



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Participants in the Independent Living Center TRAILS program “show and tell” their Alaskan adventures made possible through grant funding.

## \$114,913 Granted to Local Nonprofits

On May 2, 2017, the Seward Community Foundation awarded \$114,913 to 16 local nonprofits to support 18 projects in our community from Lowell Point to Moose Pass. More than 85 donors, grant recipients, and community members attended the energizing event.

Grant recipients from three organizations shared how SCF Grants are making a difference in their organizations and their lives personally. Three talented Seward Middle School Band students kicked off the evening by playing the marimba. A second marimba will be purchased using grant funds awarded to Seward Music Association, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing music education in the local area. Participants of the Independent Living Centers TRAILS, a program that promotes inclusivity and equal rights for people who experience disabilities, described how through TRAILS they are able to enjoy

many Alaskan adventures, including snowboarding, fishing, and horseback riding.

Carlyn Nichols, the Seward Middle School teacher behind the Maker Lab, brought projects completed by her students. These creative projects from unusual items included a chair made out of a tire and a coat rack made from an old ski and forks.

Grants were supported from seven different funds available through the Seward Community Foundation, an affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation. These funds span a variety of donor areas of interests and aim to meet the ever-changing needs of Seward and Moose Pass. Grant-supported projects will have impacts across the community from the youth to the elderly, and from health and wellness to community safety and community beautification.

The Seward Community Foundation would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors that make all of these community-impacting grants possible. Donations to our endowed funds build a future of continued support of the Seward and Moose Pass communities.

To see a complete list of grant recipients, including mini grants that are awarded throughout the year, please visit the Grant page on our website at [www.sewardcf.org](http://www.sewardcf.org).



Two Seward Middle School Students showcase their talents playing the Marimba. Seward Middle School Teacher Carlyn Nichols highlights projects constructed by students in the Maker Lab.

# Community Garden Grows in Seward

A newly formed community group, the Seward Community Garden by the Bay, envisioned building a welcoming gathering space where locals can grow their own produce, share their bounty with the local food bank, and provide educational events throughout the year. Since breaking ground on the community garden on May 19th, the pace of progress has been unbelievable. Altogether, over 50 community volunteers donated nearly 200 hours of their time towards construction of the garden. All 30 beds are built and planted and members are eagerly watching their gardens green out. Park benches have been placed throughout the garden where garden members, the community, and visitors to Seward can relax and enjoy this beautiful garden.



*Community garden volunteer hauls gravel; together volunteers hauled nearly 30 yards of gravel in one evening.*



*(Photo credit: Alaska Aerial Technologies) Freshly planted garden beds are visible on June 12th in this aerial view.*

Construction of some communal elements of the garden are in progress, but overall project coordinators are very happy with all that has been accomplished in such a short time. Callie Stark, Chair of Garden by the Bay, expressed her gratitude, "We could not have made this community garden a reality without the grant we received from the Seward Community Foundation."

Grant funding supported garden materials, including lumber and hardware for raised beds, a shed, benches, a picnic table, a compost bin, signage, and walkways. You can visit the garden behind the Rae Building at the corner of Third and Railway Avenues.

## 2017 Major Grants

▪ Alaska Sea Life Center	\$8,250	▪ Seward Community Library Association	\$1,500
▪ Bear Creek Volunteer Fire & EMS, Inc.	\$2,000	▪ Seward Middle School	\$3,495
▪ Independent Living Center	\$6,945	▪ Seward Nordic Ski Club	\$5,000
▪ Lowell Point Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,000	▪ Seward Prevention Coalition	\$8,151
▪ Moose Pass Public Library	\$2,980	▪ Seward PTSA	\$3,500
▪ Seaview Community Services	\$3,000	▪ Seward PTSA	\$5,000
▪ Seaview Community Services	\$3,210	▪ Seward Senior Center	\$10,000
▪ Seward Area Hospice	\$41,382	▪ Teen and Youth Center	\$2,500
▪ Seward Band and Choir Boosters Association	\$5,000	▪ Wellness For All	\$2,000



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## Support Seward Nonprofits with your 2017 PFD

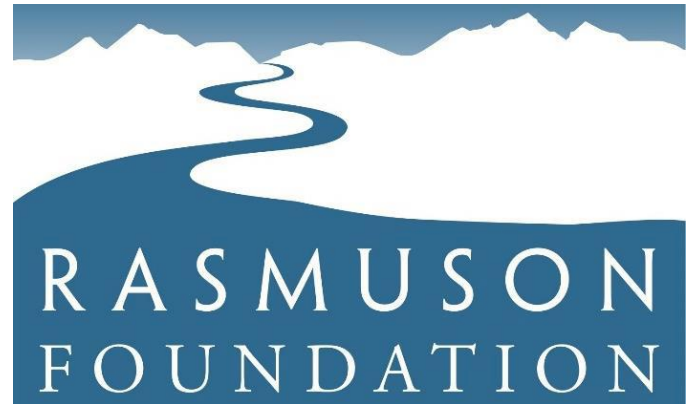
It is not too late to support a cause you love with your Permanent Fund Dividends. Through Pick.Click.Give. Alaskans contribute a portion of their PFD to nonprofits across the state. You can add or adjust Pick.Click.Give. contributions until August 31 by visiting [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov).

Did you know? In 2016, Alaskans made 986 individual contributions to nonprofits serving the Seward community. These pledges totaled \$61,810, all benefiting nonprofits operated by and serving Alaskans.

By making a pledge of \$25 or more this year, you can support a cause that is important to you. Your friends, family, and neighbors all benefit from local giving. You may also choose to give the Seward Community Foundation through Pick.Click.Give.

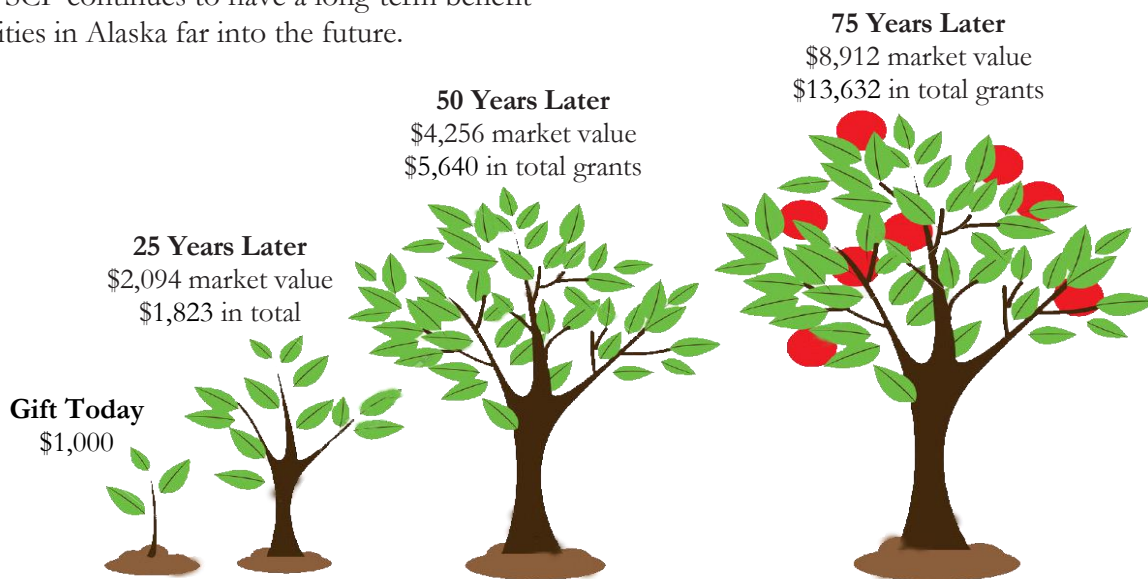
## Thanks to you,

The Seward Community Foundation's endowment fund has grown to \$2,529,399.85 Like the Alaska Permanent Fund, this endowment is not spent but is managed to provide a yearly dividend that comes back to the community through grants to local causes. Your donation to SCF continues to have a long-term benefit to communities in Alaska far into the future.



## Double Your Impact

Your gifts to the Seward Community Foundation endowed funds will be matched dollar for dollar through 2020 by Rasmuson Foundation and The Alaska Community Foundation. This support is designed to ignite more philanthropy across Alaska by funding The Alaska Community Foundation's Affiliate Program, a statewide effort to create, support, and sustain locally-driven philanthropy. Gifts to SCF will be matched up to \$185,000. The SCF Advisory Board has set a 2017 goal of raising \$40,000 towards our unrestricted endowment and \$15,000 towards our operating endowment. Achieving this goal will dedicate \$110,000 to the advancement of important causes in Seward and Moose Pass, and ensure your generous support strengthens our community now and for years to come.



*Graphics and estimates are for illustration purposes only. Cumulative grants are based on a 5% annual payout. Estimated market value is based on a 3% return on investment net of fees and grants.*

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## Connecting people who care with causes that matter

### **About us**

The Seward Community Foundation is a permanent charitable fund for the Seward area. Your gifts will be part of a long-term endowment, allowing you to invest in our community's future and contribute to our quality of life. These charitable contributions will connect donors with causes they care about and catalyze community planning between individuals, organizations and governments.

Locally advised, the Seward Community Foundation is focused on the needs of the area through a permanent endowment that makes annual grants to nonprofit groups serving the community.

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