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PO Box 1117, Haines, AK 99827

Highlights of Your 2023 Gifts in Action



*Your generosity supported RurAL CAP
(Haines Head Start/Parents as Teachers).*



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



*You helped fund
Chilkoot Indian Association's
Tlingit Language Initiative.*

Grantee Highlight

Four Winds Resource Center

Four Winds Resource Center (FWRC) is located in Mosquito Lake, a community of 226 located 26 miles up the Haines Highway. When FWRC held its "Put the Garden to Bed" event this past fall in collaboration with Lynn Canal Conservation, about seventy people showed up for a day of weeding, mulching, music and potluck dining. That's impressive for a group that just obtained its 501c3 status last year! Until now, fiscal sponsorship from Takshanuk Watershed Council has allowed the group to apply for CVCF grants while moving toward having its own nonprofit status.



Showing off FWRC's new log splitter in their tool library

Community Builder award.

You as CVCF donors have helped Four Winds Resource Center grow. Early on, you helped their then-new garden effort. Later, you bought a log splitter for the tool library. After the success of the local art exhibit, you are pitching in this year to help buy durable display panels for further events. It's a big challenge to keep a community center alive and active in a small place, so thank you, CVCF donors, for helping, and thank you, Four Winds, for your energy and effort. We look forward to your future events!



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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 **\$2.8 million!** And these funds will continue to grow since the principal is never spent. Because of your ongoing support, more than **\$60,000 was awarded this year** to twenty-one organizations and three individuals.

2023 Endowment Grants & Scholarships

Organization/Individual	Project Title	Amount
Alaska Arts Confluence	Operating Support	\$1,000
Alaska Avalanche Information Center, Inc.	Haines Public Safety Program Support	\$3,500
Becky's Place Haven of Hope	"Safety for All" Fencing	\$3,650
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska	Activity Kits/Boxes for Matches	\$1,500
Catholic Community Service	Sr. Center Operating Support – Nutritious Meals Program	\$3,000
Chilkoot Indian Association	Paddle Carving Class	\$2,900
Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Assn.	South Entry Remediation	\$3,000
Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Assn.	People's Choice Award	\$250
Four Winds Resource Center	Display Panels Purchase	\$3,100
Girl Scouts of Alaska	Operating Support – Summer Day Camp	\$1,000
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel	Snow Blower	\$2,000
Haines Animal Rescue Kennel	People's Choice Award	\$250
Haines Assisted Living	Heat Pump Conversion Analysis	\$4,000
Haines Dolphins Swim Team	Operating Support – Scholarship Program	\$3,100
Haines Friends of Recycling	Operating Support	\$3,500
Haines Huts and Trails	Operating Support – Tukga Hut	\$3,500
Haines Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	Operating Support – Snow Removal	\$3,500
KHNS FM (Lynn Canal Broadcasting)	Transitional Operating Support	\$3,000
Lynn Canal Conservation	Operating Support	\$3,000
RurAL CAP	Haines Head Start/Parents as Teachers Projects	\$1,479
Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center	Collections Storage and Preservation	\$2,223
Southeast Alaska Independent Living	Operating Support	\$3,000
Takshanuk Watershed Council	Chilkat Valley Local Foods Challenge	\$2,193
Takshanuk Watershed Council	People's Choice Award	\$250
Art Jess Scholarship Recipients	Three Students	\$6,000

Total Awarded \$63,895

These funds came from:

Art Jess Scholarship Fund \$6,000, Environmental Fund \$177, Fitness & Wellness Fund \$2,107, Memorial Fund \$1,070, and the balance came from the CVCF General Endowment Fund.



2023 CVCF grant recipient representatives

Legacy Gifts: Plan Now, Give Later

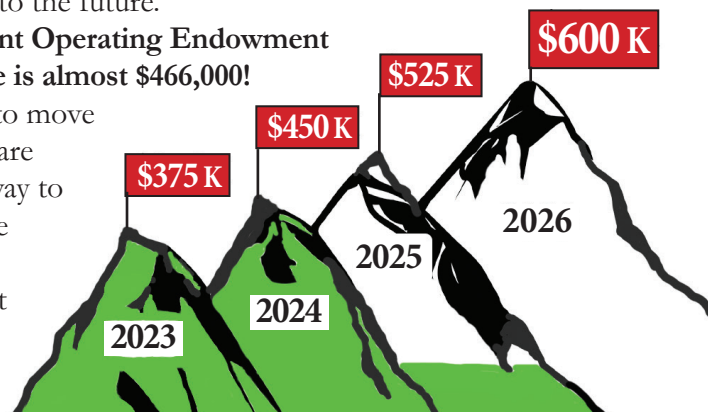
Individuals who include CVCF in their estate plans become members of the Legacy Society for Alaska. It's a simple, lasting gift to your community. You may choose to commit a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate after taxes and expenses, or a gift of real property, stocks or other valuables. More than thirty people have generously made this commitment. Perhaps you can join them?

“Summits for Success” Update

Thank You to all CVCF donors who have generously donated to our “Summits for Success” operating endowment campaign, including the anonymous donor whose \$10K match gift was just met! A portion of the annual returns from this fund will help assure the sustainability of CVCF well into the future.

The current Operating Endowment Fund balance is almost \$466,000!

We continue to move forward, and are now on our way to summing the third peak of this important campaign.



Introducing the Business Partnership Program

The newly launched Business Partnership Program (BPP) is an exciting opportunity for CVCF to collaborate with local businesses and encourage tourism philanthropy. BPP allows participating local businesses to add a CVCF donation link to their online booking and Point of Sale systems. These partnerships are at the heart of building a thriving community for everyone and will have a lasting impact on nonprofit services and quality of life in the Chilkat Valley.



Chris Peterson of Peterson's Pretzels

CVCF's first BPP partner is Chris Peterson, owner of Peterson's Pretzels. We are thrilled that Chris is offering his customers the opportunity to contribute to our community when they use his online ordering system. As Chris says, "It is my pleasure to participate in this program and to be partnering with CVCF. I hope that our combined efforts have enduring results." **Thank you, Chris**, for helping to get this new campaign started!

Memorial Fund

Started in 2011, the founding donors gave in memory of

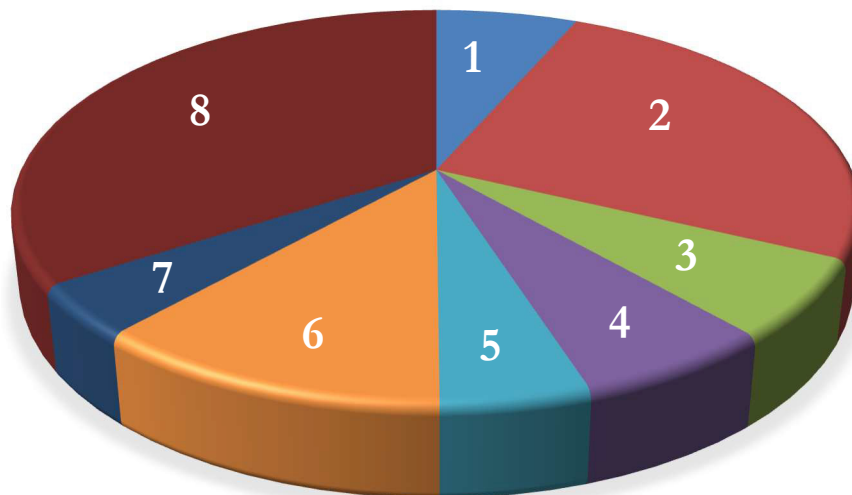
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Memorial Fund gifts were made this year in memory of:

Babe & Evelyn Badgley	Joan Terry Comerford	Joe Hotch	Stephanie Scott
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Russ Bolick	Theodore Ely Jr.	Pat Jones	Rip & Louise Streater
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	Shelley Hodnik	Phil Reeves	

Fifteen Years of CVCF Granting

Cumulative CVCF Grantmaking by Category Awarded: \$567,709
October 2009 - November 2023



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| 1 Arts and Culture – 6% | 5 Health and Public Safety – 5% |
| 2 Community Service – 26% | 6 Youth Programs – 12% |
| 3 Conservation and Environment – 6% | 7 COVID Related Assistance – 4% |
| 4 Education/Exhibits – 6% | 8 Emergency Response – 34% |

Welcome to Our New Program Manager

We are pleased to introduce **Amanda Hamell**, our new Program Manager! Amanda comes to us with a wealth of organizational skills and office experience gained at a retirement village in Oregon, the Anchorage School District, and the Alaska Court System in Juneau. She enjoys volunteering, especially at local libraries. At CVCF, Amanda will maintain weekly office hours and support the board and committees, keep our website and social media updated, and help with various projects. She will also communicate with nonprofits during CVCF's grant cycle and about other opportunities and available trainings.

Amanda grew up in Boring, Oregon, and has a degree in Cultural Anthropology from Oregon State University. She moved to Alaska in 2011 and has lived in communities around the state including Ketchikan and Seward. Amanda and her husband chose Haines because they wanted to live in a small town with a community feel but where they have the option to drive to bigger cities. And they love the local beaches! Currently she homeschools their two young children, and co-leads the new girl scout troop. Amanda hopes to introduce CVCF to other young families in the Chilkat Valley. When she's not working or taking care of her children, she enjoys crocheting and traveling with her family.



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:

Sally Boisvert
June Haas

Warren Johnson
CJ Jones

Lorraine Kasko
Mariko Sarafin

Connie Staska
Tracy Wirak-Cassidy

CVCF Donors

November 16, 2022 - November 15, 2023

Community Champion – \$5,000 and up

Dr. Neil Allen and Janine Allen	Roger Beasley & Karen Pospisil	Matthew Craig & Terry Mulligan Rasmuson Foundation	The Alaska Community Foundation The Humanist Fund Anonymous (1)
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Community Leader – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Melissa Aronson Sean Asquith & Julia Heinz Jerry & Barb Blood Dan Chavez & Laura Murphy Tom & Mila Cosgrove Chris & Kathy Crenshaw	Steve Cunningham & JoAnn Ross Cunningham* Tom Henderson Tom & Liz Heywood* Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay Diz Kistler & Mardell Gunn*	Lutak Lumber & Supply Inc. Russ Lyman & Cynthia Allen* Lynn Canal Corporation Keith Mahler & Linda Smith Michael Marks & Lorrie Dudzik Tim McDonough & Ann Myren*	Alexis Perrotta Margaret Piggott Norm Smith & Suzanne Vuillet-Smith Rodger & Fran Tuenge Ayana Young
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Community Advocate – \$250 - \$999

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Community Partner – Up to \$249

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*Note: * denotes Legacy Society Members*

Your Gifts Support Local Nonprofits



Haines Friends of Recycling



Haines Little League



*Haines Animal
Rescue Kennel*



*Haines Presbyterian
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