

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Summer 2019

Grantee Highlight: Geppetto's Junkyard's New Gypsy Wagon



Just in time for this year's Southeast Alaska State Fair, Geppetto's Junkyard puppet troupe plans to roll out its brand new portable stage! One of CVCF's 2018 grant recipients, Geppetto's is using its grant funds to refit an old hay wagon, transforming it into a festive venue for what will be vignette-style shows.

Geppetto's, a loose group of puppet-makers who share a passion for creating 'moveable art,' has been entertaining audiences for over 12 years. The troupe features some classic shows like *The Pied Piper*, but

more often the stories are the result of collaboration among the puppeteers.

Starting with this summer's Fair, each show will consist of three five-minute vignettes rotating throughout the day. The new format will offer viewers several opportunities to see original shows, all performed from the Gypsy Wagon.



Gene Kennedy, a puppeteer and one of the creators of the wagon, hopes that once it's trimmed out and painted the Gypsy Wagon will transport patrons to another era, a magical time when travelling shows were eagerly awaited by fair attendees.

Although Geppetto's Junkyard is a non profit group, it lacks the formal tax-exempt status to apply directly to CVCF for a grant. To solve this issue, Geppetto's was able to apply through the Alaska Arts Confluence, using AAC's 501c3 status. We're glad they did, and are sure the community will be entranced by Geppetto's latest productions come this July!



\$5, \$10, \$25...YOU keep your Foundation alive!

Folks, this is a grassroots, community-based foundation, and where donations are concerned ANY amount counts! \$5, \$10, \$25? CVCF's goal has always been to include as many donors as we can, because broad-based community support is what keeps the Foundation strong. In fact, over two-thirds of donations since 2008 have been \$100 or less! A great way to designate a gift to CVCF is on the 'Pick. Click. Give' option of your PFD. And remember, **every gift helps grow our endowment no matter how small or large!**



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Make It A Million!

With such strong support and growing needs during these somewhat trying times in Alaska, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation, is pleased to invite you to join our brand new ***Make It A Million!*** campaign.



A million dollars?! It may sound nuts, but we are very close to that amazing figure. The CVCF endowed funds are now worth about \$925,000. With more money, we can be more generous. It's a joyful cycle.

Since 2008 you have, through CVCF endowment funds, annually supported nonprofits ranging from Becky's Place and H.A.R.K. to the Hot Shots and Haines Dolphins. Together we have helped re-cover chairs at the library and set up a weather station on Mount Ripinsky. Art, culture, food baskets, and wheelchair ramps have all had a lift from our funds. We all know we can do more, and for many of us, giving to a stable fund that will benefit our community long after we are gone is a comfort and joy.

Let's ***Make It A Million!*** by 2020 and see how much more we can give for all we hold dear.

Announcing Art Jess Scholarship Fund Recipients



We are pleased to introduce you to two future leaders of Alaska, our 2019 recipients of the Art Jess Scholarship. Each of these students will receive \$2000!

Ashley Williamson grew up and attended school in Klukwan through the 8th grade, then attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe boarding school in Sitka where she graduated in May of 2019. Ashley is headed to Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO this fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Ashley's ultimate goal is to earn a Doctorate of Physical Therapy to allow her to assist clients in their recovery, particularly Native Americans and those struggling with financial stability.



Jessie Morgan graduated from Haines High School in 2008 and is currently attending University of Alaska Southeast, planning to graduate in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in Alaska Native Studies. Jessie is pursuing a career in Library and Information Sciences, an interest that started with her first Library Page job at the Haines Borough Public Library back in 2004! After graduating from high school, Jessie continued to work at HBPL first as an aide and then for three years as the Education/Cultural Coordinator. Jessie is currently a valued member of the University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library staff, serving in a Library Assistant Interlibrary Loan and Outreach Services lead position.

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