

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation



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## *Connecting Generosity to Community Need*

- ◆ Imagine hearing the voice and reading the words of a longtime friend or family member who is no longer with us as they tell stories about their lives and the history of the community.
- ◆ Imagine a neighbor or family member able to get out and about and make trips to the grocery store, post office, and doctor because they have medical equipment which allows them to be more self-sufficient.
- ◆ Imagine youth connecting with their peers and adults while traveling near and far to learn and share experiences like climbing a 19,460 foot high mountain or snowboarding for the first time.

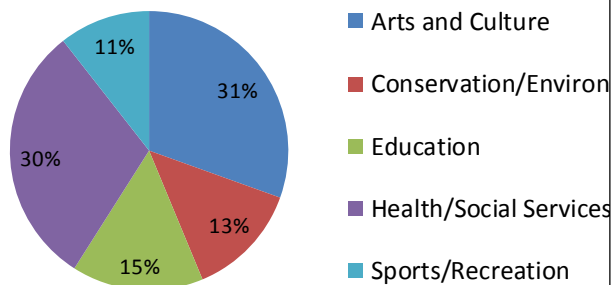
These are just a few examples of how your generous donations are meeting community needs and improving the quality of community life.



Rowena Jones with her portable concentrator.

Since 2008 donors supported 43 local nonprofit projects through grants totaling more than \$48,000. Each project, whether focused on arts and culture, education, conservation/environment, health/social services, or sports/recreation, has made a difference in people's lives.

### Grants Awarded By Category



This newsletter tells a story of growth, new ideas, connections, and caring. We hope you enjoy reading about how **your** generosity and support is helping to realize community dreams and to create an even more vibrant and wonderful place to call home.

*THANK YOU  
for your support!*



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## Chilkat Valley Community Foundation Memorial Fund

*The founding donors gave in memory of:*

- ♥ Walter Feit ♥ Ted & Leola Myren ♥ Bud & Shirley Barber ♥
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- ♥ Norm Smith, Sr. ♥ Charles & Mary Jo Meizner ♥
- ♥ Jim & Rachel McDonough ♥ Louis & Hazel Nelson ♥
- ♥ Dorothy & Clifford Fossman ♥

### *Donors remember loved ones*

CVCF's Memorial Fund provides a venue for individuals to give in memory of their loved ones, today and for years to come. Contributions of any size are welcomed and the names of those being remembered are included on CVCF's website and in the annual newsletter.



In 2011 Memorial Fund donors helped Hospice of Haines create individualized "Hope Bags" which were presented to community members at the request of family and friends of the bereaved. The grant helped fund age appropriate books on grieving, photo albums, and stress-relieving supplies such as journals that are among items in each bag. Through these gifts Hospice of Haines can express concern and encouragement for those journeying through grief and provide information on the Hospice lending library and grief support groups.

This year grants from the Memorial Fund are supporting the Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center's Biography Exhibit project and Southeast Alaska Independent Living's Last Resort Consumer Fund.

*Since November 2011 gifts were given in loving memory of:*

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Evelyn Badgley               | Harriet Jurgeleit           | Louis and Hazel Nelson |
| Richard Boyce                | Ted Lynch                   | Mike Saunders          |
| Lyn Dunbar                   | Jim and Rachel McDonough    | Madeleine Shields      |
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Art for the Living Treasures cards was donated by Elizabeth Jurgeleit

## *Living Treasures ~*

Thoughts from JoAnn Ross Cunningham

Living Treasures gives us a means to acknowledge the human treasures in our lives. It's important to encourage and support those who matter to make life richer, more interesting, better-- in any number of ways. This avenue of giving involves both a note to the person who is an inspiration (which can be personalized to express exactly why this person is a treasure) and a contribution to the Community Foundation in that person's name.

"I sponsored five Living Treasure acknowledgements this year and was delighted by the happiness these bring. One person told me enthusiastically, 'That came at just the right time. Thank you so much.' Another was happily flattered by the unconditional positive regard. An unexpected gift at an unexpected time can be the richest giving of all. Honoring someone through Living Treasures is a way of increasing the wealth of human relationships and helping out the nonprofits."

In 2012 donors recognized community leaders, teachers, special friends, and people they felt go the extra mile in their efforts to make the community a better place.

### **2012 Living Treasures**

Maria Ackley  
Mario and Natalie Benassi  
Nevada Benton  
Patricia Brown

Maisie Jones  
Lindsey Moore  
Pam Randles  
Jacky Rugirello

Stephanie Scott  
Cheryl Stickler  
Kimberley Strong  
Tiana Taylor  
Steve Vick

## *Leave a Legacy*

It is now easier than ever to support the important work of the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation. Whether you think of yourself as rich or poor or somewhere in between, your gift to your community will make a lasting impression. Together we can "endow" the future. An endowment is a charitable fund that lasts forever, because only the earnings are spent on community needs; the principal is never touched.

For the past three years CVCF has hosted programs on planned giving. Lawyers Steve Mahoney, Susan Foley, and Beth Chapman have shared their knowledge and expertise on how to develop an estate plan and prepare for the future. They introduced concepts of bequests, gifts of retirement assets, gifts of life insurance, and gifts of property. These are gifts that live on for generations. Anyone interested in additional information can contact CVCF or an attorney.

The Alaska Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have made a planned gift to the Alaska Community Foundation and its affiliates. Seven individuals have already told CVCF they have left a planned gift to the organization. If you have included a legacy gift to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation in your plans please contact us so you can be recognized as a part of the Alaska Legacy Society.



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# Innovation, Caring, and Creativity

Requests far exceeded the amount available for granting in 2012 making for hard decisions. Members of the CVCF Advisory Board and community members – Ramona Holmes, Phyllis Sage, and Kate Saunders – rolled up their sleeves and read, scored, discussed, and prioritized the requests.

Funding for these awards includes revenues from CVCF’s endowed community fund, the Memorial Fund, the Call Family Fund, contributions from individual donors, and \$2,500 from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Grants Awarded in 2012	
Organization	Amount
Friends of the Library	\$1,706
HBSD–Electronic Signboard	\$600
Haines Dolphins Swim Team	\$500
HARK	\$800
Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center	\$ 2,272
Lynn Canal Broadcasting, Inc.	\$1,500
Lynn Canal Counseling Services	\$2,000
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	\$1,500
Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center	\$611
<b>Total awarded</b>	<b>\$11,489</b>

# Promoting Growing, Learning, and Connecting

Funding from the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation spurred the collaboration of many local organizations to help the Haines Borough School District launch a one-year publicity campaign to promote early childhood literacy. Newspaper ads and flyers were key to explaining that early literacy is about building the essential foundation for the more formal learning of reading and writing in K-12 education. This visual media explained how talking, singing, and playing with young children enriches their vocabularies and life experiences.



Jr. Raptor Handler, Lindsey Jobbins, holds the American Bald Eagle Foundation’s Great Horned Owl.

The American Bald Eagle Foundation was able to purchase two laptop computers with funding from the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation. These laptops enable the Jr. Raptor Handlers to maintain a database about the birds’ daily food consumption, weights, and other care issues, as well as their hours of presentations to Haines visitors.

This CVCF challenge grant for matching funds spurred a \$32,400 donation to the American Bald Eagle Foundation! Another Jr. Raptor Handler class is scheduled for February 2013 with Jr. Handlers mentoring the new participants.



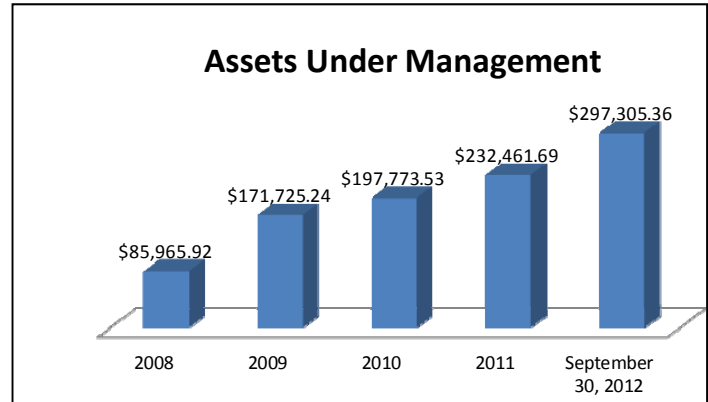
# The Spirit of Giving!

Individuals, families, businesses, and foundations that want to make the Chilkat Valley a better place donate to the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation. When you donate to CVCF you help build a permanent fund for the Valley **and** you help provide grants to local organizations.

The Rasmuson Foundation provided \$15,000 in matching funds to stimulate donations. Between January and June donors contributed \$23,780 exceeding the challenge. Those gifts secured an additional \$2,500 for grants to local nonprofits.

Then in July the Haines Borough awarded a \$5,000 matching grant to CVCF. This was quickly met by

40 donors. All contributions and the matching dollars are wisely invested by The Alaska Community Foundation's (ACF) Investment Committee with advice from investment professionals. ACF's Board of Directors has set a spending rate for endowed funds of 4.25% annually, based on an estimated annual return of 8% averaged over several years. These are the funds awarded through CVCF's grant program.



## A Million Thanks to You!

**Donors December 1, 2011 - December 15, 2012 :** ♥ 17 anonymous donors ♥ Cynthia Adams ♥ Bob & Aleta Adkins ♥ Alaska Fjordlines, Inc. ♥ Josie Allen ♥ Melissa Aronson ♥ Al & Crystal Badgley Layton & Lou Bennett ♥ Tara Bicknell ♥ Patricia Blank ♥ Gerald & Barbara Blood ♥ Jeff Bochart ♥ Russ Bowman & Karen Meizner ♥ Bill Burlingame ♥ Cynthia Buxton & Russ White ♥ Cascade Center ♥ Richard Chapell ♥ Larry & Susan Chase ♥ Chilkat Environmental ♥ Chilkat Valley Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine ♥ Margo Clayton ♥ Gershon & Kerry Cohen ♥ Tom & Mila Cosgrove ♥ Steven & JoAnn Ross Cunningham ♥ Deborah Davis ♥ John DeCherney ♥ Charlie & Toni DeWitt ♥ Marguerite Dunbar ♥ Donna Edmond ♥ Thom Ely ♥ Hazel Englund ♥ Judy Erekson ♥ Leslie Evenden ♥ Judy Ewald ♥ Len Feldman & Maor Cohen ♥ Fireweed Restaurant ♥ Dick & Julie Folta ♥ Clay Frick ♥ F/V Growler ♥ Gerard Garland & Marion Kinter ♥ Haines Borough ♥ Vince and Jansy Hansen ♥ Anne Hanssen ♥ Linda Hazen ♥ R.E. Henderson ♥ Julia Heinz ♥ Alissa Henry ♥ William Herman ♥ Tom & Liz Heywood ♥ Greg Higgins ♥ Frank & Ramona Holmes ♥ Kathy Holmes ♥ Ron & Jacque Horn ♥ Jones & Lani Hotch ♥ Houlberg Plumbing & Heating LLC ♥ Howsers IGA Supermarket ♥ Norm Hughes ♥ Ron Huitger ♥ Babbie Jacobs ♥ Carlos, Sierra, Hayden & Asher Jimenez ♥ Bill Joiner & Linda Van Houten ♥ Diane Kaplan ♥ Jim and Anna Jurgeleit ♥ Kingfisher Consulting LLC ♥ Jim & Chris Kelly ♥ Kim Larson ♥ Chip & Heather Lende ♥ Eliza Lende ♥ Reuben & Rosalie Loewen ♥ Lew Lowry ♥ Lutak Lumber ♥ Russ Lyman & Cynthia Allen ♥ Laura Mastrella ♥ Deborah Marshall ♥ Tim McDonough & Ann Myren ♥ Victoria Parker ♥ Ben & Ilse Myren ♥ Nelson Trust ♥ The Parts Place ♥ Anne Puffer ♥ Denise Quick ♥ Thomas & Ann Quinlan ♥ Rasmuson Foundation ♥ Pam Randles ♥ Phyllis Sage & Joanne Waterman ♥ Dan Schultz ♥ Glen & Marcia Scott ♥ Somethings Fishy Gift Shop ♥ Wayne Selmer ♥ Annette Smith ♥ Ron & Jean Smith ♥ Joan Snyder ♥ Ginette St. Clair ♥ Michael Stark ♥ Cecily Stern ♥ Joyce Thomas ♥ Rich & Judy Tolles ♥ Alan Traut ♥ Carol Tuynman ♥ Robert & Marta Venables ♥ Steve Vick ♥ Betsy Van Burgh ♥ Bill and Mary Jane Valentine ♥ Deborah Vogt ♥ Wayne & Donna Walter ♥ Doug & Pam Werner ♥ Heather Shade ♥ **Your Name Here** ♥



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# Generosity Sparks Giving

Warren Johnson moved to Haines in 1996 to be a river guide and spent most of the next 15 years in the Valley. Although he moved to Hawaii with his family in 2011, he remains very connected to Haines through his business, Kingfisher Consulting LLC, providing comprehensive design and support services for small to medium sized computer networks in nonprofits, governments, and for-profit businesses.

Like many of our donors, Warren wanted to give something back to the community. He says, *"In a sense, giving to CVCF is like giving to the community and letting the community decide how best to use the gift."* The idea of a Mini-Tech Grant was planted years ago when he worked as the Technology Coordinator at the library and Frank and Ramona Holmes gave a donation to the library to upgrade some technology. It made him realize that you do not have to be a government or big granting agency to give money for a specific purpose and that any amount is helpful.

The Mini-Tech Grant will fund a community electronic signboard powered by an alternative energy system designed by the High School Systems Engineering Class. Innovation, community service, and a *bright* idea all rolled into one!



**In 2012 donors gave more than \$17,000 through Pick.Click.Give. to organizations in the Chilkat Valley!** When you apply online for your Permanent Fund Dividend don't forget you have the opportunity to Pick.Click.Give. The Chilkat Valley Community Foundation-ACF and eight other local organizations are eligible in 2013.



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