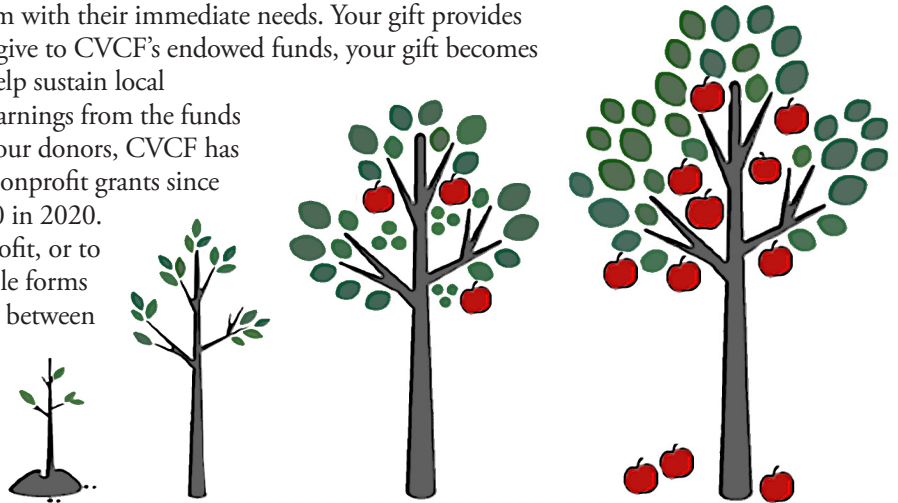
CVCF was established in 2008 along with 7 other Affiliates across the state through a partnership with The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation. Each Affiliate is led by a local advisory board of volunteer community members, and is supported by a local Program Manager, salaried by ACF. In addition, ACF provides CVCF with administrative and website support, investment management, and legal and tax compliance.

Because of our close ties to ACF, CVCF has also been able to leverage additional funds from ACF and Rasmuson Foundation through their generous dollar-for-dollar matches and other bonus programs, making our donors' gifts stretch even farther.

How does my gift to CVCF differ from a direct gift to a local nonprofit?

Donating directly to local nonprofits helps them with their immediate needs. Your gift provides a one-time use, and is spent as needed. When you give to CVCF's endowed funds, your gift becomes part of a protected and permanent asset that will help sustain local organizations far into the future. A portion of the earnings from the funds is drawn each year to make local grants. Thanks to our donors, CVCF has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships and nonprofit grants since its inception in 2008, including more than \$40,000 in 2020.

Both ways of giving - either directly to a nonprofit, or to one of the endowment funds at CVCF - are valuable forms of contributing to your community. The difference between these two models of giving has been likened to giving someone a basket of apples for their immediate use, compared to giving them an apple tree which will then grow and provide more and more fruit for many years to come.



Memorial Fund

Started in 2011, the founding donors gave in memory of

Walter Feit • Ted & Leola Myren • Bud & Shirley Barber •
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Memorial Fund gifts made this year in memory of:

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- Babe & Evelyn Badgley
- Bob Duis
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- George Edwards
- Elizabeth Friedenauer
- Bruce & Gail Gilbert
- Linda Graham
- Lucy Harrell
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- John Marquardt
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The Living Treasures Program

gives people an opportunity to publicly honor and thank individuals they value who have made a difference in their lives. This year, donors honored these individuals as Living Treasures:

Gregg Bigsby
Jerry & Barb Blood
Dr. Bill Broste
Sara Chapell
Steve & Ann Marie Fossman
Mike Howard
Jeanne Kitayama
Shannon McPhetres
Chuck Mitman
Ann Myren
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Cecily Stern

The Literary Link to a New Legacy Fund

It was Heather Lende's book, *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs*, that inspired new Legacy Society members Ron Stotz and Nancy Bandy to establish the Chilkat Valley Medical/Health Fund, a CVCF field of interest fund that will become active once their estate has been settled.

Many years ago, Ron spent time in Alaska flying and demonstrating regional aircraft to Alaska-based air carriers. This led to him managing a fleet of the aircraft in airline service in Alaska. Traveling the state, Ron saw how difficult it was for remote villagers to get to larger towns for emergencies and other necessary healthcare. In order to provide rural patients transport to Anchorage at the cost of an airline ticket, versus air ambulance costs, Ron had the aircraft modified by removing some passenger seats so that fully reclining aircraft seats could be installed.

In 1998 Ron and Nancy traveled from their home in California to Texas for cancer treatment, requiring temporary housing for a month. They understand the financial burden and stresses of leaving one's home for extended health care.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, Nancy found a review for Heather's second book. Ron and Nancy ordered and read all of Heather's books, then loaned them to neighbors. Heather's books became a source of conversation as neighbors walked their dogs or came outside for a breath of fresh air during the shutdown.

Ron and Nancy found the description of Lende's own medical crisis in small-town Alaska compelling. Heather's story, combined with Ron's experiences in Alaska and his own cancer treatment, planted the seed for this CVCF-advised fund to be established in conjunction with The Alaska Community Foundation. Heather helped Ron identify people to communicate with to accomplish their goal.

With the new fund, Ron and Nancy hope to alleviate some of the financial burden of medical expenses for those in need by helping with stipends for transportation, medevac insurance, lodging and food, prescriptions and procedures, equipment like wheelchairs/walkers, hospital beds or automatic defibrillators, and other health-related medical needs. Any nonprofits providing health or medical assistance in the Chilkat Valley will be eligible for grants from this fund, providing invaluable help for locals struggling through medical challenges.

Ron and Nancy look forward to traveling to the Chilkat Valley in person someday. They were headed to Haines from Dezadeash Lake in 2014, on their yearly camping trip with their dogs to the Pacific Northwest, B.C. and the Yukon, when a fall snowstorm cut their trip short. We look forward to that future visit. Until then, CVCF is grateful for the couple's incredible generosity. We are also really happy that they read a lot!



Welcome to Our New Program Manager

You might know Katie Craney by her metal art, which has been displayed internationally as well as locally at the Haines Sheldon Museum and on Main Street in Haines, but actually she wears many hats. And we're especially excited about her newest hat, which is Program Manager for CVCF.

Having worked for and with local and regional organizations on various projects, Katie is keenly aware of everything that goes into managing a nonprofit. Her experiences as communications coordinator and board chair of a nonprofit have provided her the tools for working remotely and with an ethnically and economically diverse and geographically unique group of board members, staff, and donors. And her own experience writing grants will be invaluable as PM.

Katie came to Haines gradually, working first in Glacier Bay National Park and then as a trail ranger on the Chilkoot Trail in Skagway. She and her husband, Dustin Craney, bought property in Haines and are the current owners of Sockeye Cycle. Katie loves Haines for its access to outdoor activities like backcountry skiing, hiking, and fishing. And of course, she continues to make art. After seven years away from it, she realized she "can communicate better with art than with words."

We can't let this newsletter go by without saying "goodbye" to our previous Program Manager, Sara Chapell. She did an outstanding job for CVCF and the community, and set the bar high for Katie. We'll miss Sara and wish her well in her full-time job at SAIL.



CVCF Donors

November 16, 2019 - November 15, 2020

Community Champion – \$5,000 and up

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The Alaska Community Foundation, Anonymous (2)

Community Leader – \$1,000 - \$4,999

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Community Advocate – \$250 - \$999

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Note: * denotes Legacy Society Members

Your Gifts Support Local Nonprofits!



Southeast Alaska Independent Living & Takshanuk Watershed Council



Haines Dolphins Swim Team

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