

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

Summer 2023

Business Donor Spotlights

To **Pam Long**, owner of **Haines Real Estate (HRE)**, “Community is all about residents caring and yearning to be part of this place together, giving and sharing to make that happen.” Pam’s business and family have donated to CVCF for many years. She likes to spread her charitable giving around Haines, so she also gives directly to favorite organizations like HARK, SAIL, and the Haines Hot Shots. What Pam would like everyone to know is, “You don’t have to be a big donor to make an impact – we all float the boat!”



Pam Long

Pam held a variety of jobs for 10 years after arriving in Haines in the dead of winter 1992. It was an adventure that got better every year. She enjoyed volunteering at the library in the early days before being swept up by her two kids. Pam eventually began work at Haines Land (later acquired by HRE), and in 2013 purchased HRE with her husband Dave, who now works for the Haines Borough. These days life outside the thriving business revolves around family life with her two high school kids, walking her dog, and volunteering at school. Pam served on community boards like the Chamber of Commerce and attends Borough Assembly meetings “just to stay informed.” Pam clearly wraps her business and personal life into her definition of community!

What **Laurie Dadourian** likes best about her business on Main Street, **Chilkat Valley Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**, is helping people. “The Oriental approach to health is nature-based,” she said with a smile. She appreciates that people from all parts of the community come in. A longtime business donor, Laurie likes giving through CVCF to support a broad community and Haines’ diverse nonprofits. She also gives directly to some of her favorite nonprofits. Laurie came here to visit friends in 1995 and as an avid hiker “fell in love with the environment.” You might not think a small remote town like Haines could support an Oriental medical practice, but Laurie says, “It’s been great practicing here for 28 years.” Laurie is now semiretired, continuing to practice part-time in her original location.



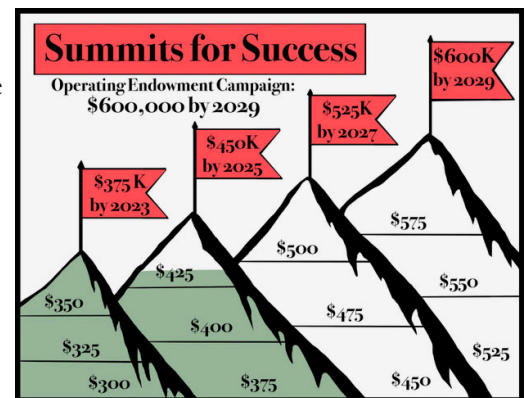
Laurie Dadourian

Summits for Success

Another milestone met thanks to the generosity of CVCF donors!

In April of 2022, the CVCF Advisory Board launched the “Summits for Success” operating endowment campaign, a multiyear fundraising effort to grow the Operating Endowment to \$600,000 by 2029. To assure CVCF’s future sustainability, a portion of the returns from this fund will help cover CVCF’s annual operating costs, while the rest of the returns will be reinvested. Thank you to all the donors who have supported this campaign since the launch!

In 2023, we had another \$25,000 match from The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation, which was met by our donors on May 9th. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who invested in the CVCF Fund and the CVCF Operating Endowment between January 1 and May 9, 2023! Your donation was matched 1:1 and those matching dollars will be invested in the Operating Endowment Fund to help reach our long-term goals.



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Legacy Giving

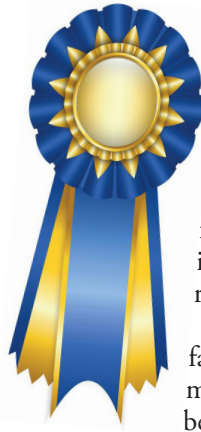
Individuals who include CVCF in their estate plans become members of the Legacy Society for Alaska. It's a simple, lasting gift to your community. Make a gift to CVCF in your will or trust, or designate CVCF as beneficiary on your retirement account.

Donation Updates

- Due to new banking requirements, please write out your checks payable to **ACF/CVCF**, with your Fund choice in the memo line.
- If you want to wire a donation, contact ACF at 1-855-336-6701 for details.

Job Opportunity

CVCF is looking for a part-time office staff person. If interested go to www.chilkatvalleycf.org for details.



People's Choice Awards

Nonprofit organizations can be winners with the Chilkat Valley Community Foundation even if they never apply for a grant.

Since 2019, the foundation's People's Choice Award program has allowed community members to nominate their favorite nonprofit for a bonus award drawn at a variety of events in town. Not only is the grant money spent more broadly, more residents are involved in the selection process.

Recent awards of \$200-\$250 have been selected by hoops fans, fairgoers, and Earth Day attendees, who have nominated more than 50 worthy organizations for the award. Nonprofits can be nominated for the drawing from a list of eligible tax-exempt organizations, or equivalent Tribal, school or government groups.

Dozens of Haines High School basketball fans weighed in for the award in February, nominating 26 different nonprofit organizations. Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Association was the lucky winner, and received \$250. Past People's Choice Award winners are Haines Friends of Recycling, Chilkat Valley Preschool, Takshanuk Watershed Council and the Alaska Arts Confluence.

The next People's Choice Award will be selected at Haines' annual Fourth of July celebration at Tlingit Park. Come put in your nomination!

Grant Application Submissions Starting Soon

Tell your favorite nonprofits: CVCF's 2023 Grant Cycle is opening soon!

The 2023 Grant Application Cycle opens on Wednesday, July 26 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday, September 27. Thanks to the healthy growth of your generous donations, there is \$54,541 to distribute to Chilkat Valley nonprofits this year. Thank you for continuing to support our local nonprofits through your gifts to CVCF!

Congratulations to our 2023 Art Jess Scholarship Recipients

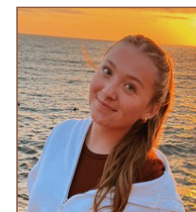


The Art Jess Scholarship Fund, founded in 2018 to serve Alaska residents who are Alaska Native, Native American and/or Hawaiian Native, is the only CVCF fund that may be spent outside of the Chilkat Valley. Available statewide in order to have enough eligible applicants, preference is given to Chilkat Valley students and to students who have been out of high school at least a year. This year \$6,000 in scholarships was awarded to three students thanks to the fund's founder and donors!

Chilkat Valley resident **Ashley Williamson** will graduate from Colorado's Fort Lewis College next May with a psychology major, sociology minor, and a certificate in gerontology. Ashley received a \$3,000 scholarship and plans to pursue a Master's in psychological testing after she graduates. **Sydney Dieringer**, a San Diego State University sophomore from Fairbanks/Galena, received \$1,500 towards her speech, language and hearing sciences studies. After receiving her degree in May 2025, Sydney hopes to continue graduate studies to become a Speech-Language Pathologist. Also receiving \$1,500 is Seward's **Shelby Sieminski**, majoring in Kinesiology: Applied Health at Simpson University. Shelby hopes to go to graduate school to become a Physical Therapist after graduating from Simpson in 2025. All awardees plan to return to Alaska to work!



Ashley Williamson



Sydney Dieringer



Shelby Sieminski

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