

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

*Enabling joyful givers to realize community dreams.*

## The Community Asset Building Initiative and the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation

The Rasmuson Foundation launched the Community Asset Building Initiative (CABI) with The Alaska Community Foundation to promote the value and the importance of community foundations to help communities achieve local goals.

The Chilkat Valley was invited to participate in the initiative because of our community's track record of giving generously to community betterment, and because we are recognized statewide as a community that gets things done. CABI sponsors assumed, rightly, that Chilkat Valley residents would support a foundation to create what is essentially a community permanent fund to support area projects and nonprofits.

A cornerstone of CABI was the Rasmuson Foundation's generous 2:1 match of unrestricted endowment funds, which will, at the end of the first two years (thanks to your support), give CVCF a 150,000-dollar nest egg to build on. Another critical component is that the fund is managed by financial and legal experts at The Alaska Community Foundation.

The objectives for CABI include creating a community endowment. The interest earned will fund community programs and projects. CABI also is designed to encourage philanthropy (a fancy word for giving) among Alaskans, and to cultivate a long view of community leadership while at the same time encouraging communities to identify priorities and solve problems.

Fifteen Alaskan communities were invited to apply to the program, and ours was one of seven chosen. The Steering Committee members felt it was too good an offer to pass up, and through training seminars and our own research, quickly became believers in the long lasting value of a Chilkat Valley Community Foundation. Since being accepted into the CABI, Steering Committee members have continued to receive extensive training (funded by CABI) in everything from trustee responsibilities and grant application guidelines to continuing education about the value of everyday philanthropy.

We have learned that you don't need to be a Rockefeller to use your dollars to make your world a better place. As Steering Committee member Kimberley Strong of Klukwan says, "Our time on earth is limited; giving to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation will have impact for years to come."

***"As longtime residents, we've seen the ups and downs in the economy. We support the Foundation because it is a responsible way of funding worthwhile programs for years to come. It's an investment in the future of Haines."***

*~ Doug Olerud, of Olerud's Inc., a business donor.*



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## CVCF's Donor Philosophy

We have a strong commitment to donor service. Our goal is to build a bridge between people who care about our community and the wide range of groups who need their help. We want to assist donors become involved in community issues and philanthropy in a way that brings personal satisfaction and supports our vision of joyful giving. We believe that we can serve our community more powerfully by respecting, celebrating and building on the experiences, skills, and knowledge that each donor brings to the table.

We work to engage you in your philanthropy, connecting you to the things you care about. It is part of our commitment to keep you involved with your gifts, and those whose lives are touched by acts of philanthropy, offering you measurable results of your donations at work. Through the grant process, you will see your donations make a difference in the quality of community life.

We encourage people to 'stretch' in their giving but recognize that the amount of a 'stretch' gift varies for people at different economic levels, and we gratefully accept all donations. We are inclusive, allowing every donor to have a sense of participation in the work of the Community Foundation. We know you are interested in seeing your dollars leveraged and they will continue to be, even after the Rasmuson Foundation match is met, by the contributions your generosity will inspire in others. We believe it is important to show appreciation for all gifts, regardless of size, and recognize that every gift represents a significant and thoughtful gesture.

I have been an Alaskan resident for over thirty years, with more than twenty of those years spent in Haines. I love this community and appreciate so many things about it. One of the things I most appreciate is the generosity of this community. Over the years I have witnessed the overwhelming response when an individual, family or organization is in need and the way this town rallies around and supports with financial donations. When I read about the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation I realized that I would be able contribute to my community not only for the present, but more importantly for generations to come. I have been making small donations because I know that over time they will add up to be something much more significant. I hope that everyone who reads this will think about Haines and the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation and decide to participate on whatever financial level possible. ~Deborah Davis

## Family Fund as a Way to Celebrate an Achievement

As a way of recognizing her son and daughter-in-law who have become Haines residents this year, Suzanne Downing Yack has created the Ashley and Heather Call Family Fund at the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation.

"Ashley and Heather have visited Haines for years and have wanted to live here," Suzanne said. "I'm so proud they've achieved their dream and I am recognizing that by establishing this fund, which will help make their hometown community a better place in perpetuity." She will add to the fund in coming years and will encourage other family members to do so as well.

Suzanne is a program officer at Alaska Community Foundation and interacts with the CVCF regularly. With the \$2000 as an initial gift, she was able to bring in \$4,000 in matching funds from the Rasmuson Foundation, helping CVCF inch closer to its initial first goal of raising \$50,000 in permanent endowment. The Ashley and Heather Call Family Fund is an unrestricted, named fund, the first of many that the foundation hopes will be created at Chilkat Valley Community Foundation.



## Generous Donors Rise to the Occasion

Fifty-eight donations from individuals, business and local nonprofits, along with the 2 to 1 match from the Rasmuson Foundation, have built the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation fund to more than \$ 92,500. Our heartfelt thanks goes to: James Alborough and Sarah Posey ♥ Anonymous ♥ Sean Asquith and Julia Heinz ♥ The Babbling Book ♥ Bud Barber and Alexandra Feit ♥ Norman and Patricia Blank ♥ Greg Brask and Debra Schnabel ♥ Kevin and Marla Brownlee ♥ Sara Callaghan Chapell ♥ Jerrie Clarke ♥ Darsie and Courtney Culbeck ♥ Steven and JoAnn Cunningham ♥ Deborah Davis ♥ Drew Degen ♥ Scott Doddridge and Julie Vance ♥ Doug and Leslie Evenden ♥ Bill Finlay ♥ Richard and Julianne Folta ♥ Fort Seward B & B –Norman and Suzanne Smith ♥ Gerard Garland and Marion Kinter ♥ Haines Borough ♥ Haines Dolphins Swim Team ♥ Haines Woman's Club ♥ The Hansen Family (Vince, Jansy, Kelly, Anne and Christine) ♥ Tom and Liz Heywood ♥ Frank and Ramona Holmes ♥ Nikki Hopper ♥ Stormin Norman Enterprises - F/V Chilkat ♥ James and Christine Kelly ♥ Chris and Debra Kemp ♥ Klukwan Assembly of God ♥ Anonymous ♥ The Lende Family ♥ Lutak Lumber ♥ Russ Lyman and Cynthia Allen ♥ Beth A. MacCready ♥ Deborah Marshall ♥ Tim McDonough and Ann Myren ♥ Tom Morphet and Jane Pascoe ♥ Alben T. and Ilse Myren ♥ Olerud's, Inc. ♥ Rob Pollock ♥ Thomas and Ann Quinlan ♥ Sharon Resnick ♥ Stephen and Nicole Ritzinger ♥ In Memoriam of Pat L. Schnabel ♥ SeaOtter WoodWorks, Inc. – Employee Match Program ♥ Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center ♥ Dixie Ann Sheldon ♥ Mark and Joan Sizemore ♥ Mark Sogge and Cecily Stern ♥ Kimberley Strong ♥ Jim and Randa Szymanski ♥ Alan Traut ♥ Carol E. Tuynman ♥ Robert and Marta Venables ♥ Deborah Vogt ♥ Wayne and Donna Walter ♥ Suzanne Yack ♥



Thank you all so very much. With these generous donations we are well on our way to our goal of raising \$50,000 locally by June 30, 2009 and building the community fund to at least \$150,000. Chilkat Valley Community Foundation pins have been ordered to recognize each donor's joyful giving.

Pick.Click.Give.



### Permanent Fund Dividend Check-off Program

Aimed at increasing individual charitable giving, House Bill 166, the Permanent Fund Check-Off program, will enable Alaskans to contribute some or all of the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) to their favorite charities. The online PFD application will include a list of more than 330 eligible organizations that individuals can choose to support through the check-off program. The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation will be listed as ***ACF-Chilkat Valley Community Foundation***, along with: Chilkat Valley Preschool, Friends of the Haines Borough Public Library, Haines Animal Rescue Kennel, KHNS-FM, Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center, and Takshanuk Watershed Council.

The PFD Check-Off Program is a great opportunity to help your favorite charity. And if you choose to donate to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, your donation will be eligible for the 2:1 Rasmuson match if we haven't already reached our goal! So please don't forget to **Pick.Click.Give.** when you apply online for the 2009 Permanent Fund...and if you do, please notify the charity(ies) of your choice so they are aware of your gift. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

If you know of a nonprofit that would like to be included in the PFD Check-Off Program next year, you can find more information and eligibility requirements at [www.forakergroup.org](http://www.forakergroup.org).



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## Grantmaking Will Begin in 2009

CVCF has received \$5,000 through the CABI Project to re-grant to community nonprofits. In November, Debra Schnabel, Kimberley Strong and Ann Myren attended a Philanthropy Northwest workshop on developing grantmaking strategies. Using the information gained at the workshop, the Steering Committee is developing the grant process. Our work is focusing on the types of grants that will be considered, an application form, the grant review process, a scoring matrix, and a grant calendar. We plan to have our policies and procedures in place so that our first grants will be awarded in spring or summer of 2009.

## And what about holiday giving?

As you plan for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions consider a gift that will keep on giving. A donation to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation may qualify for the 2 to 1 match and will keep on giving to our community for years to come. We will send the recipient a card announcing your gift in their honor. Be creative this year and have your gifts be ones that have long-term impacts. Send a check to Box 1117 in Haines or give online.

## Questions? Please contact us for more information.

Steering Committee members are available to discuss your questions too. Please feel free to speak with: Heather Lende ■ Ann Myren ■ Rob Pollock ■ Debra Schnabel ■ Cecily Stern ■ Kimberley Strong ■ Robert Venables.

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