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

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Building Community Through Giving

2009 Grants Made a Difference

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation donors and grantees gathered on November 18th to celebrate the work of CVCF grantees and to hear project highlights and benefits.

The stories shared by the leaders of the 11 nonprofits that received funding in 2009 were heartwarming and exemplified the importance of the many nonprofits that contribute to the quality of life in the Chilkat Valley. By working together, we can make amazing things happen.



Haines Animal Rescue Kennel ~ HARK combined a CVCF grant with funding from the Borough and proceeds from a raffle to remodel the cat room and improve conditions for the kitties, the staff and volunteers who work in the space, and those interested in adopting the animals. The new environment has helped increase their cat adoption rates.

Chilkat Valley Preschool ~ CVCF grant funds were used to purchase a listening center, big books, puppets, and materials for a new loft which was constructed by parents and volunteers. The kids use the puppets and costumes every day as they act out their favorite stories and explore social situations through creative play. They are exploring and learning in a richer environment.



Haines Friends of Recycling ~ CVCF grant funds were used to process and recycle the backlog of between 5,200 and 6,000 fluorescent tubes. That is an amazing amount of mercury kept out of the landfill and potentially out of waterways. HFR also found a low price on the specially designed barrels needed for shipping the tubes and they now have enough barrels to last the next year or two.



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More Success Stories

Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center ~ The operating support grant that JKHC received allowed them to continue their traditional arts and community programs. The CVCF grant provided the seed money needed to go after other funding and helped JKHC secure several grants.



Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation ~ Two bear-proof trash containers for public use were placed at Tlingit Park and the school's track to model proper disposal of garbage. The Haines Borough and the School District maintain the containers, helping to reduce potential bear problems.

Takshanuk Watershed Council ~ CVCF grant funds were used to help in the development of their 2010-2013 Strategic Plan - the roadmap for their future. The document, available on their new website, is the result of hard work, conversation and debate by their Board of Directors and staff.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters ~ The \$1,500 grant from CVCF for match support constituted 19.3% of the total local BBBS budget for this function. Big Brothers, Big Sisters continues to make new, life-changing matches like the one between Emma and Alexandra!



Lynn Canal Counseling ~ Hope~Help~Heal~ New self-help resources on mental illness and substance abuse are now available at the library thanks to CVCF and a partnership between Lynn Canal Counseling, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, and Robin Grace, LCSW.

More 2009 grantee success stories are available at www.chilkatvalleycf.org

Mike Saunders Youth Activity Fund

CVCF is holding more than \$2,700 in gifts that were given to the Mike Saunders Youth Activity Fund. Kate Saunders has requested that these funds be spent to improve the playground at the school. Ms. Lexie DeWitt's fourth grade class is helping to review the options and will work with CVCF, Kate, and the school administration to decide how best to use the funds in memory of Mike in a way that reflects his love of children.



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2010 Grant Awards

The 2010 grant cycle began in July with applications due by September 30th. A Grantmaking Committee composed of seven CVCF Board members and three community members carefully assessed the grant applications based on the Foundation's grantmaking goals, policies, and priorities.

Funding for this year's eleven awards includes revenues from CVCF's endowed community fund, and contributions from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Haines Borough. In addition, funding for the grants to the Haines Dolphins Swim Team and the Haines Venture Scouts is provided by the Ashley and Heather Call Family Fund.

| Organization | Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation | \$ 1,650 |
| BSA-Haines Venture Scouts | \$ 750 |
| Friends of the Haines Borough Public Library | \$ 1,765 |
| Haines Animal Rescue Kennel | \$ 250 |
| Haines Dolphins Swim Team | \$ 600 |
| Haines School 5th Grade Class | \$ 250 |
| Haines Friends of Recycling | \$ 746 |
| Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center | \$ 2,500 |
| Lynn Canal Broadcasting, Inc. | \$ 800 |
| Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center | \$ 1,971 |
| Southeast Alaska Independent Living | \$ 1,000 |
| Total awarded | \$12,282 |

PFD Charitable Giving



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In 2011, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation and eleven other local nonprofits are eligible for Pick.Click.Give. Your donation to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation-ACF will be added to the endowed fund and is an investment in our community's future. Visit www.pickclickgive.org to plan your giving!

Questions or Comments? Please Contact Us!

It's Your Community. It's Your Foundation. It's Your Future.

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CVCF Assets, Investments and More

The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation is an affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation. Our assets are managed by a professional investment team with oversight from ACF's volunteer Investment Committee and Board of Directors. As responsible stewards of our endowment monies, the CVCF Board works with ACF to ensure the availability of funds to meet community needs now and in perpetuity.

| Fund Name | Fund Balance as of September 30, 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chilkat Valley Community Fund | \$ 181,708 |
| Call Family Fund | \$ 8,685 |
| Mike Saunders Youth Activity Fund | \$ 1,707 |

Thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation additional funds were available for grantmaking and operational costs such as printing, advertising, supplies, and postage. In the upcoming year, Rasmuson Foundation funds will help CVCF offer educational events including Quarterly Nonprofit Brown Bag Lunches; Wills and Estates with Steve Mahoney, Attorney, The Foraker Group; and Tips and Strategies for Writing a Successful Grant. Watch for dates and more information.

In 2011, the CVCF Board will focus on securing contributions to increase our permanent fund balance. It is our hope that community members will make donations that are significant to them to help us achieve our goal of doubling the endowment fund, thereby increasing the amount of money available each year for grants for the Chilkat Valley's nonprofits. How quickly we reach that goal depends on you.

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