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Highlights of Your 2022 Gifts in Action



You helped fund Haines Friends of Recycling's public education program.

Your generosity supported Chilkat Valley Preschool's operations.



Your donation contributed to the Haines Dolphins Swim Team's operations.



Grantee Highlight

Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Association

The oldest still-standing lighthouse in Alaska is right in the middle of Lynn Canal, perched on Eldred Rock. Abandoned for 50 years, Eldred Rock Lighthouse - a



National Historic Site - is finally getting the restoration it deserves. Efforts toward restoration began with volunteers from Haines Sheldon Museum in the 1990s, but more recently the Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Association (ERLPA) has taken on the massive job. The building's overall structure - the only concrete, octagonal lighthouse left in Alaska - was sound, but almost everything inside had to be cleaned up and repaired. The presence of lead and asbestos required careful decontamination of the interior before the work could even be started. Citizens from Haines, Skagway and Juneau have begun the restoration with the goal of making the Lighthouse ready to host visitors and offer tours in 2023.

A major part of the repairs includes the lantern room, damaged by a 2014 winter storm that cracked nearly every window of the eight-sided room and ripped apart its historic wooden railing. In 2021, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation granted ERLPA \$1,700 to help fund the Lantern Room Restoration. Currently underway, repairs are on track for being finished in 2023. Although geographically the Lighthouse is not within the Chilkat Valley, it is considered a local landmark, and CVCF felt that the local origin of the restoration effort was enough to warrant its support of the project. Also, these renovations will lead to future visitation, which will enhance Chilkat Valley tourism.



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A special thanks to The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation for all their assistance and support!

Thanks to our donors, the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation's endowment funds total more than **\$2.5 million!** And these funds will continue to grow since the principal is never spent. Because of your ongoing support, **\$65,130** was awarded this year to twenty-four organizations and eight individuals.

To view our 2022 Grants video presentation, see our website.

2022 Endowment Grants & Scholarships

Organization/Individual	Project Title	Amount
Alaska Avalanche Information Center, Inc.	Haines Avalanche Center Operating Support	\$2,000
Alaska Avalanche School	Haines Avalanche Safety Courses	\$1,800
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska	Expanding Mentoring in Haines	\$2,300
Catholic Community Service	Haines Senior Center Operating Support	\$3,000
Chilkat Valley Preschool	Operating Support	\$1,800
Chilkat Valley Preschool	People's Choice Award	\$200
Chilkoot Indian Association	Tlingit Language Initiative	\$1,150
Four Winds Resource Center	Tool Library: Log Splitter	\$2,500
Girl Scouts of Alaska	Haines Summer Camp	\$500
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel	Certified Pet Emergency Education Classes	\$2,500
Haines Assisted Living	New Kitchen Appliances	\$2,676
Haines Borough School District	Jenae's Playground at the Haines School	\$5,000
Haines Dolphins Swim Team	Operating Support	\$2,500
Haines Friends of Recycling	Recycling Internship	\$2,095
Haines Hot Shots	Operating Support	\$2,000
Haines Little League	Electronic Scoreboard	\$3,000
Haines Presbyterian Church	Haines Ministerial Association's Woodsheds on Loan	\$1,310
Haines Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center	Digital Access Capital Project	\$2,400
Hospice of Haines	Operating Support	\$3,200
Lynn Canal Broadcasting	KHNS Radio Equipment & Engineering	\$3,000
Lynn Canal Conservation	New Office Computer	\$1,499
RurAL CAP	Haines Head Start & Parents as Teachers	\$2,200
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	Operating Support	\$3,000
Takshanuk Watershed Council	Apples and Bears Program	\$2,500
The Salvation Army	Haines Corps Food Pantry	\$3,000
Art Jess Scholarship Recipients	Eight Students	\$8,000
Total Awarded		\$65,130
<i>These funds came from:</i>		
<i>Art Jess Scholarship Fund \$8,000, Call Family Fund \$422, Environmental Fund \$2,549, Fitness & Wellness Fund \$2,732, Memorial Fund \$2919, and the balance came from the CVCF General Endowment Fund.</i>		

2022 Emergency Response Fund Grants: \$112,267

Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA)

\$25,000 for disaster recovery assistance

\$14,367 for Long Term Recovery Group Coordinator

Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)

\$67,900 for disaster recovery assistance

\$5,000 for CIA Case Management support

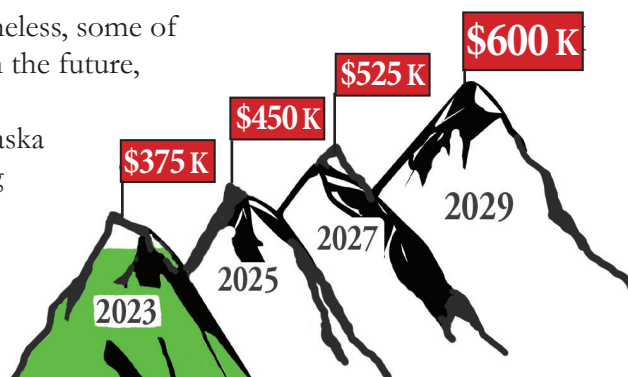
Awarding these grants completes the distribution of the ERF.

“Summits for Success” Progress Report: A strong start to a steep climb

Thank You to all the CVCF donors who have pitched in to help build an Operating Endowment! You have secured \$47,510 in matching funds this year and brought the OE Fund balance to over \$356,000. The goal of the Operating Endowment is to provide for long-term sustainability of everyday operations at CVCF. Thanks to you, we have a strong start.

We were initially daunted by the challenge of building an Operating Endowment. One of the most difficult tasks any organization must do is tend to its own operating expenses. It's like home maintenance – just not one of the things that sets our spirits on fire. Nevertheless, some of our other sources of operating funds are anticipated to shrink in the future, so this is an effort CVCF must make.

Now, because of your generosity and the support of The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation, the first big steps have been made and that final Summit looks achievable, especially with an anonymous donor's recent \$30,000 matching challenge. We encourage you, as you support CVCF, to designate a portion of your gift to the Operating Endowment to help fulfill this match and keep us climbing these mountains.



CVCF Donor Chip Lende

**Please join us
next June for
our annual
Donor
Appreciation
Event!**

~ Ways to Give ~

- **Pick.Click.Give.** when you file for your PFD
- **Online** at www.chilkatvalleycf.org
- **Bequest:** contact CVCF or ACF for details
- **Living Treasures** contribution: honor someone special
- **Memorial Gifts:** donate in memory of a loved one
- **Stock options:** contact CVCF or ACF for details

**Thank you
for your generosity!**

Memorial Fund

Started in 2011, the founding donors gave in memory of

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Memorial Fund gifts were made this year in memory of:

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Legacy Gifts: Plan Now, Give Later

Legacy Society donor Dennis Geasan hadn't thought much about estate planning until a year or so ago. He had a handwritten will, but his girlfriend kept saying he probably should make things more clear. He followed her advice and set up a revocable trust, splitting his estate between his family and charitable organizations, including CVCF.

Dennis grew up in Ohio, and has lived in Reno, Nevada since 1977. He and his late wife, Sue Luescher (who passed away in 2015), came to Haines on the ferry in August 1994 and stayed for eight days. They loved it and had a dream of living here. In 2006 they built a house in Letnikof Estates, and in 2011 they officially moved here, though they remained snowbirds, wintering in Reno. Dennis, a Geographical Information Systems consultant, is nearly retired, with just one active client. He loves the beauty of the Chilkat Valley and the quiet, relaxed quality of life here. He bicycles, hikes and skis, enjoying the outdoors.

Dennis was a community member on the CVCF grantmaking committee in 2021. When he was asked to join the Advisory Board, he said yes, and has been an active member since. This is his first serious volunteer effort, and it's great to have him on the board.

As for his legacy donation, Dennis said, "It seems like the right thing to do. I like the concept of funds being invested and generating returns for grant money each year. It gives my donation a longer life."

CVCF welcomes Legacy Society commitments, which can be made by naming CVCF in your will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or IRA. Your legacy gift helps ensure our community will be healthy and happy for years to come.



Dennis Geasan & Luna

Welcome to Our New Program Manager



Cindy Zuluaga Jimenez

Please help us welcome our new Program Manager, Cindy Zuluaga Jimenez, to the CVCF team! Cindy will be spending up to nine and a half hours per week working closely with The Alaska Community Foundation, which funds most of her salary, as well as with our local CVCF Advisory Board.

Originally from Colombia, Cindy has lived many places but has continually migrated north, finally moving to Haines in 2019. Living in the Chilkat Valley is a dream come true for this outdoors aficionado, who especially enjoys foraging and fishing.

Cindy is very tech-savvy, has great communication skills, and has assisted nonprofits in navigating grant applications in the past. She has a BS in Biology and a Master's degree in International Environmental Policy, and brings many organizational skills to CVCF. She looks forward to getting to know people better, building relationships and helping nonprofits' projects get started, continue and flourish. "There needs to be a pipeline from idea to end," she says, and Cindy wants to help organizations ensure their programs go forward.

Cindy owns a small farm where she does compost research with her fiancé, two dogs, and some geese and ducks. She skis, hikes, paddles and fishes. She learned to weave in Guatemala, and most recently is learning Chilkat weaving.

We want to say a big "Thank You!" to our previous Program Manager, Katie Craney. Katie was a creative and solid anchor through several difficult COVID years, and we greatly appreciate her work for CVCF. We wish her much success with her family business, Sockeye Cycle.

The Living Treasures Program

gives people an opportunity, when they give to any fund, to publicly honor and thank individuals they value who have made a difference in their lives. This year, donors honored the following individuals as Living Treasures:

1st Responders to the
December Disaster
Cynthia Allen
Wendy Bergstrand
Sally Boisvert

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Community Champion – \$5,000 and up

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Anonymous (12)

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Society Members*

Your Gifts Support Local Nonprofits!



*Haines Animal
Rescue Kennel*



*Haines
Avalanche
Center*



*Southeast Alaska
Independent Living's
Haines Branch*



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