

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

Summer 2014

Over \$68,000 Awarded to Seward Nonprofits

The Annual SCF Donor Appreciation and Grant Award Event was held May 8 at the Seward Brewing Company, downtown Seward.

Over \$68,000 was awarded in 19 grants to 15 different Seward and Moose Pass organizations. New grant awards included:

- Support for domestic shelter nights at **SeaView Community Services**,
- Creation of a Rockwell Kent drama with the **Seward Arts Council**,
- Purchase of new musical instruments for the **Seward Band Boosters**.

Awards were also made to the **Alaska SeaLife Center** to continue the Ocean Sciences Club, to the **He Will Provide Food Pantry** for a replacement freezer, and to the **Independent Living Center** in support of their TRAILS Program. A complete list of 2014 grants is available on our website, www.sewardcf.org.

Grant monies come from the earnings of the SCF Endowment, created from the donations of our community, with generous support from The Alaska Community Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation.

Your contribution supports amazing people projects, and our local community organizations – forever.

Thank you for your continued support!



SCF Donors Eric and Cindy Clock Present a grant check to Deborah Altermatt for the continued work on the Mariner's Memorial.



Thanks to all who have donated part of their Permanent Fund Dividends to the SCF and other local nonprofits! Remember: You can sign up for the program or change your designation until August 31, 2014. For more information, go to www.pickclickgive.org.

Your SCF Advisors

As an all-volunteer Advisory Board, we are honored to serve and help build a stronger community in Seward and Moose Pass.

Kim Reierson
Paul Ruppel
Beth Johnson
Madelyn Walker
John Eavis
Teri Arnold
Patty Linville
Melody Spangler-Hatch
Phyllis Shoemaker

Please consider joining the SCF Advisory Board to assist in grant funding decisions to make an impact in our community.

You can help us reach **100 Likes** on [Facebook.com/Seward-Community-Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/Seward-Community-Foundation)
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2013 Grantee Spotlight: Schoolyard Habitat Project

The Seward Schools Schoolyard Habitat Project has become a reality due to the efforts of the Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance (RBCA) in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Partner's Program and support from the Seward Community Foundation.

The Seward Schools Schoolyard Habitat Project addresses the needs of all three public school buildings situated on adjoining properties. The Master Plan – covering a three-year timeline – targets improved wildlife habitat and student access to areas where wildlife and habitat can be viewed and studied. The Master Plan includes the following goals: developing elementary school native plant botanical gardens, trail development between schools, improving existing trails, middle school access path and bird vetch (invasive weed) control, and an outdoor amphitheater.



In its first year the project successfully developed the elementary school native plant garden. A SCF 2014 grant award of \$5,100 will help enable the Schoolyard Habitat Project to build a new trail from the elementary to the middle school, upgrade existing trails, and complete Phase 2 of the native plant garden.

Honoring Our Loved Ones as Living Treasures!

The Living Treasures Program was created for donors to honor friends, relatives and community members who are valued and make a difference in a variety of ways. Your gift to the Living Treasures Program in the name of a specific person will support the work of local nonprofit organizations, and will help build a better future for the Seward and Moose Pass communities. With a minimum donation of \$50.00, you can recognize someone as a Living Treasure.

2013 Living Treasures

- ♥ **Lenore Eavis** "To honor her **93 years of caring, giving, and inspiration** she has provided her family, friends, and community. Thanks, Mom. We love you."
- ♥ **The Alaska SeaLife Center Staff** "We are grateful for their efforts that **make our community great.**"
- ♥ **Vanta Shafer** "We treasure you to the moon and stars and back."
- ♥ **Nancy Osborne** "Nancy Osborne wakes up in the morning thinking of other people and ways to brighten their day. Whether it is helping with their taxes - or sending a card for a birthday or anniversary **her acts of kindness touch many lives in our community.**"
- ♥ **Amy Reierson** "This donation is in honor of my daughter's birthday. Amy is the kind of daughter that every parent hopes for. **She is truly a living treasure.**"

SCF: By the Numbers

Thanks to your generous support – we have built a permanent endowment for Seward that totals \$2,600,000. This community asset will be here – to give back to Seward – for many, many generations... Since 2009, SCF has awarded \$202,658 in 115 grants. While our individual grants have ranged from \$173 to \$10,000, we are proud to support 36 different community organizations and the causes you care about.

This newsletter highlights the impact your donations have on our community! Please consider a regular contribution to the SCF Endowment as part of your annual charitable giving. For more information, visit www.sewardcf.org

Thank you for investing in our community's future!

