


COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation serves the interests of the community with a permanent fund for the Chilkat Valley. We support local nonprofits with grants and educational opportunities, bringing people together to improve community life now and for years to come. The Foundation assists individuals and organizations to set up funds that serve their unique needs or interests. CVCF is locally governed by a volunteer advisory board. Our funds are professionally invested and managed to ensure all gifts continue to have a positive impact. This is an update on our recent activities.

2010 Grantee Project Highlights

The Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center

The Museum added 366 historical photographs to their database, adding descriptions, search terms, names and cross-referencing with other photographs and archival materials. The CVCF funds assisted the museum in its work to preserve photographs and make them more accessible to researchers and local historians. This is one more way that CVCF helps nonprofit organizations enrich lives in the Chilkat Valley.



Back: __, Fred Heacock, __, John Schnabel, __, George Schnabel, __, __.
Front: Tom Ward, __. If you can identify anyone else in this photo please contact the Sheldon Museum.

Friends of the Library



The Friends envisioned the "Library Totem Park" in response to inquiries and requests from locals and visitors for a place to sit and relax near the library's totem pole. Clean-up, landscaping, and beautiful benches put the finishing touches on a community collaboration that was begun in 2009 with the carving of the totem pole. Thanks to the funding from the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, a prominent downtown space has become a source of community pride. As one person commented, *"It's beautiful! Makes me proud!"*

Call Family Fund Supports Youth Activities in 2011

The Ashley and Heather Call Family Fund was created in 2008 through the generous donations of Suzanne Downing Yack, then a program officer at the Alaska Community Foundation. Suzanne wanted to help meet the ever-changing needs of her son and daughter-in-law's new hometown community. Since its inception this family fund has provided grants to support youth activities in the Chilkat Valley including scholarships for the Haines Dolphins Swim Team, assistance to the Haines Venturer Scouts for their adventure trip to Ecuador, and in 2011 a grant has been awarded to help build a child-sized climbing wall at the Chilkat Valley Preschool. Family funds are just one way individuals can give to the community, today and forever.



Funding from CVCF assisted the Haines Venturer Scouts with consultant costs for their International High Adventure trip to Ecuador.

Mike Saunders Youth Activity Fund



This fund was created with donations given to CVCF in memory of Mike. His wife, Kate, decided that the fund should be spent on playground equipment at the elementary school, something Mike felt was important for children's well-being. The 2010-2011 fourth graders researched and chose the piece of equipment to purchase, and the new set of monkey bars were installed and ready for play, Fall 2011.



Scholarship money from CVCF for the 2009 and 2010 swim seasons enabled more children to join the Haines Dolphins team.



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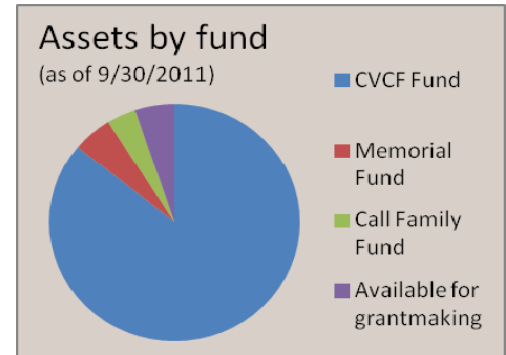
Donors Are Making a Difference

In 2011 donors had the opportunity to have their gifts doubled while helping to grow the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation's endowment funds. More than 105 individuals, families, and businesses gave generously this year. Their gifts allowed CVCF to meet two 1:1 challenge grants!

- The **Rasmuson Foundation** offered a 1:1 challenge grant of up to \$15,000 with an additional \$2,500 donation to use in our annual grantmaking cycle once we met the challenge.
- The **Haines Borough** offered a 1:1 match up to \$5,000.

Due to your generosity, more than \$55,000 has been added to the CVCF endowment funds **with** an additional \$2,500 from the Rasmuson Foundation granted to local nonprofits during our annual grant cycle, bringing the total of grants awarded to local nonprofits to \$ 12,656.

Other CVCF activities included organizing the programs *Creating a Successful Grant Proposal* and *Estate Planning*. These sessions targeted nonprofits, individuals, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and other interested community members.



A Big Thanks to Our Donors!



The following donors made contributions between December 1, 2010 and December 5, 2011: ♥ Anonymous donors ♥ Melissa Aronson ♥ Sean Asquith & Julia Heinz ♥ Bear Star LLC. ♥ Bud Barber ♥ David Berry ♥ Norm & Patricia Blank ♥ Gerald & Barbara Blood ♥ Jeff Bochart ♥ Ralph Borders ♥ Russ Bowman & Karen Meizner ♥ Maria Brooks ♥ Richard & Brigitte Buck ♥ Bill Burlingame ♥ Cynthia Buxton & Russ White ♥ Mike Case ♥ Richard & Sara Chapell ♥ Susan and Lawrence Chase ♥ Chilkat Valley Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine ♥ Jerrie Clarke ♥ Gershon & Kerry Cohen ♥ Emily Cowles ♥ Steven & JoAnn Ross Cunningham

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Questions or Comments? Please Contact Us!

Building Community Through Giving. Now and Forever.

Hi!

I hope you will take a few moments to read and see the exciting projects and activities that our donors have made possible!

Thank you and
Happy New Year!

Ann

Advisory Board: Ann Myren, Chair; Kimberley Strong, Vice-Chair; Karen Meizner and Cecily Stern, Co-Secretaries; Leslie Evenden and JoAnn Ross Cunningham, Co-Treasurers; Jeff Bochart; Alexandra Feit; Alissa Henry; and Rayne Litera.

Committee Members: Richard Buck; Sara Chapell; Jeanne Kitayama; Sierra Jimenez; Deborah Marshall; KC O'Connor; Mary Jean Sebens Borcik; Rayne Litera; Genevieve Stevens; and Deborah Vogt.

Thanks also to the following individuals for serving on the board: Richard Buck; Greg Goodman; KC O'Connor; and Brad Ryan **and committees during 2011:** Deborah Davis; Carol Flegel; Heather Lende; and Debra Schnabel.

These local volunteers work closely with staff at The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) to assure that the desires and needs of donors are addressed. Funds are thoughtfully invested with oversight from ACF's Board of Directors. Each year a percentage of the revenues are distributed through CVCF's annual grant cycle.

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Chilkat Valley Community Foundation Memorial Fund

Started in 2011, the CVCF Memorial Fund provides a venue for individuals to give in memory of their loved ones, today and for years to come.

The founding donors gave in memory of:

♥ Walter Feit ♥ Ted and Leola Myren ♥
♥ Bud and Shirley Barber ♥ Phil Lende ♥ Sally Vuillet ♥
♥ Roderick William Ross ♥ Hugh Malone ♥ Russell Bolick ♥
♥ Martha K. Jones ♥ Wilma Henderson ♥ Lyn Dunbar ♥
♥ Ellen Borders ♥ Madeleine Shields ♥ Stanley G. Laing ♥

Founding Donor Campaign Launched

In January 2011 CVCF launched its Memorial Fund Founding Donor Campaign which will run through May 31, 2012. The campaign was envisioned by Alexandra Feit as a way to offer all of us the opportunity to honor a loved one while giving to the community. Founding donations give initial investments for the Memorial Fund, and ten percent from founding donations is available for immediate grantmaking in 2011 and 2012. This year these monies were applied toward a grant awarded to Hospice of Haines to support their grief bag (photo below) program.

"My father passed away shortly after I moved to Haines. For years I kept trying to think of a way to honor him and to bring him to Haines. After getting involved with the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, I had the idea of creating a Memorial Fund to honor my father and to offer others the opportunity to honor a loved one while giving to the community. My father was always generous and I like the idea that monies given to CVCF will continue to give for a long time, not just once." ~ Alexandra Feit



Each founding donor (or group of donors) who contributes at least \$1,000, will have their loved one's name included in the Memorial Fund's banner on the website, on a portable banner used at events, and in the annual CVCF newsletter in perpetuity.

Contributions to the fund of any size are welcomed, and the names of those being remembered will be included on CVCF's website and announced in the annual newsletter. A percentage of revenues from the Memorial Fund will be distributed annually through CVCF's grant program.

This year, in addition to the founding donors' loved ones listed above, donations have been received in memory of:

♥ Norman Blank ♥ Tom Jackson ♥ Barbara Lewis ♥ Tim Litera ♥ Vic Palmer ♥
♥ Mike Saunders ♥ Karl Ward ♥



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Donors Make Twelve Grants Possible in 2011



The 2011 grant cycle began in July with applications due by September 30th. The Grantmaking Committee, composed of nine CVCF volunteer 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 twelve awards includes revenues from CVCF's endowed community fund, the Memorial Fund, the Call Family Fund, and contributions from the Rasmuson Foundation, the Haines Borough, and individual donors.

Organization	Amount
Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation	\$585
American Bald Eagle Foundation	\$400
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	\$485
Chilkat Valley Preschool	\$775
HBSD-Prime Time Learning Project	\$761
Hospice of Haines	\$1,000
Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center	\$ 2,000
Lynn Canal Broadcasting, Inc.	\$ 2,200
SEARHC (in partnership with KHNS)	\$750
Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center	\$900
Southeast Alaska State Fair	\$2,500
Takshanuk Watershed Council	\$300
Total awarded	\$12,656



CVCF donors support youth, wildlife, culture, and more

Pick. Click. Give. Nets \$15,800 for the Chilkat Valley

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In its third year, the Pick. Click. Give. campaign creates a wonderful opportunity for community members to contribute to causes they care about. Since 2009, when Alaskans fill out their PFD applications online they have the option to include donations of \$25 or more to qualified organizations in Alaska. More than \$15,800 was raised in gifts to twelve Chilkat Valley organizations this year. That amount has more than doubled since the program was first introduced in 2009.

For the past two years, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation helped advertise Pick. Click. Give. and eligible local organizations by publishing newspaper ads and distributing business card-sized reminders around town. The publicity paid off — more donations are coming in to the Chilkat Valley from the program than ever before.

Pick. Click. Give. is a simple way to make gifts to the Chilkat Valley. It also gives families a simple way to introduce philanthropy at an early age. Sierra Jimenez and her son Hayden both made donations to CVCF this year. *"It's a chance to talk to Hayden about giving back to our community,"* says Sierra.

Thirteen organizations that serve Haines and Klukwan are part of Pick. Click. Give. in 2012. For a full list and more information about the program, go to PickClickGive.org.



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