

Community Christmas Tree

2018 Seward Community Foundation Mini-Grant Program

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Application Form

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Organization Information

Name of Organization*

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Organization's EIN*

92-0149632

Organization Type*

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Faith-based Organization

Organization's Location*

Is your organization located in the Seward/Moose Pass area? If not, will your project/program benefit this area?

Yes

Benefits to Area (optional)

If your organization is not located in the area but you believe your proposed project/program will benefit area residents, please explain how.

Mission Statement*

What is your organization's mission statement?

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

Description of Organization (optional)

Please provide any additional information about your organization that you wish to share.

Previous Grant Award Details (if applicable/known)

Please list the project title and date of your most recent grant award, if applicable/known.

We are seeking a grant to refurbish the community Christmas tree on Bear Mountain. I am unaware of any other previous applications.

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Project/Program Information

Project/Program Name*

Community Christmas Tree

Project/Program Start Date*

When will your proposed project/program begin?

11/15/2018

Project/Program End Date*

When will your proposed project/program end? **Please note that awarded grant projects must be completed within one year of receiving a grant.**

12/30/2018

Project/Program Description*

Please describe your proposed project/program, including a discussion of the community need and if you are planning to collaborate/partner with other community organizations or entities.

Dan Michaud has been taking care of the maintenance of the community Christmas tree on Bear Mountain. He says most of the hardware is broken or severely rusted. \$500 would cover the cost of new LED lights and hardware (preferably stainless) making the tree safe and efficient.

Project/Program Goals*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project/program, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.

We want to make the community Christmas Tree on Bear Mountain safe and efficient.

Project/Program Benefits*

Please describe the benefits of your proposed project/program. What will improve on in the Seward/Moose Pass area as a result of this project/program? Who and how many individuals will benefit from this program/project?

Everyone who comes to town in the holiday season will get to enjoy seeing the tree lit above town.

Measuring Success*

Please describe the outcomes that will define if your project/program is successful, including how your organization plans to track and report on these outcomes. Please also describe how your proposed project/program will continue beyond the original grant term, if applicable.

This tree should give light and cheer for years to come.

Project/Program Budget

Total Project/Program Budget*

\$500.00

Amount Requested*

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Hardware: jack chain, springs, etc. (We won't know exactly until we get into it)

Lights: 2-4 strings of heavy duty outdoor LED Christmas tree lights.

Optional Documentation

Other Useful Information (optional)

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Electronic Signature

Authorized Signature*

By typing my name below, I certify that the information provided in this grant application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of my organization.

I authorize The Alaska Community Foundation to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I also agree to allow any information on this application (unless otherwise noted) to be released for publication.

Benjamin Bohart

Title*

Pastor

Date*

10/10/2018

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File Attachment Summary

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Give Hope, Get Connected - Alaska

2018 Seward Community Foundation Mini-Grant Program

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Organization Information

Name of Organization*

Hopecam, Inc.

Organization's EIN*

56-2416801

Organization Type*

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501(c)(3)

Organization's Location*

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Yes

Benefits to Area (optional)

If your organization is not located in the area but you believe your proposed project/program will benefit area residents, please explain how.

The goal of our "Give Hope, Get Connected - Alaska" program is to increase our assistance to children in the Seward/Moose Pass area. This grant would be used for the purchase of tablet and laptop computers and Wifi hotspots for children diagnosed with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses living specifically in Alaska. Hopecam will expand our reach by reaching out to local hospitals, schools and social workers to find more children that we can help.

Mission Statement*

What is your organization's mission statement?

Hopecam's mission is to overcome the social isolation experienced by children diagnosed with cancer through the use of tablets, laptops, and internet technologies to connect the child with his or her school.

Description of Organization (optional)

Please provide any additional information about your organization that you wish to share.

Each year, close to 16,000 children are diagnosed with cancer, and undergo treatments that dramatically limit their ability to go to school and interact with their friends. Among the first side-effects experienced by the child is isolation from their friends, their schools and classmates. Hopecam uses modern technology to connect these children while they are in treatment. Hopecam gives each child a tablet computer, Internet access if the family is without, and then works with the child's school to facilitate and secure their participation, providing them with needed equipment and support. The purpose of this proposal is to request financial assistance to purchase the necessary equipment. With tablets, laptop computers and web cameras, along with coordination through families, teachers and healthcare providers, Hopecam links children to the lives they had before their diagnosis, acting as a bridge toward recovery. As Hopecam celebrates its 15th anniversary, we take pride in connecting over 1,700 children to 30,000 classmates in the U.S. and abroad. Ninety percent of the students helped by Hopecam attend Title 1 schools. We wish to expand our reach in Alaska, and specifically the Seward/Moose Pass region.

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Project/Program Name*

Give Hope, Get Connected - Alaska

Project/Program Start Date*

When will your proposed project/program begin?

07/01/2019

Project/Program End Date*

When will your proposed project/program end? **Please note that awarded grant projects must be completed within one year of receiving a grant.**

06/30/2020

Project/Program Description*

Please describe your proposed project/program, including a discussion of the community need and if you are planning to collaborate/partner with other community organizations or entities.

To accomplish our mission, Hopecam provides each child with a tablet or laptop computer free of charge, programmed with Skype or Zoom. If the family does not have internet access in their home, Hopecam provides it while the child is undergoing treatment. As soon as Hopecam receives a referral, we start to work with the school to secure their participation. From our experience, most schools are eager to connect with the child. If we encounter reluctance, we cut through objections and provide information about the benefits of connecting that assuage educators' fears. Hopecam works with each school to identify the best time and scenario to connect—from morning announcements to math or art class to lunch bunch in a counselor's office.

Hopecam receives referrals from a number of community partners. We are a member of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers (APOSW). Pediatric Oncology Social Workers are on the front line of making families aware of Hopecam's program. They also provide Hopecam with valuable input as to how well our program is meeting the needs of their clients and changes that should be made to improve program implementation and effectiveness. We work with the staff of Children's National Medical Center, National Institutes of Health, INOVA Health System, and Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. We are active participants in the pediatric cancer community and most recently were participants in CureFest. We

will reach out to schools, healthcare workers and hospitals in the Seward/Moose Pass region to offer hope to local children with cancer.

Project/Program Goals*

Please describe the goals of your proposed project/program, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.

With the overall objective of reducing social isolation, the expected outcomes include:

- Helping the child make a smoother transition back to school because of the ongoing contact they have had with peers and educational content;
- Reducing social anxiety typically experienced by students with cancer when they return to school; and
- Mitigating depression and anxiety through social contact, support, and involvement in regular classroom activities.

Project/Program Benefits*

Please describe the benefits of your proposed project/program. What will improve on in the Seward/Moose Pass area as a result of this project/program? Who and how many individuals will benefit from this program/project?

One in every five schools has a child in treatment for cancer. Disconnected, these children fall behind in class work and motivation. Research shows that children who felt more supported from their classmates during cancer treatment were “less depressed, less anxious, and had higher self-esteem” than children who did not feel supported by classmates (Suzuki and Kato, 2003). Hopecam uses voice over Internet technology to help children with cancer overcome the burden of social isolation. By virtually connecting these children with their friends over a video conferencing application, Hopecam decreases the loneliness and anxiety they experience during this frightening time. We provide the child with a tablet computer equipped with a webcam, Internet access in the home if the child is without, then work with the child’s school to persuade them to establish a regular connection with the child during which the child can participate in classroom activities, and see and talk with their friends. Although the Hopecam Connection is often used by classroom, homebound and hospital teachers to provide instruction, we consider this an added benefit. Hopecam’s mission is to allow children to socialize, sharing the normal events and conversations of childhood from celebrating a birthday to checking out who has lost a tooth. Our goal is to bridge the social divide between children during this frightening time and ultimately ease the transition back to school. Other benefits of Hopecam include being used by the child’s medical team to check in remotely. For children who are being treated far from home, Hopecam provides a way to stay in touch with loved ones and support networks.

Lalita K. Suzuki, PhD, and Pamela M. Kato, PhD, EdM (2003). Psychosocial Support for Patients in Pediatric Oncology: The Influences of Parents, Schools, Peers, and Technology. Retrieved from Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing, Vol 20, No 4 (July- August), 2003: pp159-174

Measuring Success*

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Hopecam has developed data management systems to monitor the outcomes resulting from providing a Hopecam connection. Families receive pre-and post-connection surveys to help in the evaluation of program and to improve our systems. In addition, Hopecam continues to work with George Mason University, College of Education and Human Development to conduct a credited class that studies the impact of Hopecam on the

client, family, friends, and school that would be used to design a future empirical study that would examine impact and evaluate the Hopecam process. This has continued to help us shed light on the issue of how to mitigate social isolation during treatment for childhood cancer.

Project/Program Budget

Total Project/Program Budget*

\$5,000.00

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Logitech is providing technology to the teachers in the classroom. We have been given Connect Towers, which are web-cameras that contain a speaker system. Each teacher can control the camera with a remote to help the student at home learn and see what is going on in the classroom. The value of the in-kind donation is \$3,000. We are grateful for the commitment of support from Logitech.

Optional Documentation

Other Useful Information (optional)

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Fletcher's Story 091818.pdf

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Lauren V. Priestas

Title*

Development Director

Date*

01/03/2019

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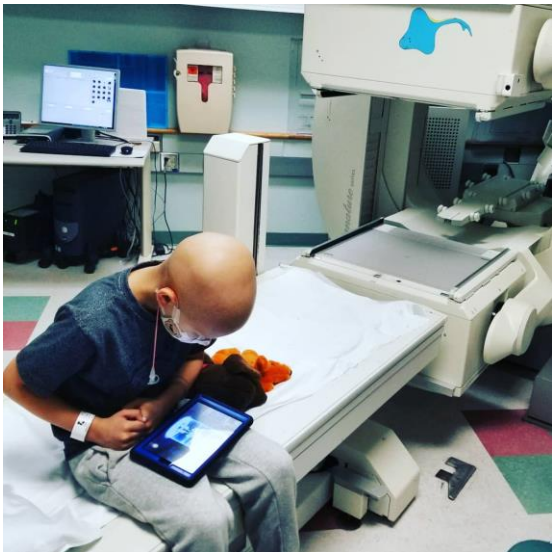
Hopecam

15 YEARS 2003-2018

Hopecam's mission is simple: *to overcome the social isolation experienced by children diagnosed with cancer through the use of tablets, laptops, and internet technologies to connect the child with his or her school.*

Fletcher

Fletcher is a 9 year old, 3rd grade little boy from Centreville, VA. He is battling a Medulloblastoma, and has received radiation treatment at St. Jude and now is receiving intense chemo at Children's National in DC. Fletcher wants to be a biomechanical engineer when he's grown,



his college of choice is UVA! He loves

archery for his "green arrow" abilities to stay sharp and his favorite subject in school is reading, as he LOVES to read. He has a fantastic imagination and is always curious. He is very compassionate and loves to help anyone around him. He was diagnosed a week before starting 3rd grade and was to start a new school.



After a year of battling body crippling migraines and rearranging the whole family's dynamics and health plan, he fainted. Taking him to the ER the doctor did a CAT scan to find something that wasn't meant to be there.

Fletcher was airlifted to DC from Centreville VA and was set up for brain surgery. 9 hours after going under, they found the tumor to be not only calcified and new growth, but also it was attaching itself to the brainstem, as it had pressed it over into a curve. The tumor was the size of a large plum, growing they believe from an early age of 3 or 4. Our lives immediately shifted into an unknown and battle we never even could have imagined.



HopeCam gave him the tablet and he lit up. He was ready to download and get going. Fletcher LOVES to learn and even more so, he was excited to finally meet his class! Of course the moment the class came into view and the sound was figured out, the whole class was curious of him and what had happened. They had questions and comments. It helped make Fletcher not feel lonely like he had been. HopeCam created that bond of happy whilst in the middle of a very difficult chemo treatment.

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