



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

SEWARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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HONORING ANNE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!



The Seward Community Foundation is pleased to announce that in honor of Anne Hatch's 100th birthday, her family has opened the Ralph and Anne Hatch Family Arts, Music and Education Fund. The Fund was established

to honor Ralph and Anne's participation and support of Seward's arts and music community for nearly 70 years.

The purpose of the Ralph and Anne Hatch Family Arts, Music & Education Fund is to support art, music, and general education opportunities. This includes (but is not limited to) visual arts and music education, exposure to and participation in theater and performing arts, exposure to other art forms, and general education for the community of Seward and its children. Anne's birthday was November 17th, and SCF invites you to help celebrate this fantastic milestone by donating to the Hatch Family Fund in honor of Anne's lifelong gift of giving to her community. Donations may be made by going to SCF's webpage at www.sewardcf.org on our GIVE page. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Hatch!

To listen to an interview with Ralph and Anne Hatch done by the University of Alaska, Fairbanks with Project Jukebox's Oral History Program go to:
<http://jukebox.uaf.edu/site7/interviews/598>

GRANT AWARDS: JULY TO DECEMBER

Seward Senior Center COVID Response	\$7,100
Seward Elementary COVID Response	\$150
Homeless Connection COVID Response	\$10,000
Seaview Community Services COVID Response	\$10,000
Marathon Volleyball Club Mini Grant	\$1,000
Title I PreK Seward El. Mini Grant	\$850
Seward Community Library Mini grant	\$597
Friends of the Library Mini Grant	\$999
Seward Senior Center "Pay it Forward"	\$500
Alaska SeaLife Center Discretionary Grant	\$2,500

HELP MEET THE MATCH



We are nearing the end of our 1:1 match challenge by the Rasmussen Foundation, and we need your help! Thanks to our generous community, we were able to meet our 4-year challenge that qualified us for the \$25,000 bonus match program. If we raise the additional \$25,000 by December 31, 2020, the total match dollar available will add \$75,000 to our endowed funds! Achieving this goal will benefit our communities for years to come. Donations to the SCF Fund or the SCF Operating Endowment can be made online at www.sewardcf.org/donate or by mail to: P.O. Box 933 Seward, AK 99664.

TONY'S GIFT



Tony Rollo was often referred to as “the guy at Safeway eating ice cream.” That’s where he was sometimes seen—sitting on an electric cart taking his time to consume a gallon of the stuff. Kim Reiersen didn’t know

him personally but described him as a typical “Old Alaska Sourdough kind of guy.” He was eccentric, sure enough, but friendly and would engage in conversation if one had the time. He especially had a soft spot for dogs and kids; the latter would get offers to share his ice cream.

He was also a common feature at the library, spending the morning reading the Wall Street Journal. According to Patti Linville, he didn’t bother checking out a book, but rather when he found one that interested him, he’d clutch it to his chest and walk past the front desk, saying he’d return it the next day.

Eccentric, yes, but big-hearted as well. Even though Tony lived a modest lifestyle, he was a generous philanthropic donor for various national and international efforts. Even still, it was a surprise that upon his passing in 2010, he left a large endowment for the Seward Community Foundation. How large? 1.9 million dollars. Julie Tauriainen was Tony’s financial advisor, a friend, and was also on the SCF steering committee. Tony didn’t have any family to whom he wanted to leave his estate, so Julie asked him to con-

sider leaving a legacy gift that could stay in the community. He was resistant to naming specific nonprofits, since he didn’t want to choose one over another; but he became intrigued with the community foundation approach of managing funds for the benefit of all area nonprofits. He also liked the idea that this philosophy mirrored his own financial strategy of protecting principle assets while spending only the earnings. Julie told him his legacy would last in perpetuity, a word he continued to repeat. *Perpetuity*.

Tony’s \$1.9 million catapulted the Seward Community Foundation from a fledgling organization to an active foundation providing funds for Moose Pass and Seward nonprofits. In the eleven years of SCF operations, earnings from Tony’s endowment, along with the gifts from other donors, have provided \$935,799.14 for projects benefitting so many in our area. All of these projects started as simple ideas to address the needs of our communities. But the one thing these ideas needed to come to fruition was money. And because of the forethought and generosity of Tony and others, these ideas became a reality. Tony was 95 years old when he passed in 2010. But because of his gift, earnings from his endowment will continue to benefit our communities for countless generations.

Tony’s gift is an example of the power of giving. If you are inspired by Tony’s story and would like to know more about leaving a Legacy Gift to SCF, visit our webpage or contact Seward Community Foundation at: seward@alaskacf.org.

“Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody.”

BEGIN YOUR LEGACY NOW

Did you know Rasmuson Foundation will give up to \$5,000 to SCF in your name? Here’s how: confirm your intent to give to Seward Community Foundation’s Endowment Fund by sending in a completed Declaration of Intent Form and Rasmuson Foundation will match 5% of the assessed value of the bequest, up to \$5,000 per gift. This ensures your SCF legacy gift will make an impact NOW! Visit www.sewardcf.org for more information .

GRANT CYCLE OPENS JAN. 15TH

The Seward Community Foundation’s major grant cycle will be open January 15 to February 19, 2021. Major grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. For grants larger than \$10,000 please contact our local Program Manager, Amy Hankins, at ahankins@alaskacf.org. Local nonprofits may apply using our online grants system at www.sewardcf.org/grants.

Mini-grants of up to \$1,000 are available year-round, as well as our COVID-19 Response Grants that support basic needs in Seward and Moose Pass. Please review SCF’s Annual Grant Guidelines to determine your organization’s eligibility before sending your request.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



The Seward Community Foundation is lucky to have our newest board advisor, Moose Pass-born Seward High School grad Teal Hetrick. Teal comes from a longtime Moose

Pass family of 35 years and enjoys being a part of the tight-knit community up the road. After graduating from SHS in 2005, Teal went outside for undergrad and even played collegiate basketball in the Virgin Islands. After meeting her husband Marques in the islands, she wasn't done traveling, and together they spent the next five years circumnavigating the globe working on sailboats.

When it was time to come back home to Moose Pass to be with family and friends, Teal wanted to find out how she could positively impact her home community. Teal eloquently said, "After learning all that the Seward Community Foundation does, I thought that joining the board would be a meaningful way to immerse myself back into the community and learn about all the nonprofits supporting Seward and Moose Pass. I see the need for younger generations to get involved, so hopefully this is the start of a long career of giving back to the communities that raised me."

Teal says the most important aspect of SCF is that the grants given to the community come from endowed funds that will continue to grow forever. "It's really inspiring and I'm proud that I can be a part of it," she says.

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~Dana Paperman

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

The Seward Senior Center received a \$6,000 COVID-19 Response Grant for funds to hire a temporary dishwasher through August 2020. This year, the community's senior citizens have relied on the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program more than ever. Through the program, the Senior Center delivers nutritious lunches Monday-Friday to eligible senior citizens in the Seward and Moose Pass area. To keep up with the new overhead level, the Senior Center needed to hire a part-time dishwasher. "This funding created the necessary support at our greatest time of need," said Dana Paperman, Executive Director of the Seward Senior Center. "The funds will ensure that we can keep this position filled through August."

The Seward Senior Center has been on the front line of the COVID-19 emergency services since March and has been serving over 80 meals a day to local senior citizens. To keep up with the increasing demand, the Senior Center extended its services to include meals twice a week to the Moose Pass area. They also deliver chilled weekend meals every Friday, a service that is new to the agency.

"With the partnership of the Seward Community Foundation, and the support of our compassionate volunteers who have donated their time and vehicles, we were able to support a greater number of seniors in the Meals on Wheels program," said Dana Paperman. "Thank you, Seward Community Foundation, for the support."



A big **thank you** to our 57 Pick.Click.Give donors! These generous souls raised \$4,525 for our Operating Endowment Fund. Thanks to a matching donation from the Rasmuson Foundation and ACF, these gifts will help support Seward and Moose Pass nonprofits forever.

Please remember SCF and your community when filling out your 2021 PFD. Pick.Click.Give donations are a great way to make a local impact to our Seward and Moose Pass nonprofits.

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Dear Seward and Moose Pass Communities,

The year 2020 will be one that we remember. Faced with an unprecedented event, I will remember how we came together to help one another during this pandemic. I am amazed at the generosity of our communities. The donations you gave, the help you offered a neighbor, and the time you spent volunteering for a local nonprofit brought us together and made a difference in others' lives. Many of our nonprofits have exceeded their normal capacities. With your donations of time, talents, and dollars, it was possible.



This year the Seward Community Foundation granted over \$125,000 to nonprofits to support the causes you care about. Please consider making a year-end donation to the Seward Community Foundation to continue to fund the important work being done by our local nonprofits. We are proud to help you make a difference in our community. We look forward to continuing our work together.

With gratitude and thanks, SCF wishes you health and happiness,

Kim Reiersen, SCF President

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