

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

Summer 2013

A Celebration of Grants to Local Nonprofits!

On May 9th, nearly 70 guests joined us for the 2013 Grant Award and Donor Appreciation Event. Local donors and honored grantees were joined by representatives from The Alaska Community Foundation (SCF's parent organization) and the Rasmuson Foundation for the awards ceremony. We are especially grateful to Arne and Melody Hatch, Linda Rae Olsen, and Tom Tougas for sharing their inspirational donor stories. Our sincere appreciation, as well, for the local support from the Seward Brewing Company, One-Shot Photography, the Seward Community Library, and The Breeze Inn.

Over \$44,000 was awarded to the twelve local organizations listed below through the annual grant cycle:

- "He Will Provide" Food Bank received \$5,000 to purchase a new commercial freezer and shelving for food storage to benefit more than 100 local residents a week who depend on their services;
- The Seward Senior Center was awarded \$5,000 toward the purchase of a new, more fuel-efficient van;
- A grant of \$2,692 will allow the Independent Living Center to provide a variety of outdoor activities for disabled residents;
- \$4,600 will support the Schoolyard Habitat Program, a collaboration between the Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance, Kenai Fjords National Park, Seward Elementary School, and a host of community volunteers;
- The Boys and Girls Club was awarded \$3,579 for the summer DaVinci Camp, where local youth learn about science and nature through art, and for a new arts enrichment program during the school year;
- Save Our Seward (SOS) Pets received a \$1,500 grant to expand their spay and neuter program;
- A grant of \$5,000 will help complete the next major phase of the Seward Mariners Memorial;
- Volunteers from the Seward Nordic Ski Club will use \$4,928 to purchase equipment to improve recreational trails on the Old Sterling Highway and Trail River Campground;
- The Alaska SeaLife Center received \$4,000 in continued support for the Ocean Sciences Club, which benefits middle and high school students. An additional grant of \$2,000 helped the ASLC complete a new Fisheries Management exhibit;
- An award of \$4,000 will allow the Seward Arts Council to improve performances by equipping backstage technical crews with new communication headsets;
- The Seward International Friendship Association received \$2,000 to support the historic exchange program with our sister city, Obihiro, Japan.



Senior Center board members celebrate funding for their new van.

Through your support, the Seward Community Foundation endowment now exceeds \$2.6 million! This year, investment earnings from our community "nest egg" generated more than \$56,000 for grants to local nonprofits. Remaining funds will be distributed throughout the year for "mini-grants" of up to \$500 to nonprofits.



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Legacy Donors Plan for Future Needs

How do you want to be remembered by your family and community?

How can you make a difference for your friends, and neighbors throughout Seward and Moose Pass?

For many of us, charitable giving allows us to give back to the causes we care deeply about. Your annual donations have been instrumental in growing the SCF endowment that allows us to give back to support our local nonprofit agencies. Every gift makes a difference, and we are especially grateful of our donors who have chosen to leave their "legacy" through a planned gift to the Seward Community Foundation.

You can designate the Seward Community Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, a traditional IRA, or a term life insurance policy, just by making some simple paperwork changes. We also accept donations of real property and other assets. If you're interested in helping to make our community's future brighter with a legacy gift, please consult with your financial advisor or accountant. You can also contact The Alaska Community Foundation at www.alaskacf.org or call (907) 334-6700.



A mini-grant from SCF helped fund the Moose Pass 4H Robotics Program.

Mini-Grant Applications Now Available Online

Mini-grants provide a flexible, local funding opportunity that can respond to community needs throughout the year. Requests cannot exceed \$500 and must benefit the residents of the Seward and Moose Pass area. Mini-grant applications are reviewed at Advisory Board meetings - typically held the third Wednesday of every month.

REMEMBER: Mini-grant applications must be submitted **BEFORE** the event or activity takes place. Please review Grant Guidelines to determine your eligibility. To apply for a mini-grant, go to www.sewardcf.org.



Thanks to all who have designated part of their Permanent Fund Dividend to the Seward Community Foundation and other local nonprofits. There is still time to make your gift through Pick.Click.Give. You can make a gift or change your designation until August 31, 2013. Visit www.pickclickgive.org for more details.

Find us on Facebook! Look for the **Seward Community Foundation** on Facebook and "Like" our page to get the latest news about local nonprofits and funding opportunities!



For more information, visit us online:
www.sewardcf.org or call 224-GIVE.

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We are recruiting new Advisory Board members! There are many ways for you to get involved, join the fun, and give back to a community that we all love and care deeply about. *Call us today to find out how you can get involved with the Seward Community Foundation.*



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