



Seward Community Foundation

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Summer 2022

SEWARD SEA OTTERS 4-H CLUB WINS STATE EQUINE COMPETITION!



Seward Community Foundation is proud to announce that the senior team of the Seward 4-H Chapter (known as the ‘Sea Otters’) competed and won the virtual state equine competition earlier this spring. Coordinator Mica VanBuskirk gives credit to their success with the Horse Kit purchased using Seward Community Foundation funding. In her words, ‘the kit was absolutely necessary’ for the students’ success.

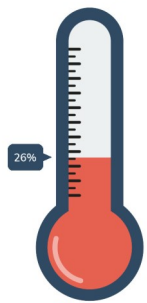
Since this autumn, the Sea Otter 4-H chapter has met weekly to use the horse kit to learn about the various aspects of horse care, anatomy, riding styles, and skills. The ‘horse kit’ provided durable hands equipment to simulate and learn about horse anatomy, physiology, genetics, medications, fox hunts, riding skills —basically all the things one would need to know about horses when horses are not readily available.

The competition, which pitted chapters from across Alaska, had four separate phases: a presentation, a written exam, a practical knowledge assessment using diagrams, and the intense, Jeopardy-style buzzer round. Mica describes the competition as being very intense and very detailed. Yet Seward bested teams like Palmer (2nd place) and Fairbanks (3rd place).

The Seward 4-H team has 27 members aged 8 to 15. The chapter is broken into two groups by age: Senior and Junior. The senior team will be traveling to the national competition in Denver, Colorado, next January. Seward Community Foundation is proud to have provided the funds for this worthy project and wishes the Sea Otters all the best as they continue in the competition. This grant was funded by the Seward Community Foundation Fund.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TODAY

GOAL: \$25,000



Through December 31st, your donation to SCF’s unrestricted endowment fund or operating endowment fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000 by the Alaska Community Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation. With your help, we can meet our match goal for 2022! To donate, visit www.sewardcf.org/ donate. Feel the joy of helping now!

HEY, VOLUNTEERS!

Do you volunteer at an area nonprofit? If so, we would love to hear about it. Drop us a line and say what organization you volunteer for, what you do, and why. Include a picture, too! We might feature you and the organization on our blog! Email: seward@alaskacf.org

Mini-Grants

MARCH	QUTEKCAK NATIVE TRIBE	\$1,000
MARCH	LOWEL POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	\$1,000
MARCH	MARATHON VOLLEYBALL CLUB	\$1,000
MARCH	SEWARD LITTLE LEAGUE	\$1,000
APRIL	SEWARD AREA HOSPICE	\$1,000
APRIL	QUTEKCAK NATIVE TRIBE	\$1,000
MAY	SEWARD MARINER’S MEMORIAL	\$1,000
JUNE	SEWARD BOY SCOUTS	\$1,000
APPLY NOW!		

GRANT HIGHLIGHT:

SEWARD SENIOR CENTER SEWARD INTRA TRANSIT



The Seward Senior Center received \$11,000 through SCF's 2021 competitive grant cycle in support of its Seward Intra Transit Program (SIT). The program will provide wheelchair-accessible transportation to seniors and people with disabilities in Moose

Pass and Seward Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Seniors can ride to the store, post office, medical appointments, monthly field drips to Soldotna or Anchorage, and other places safely and comfortably.

Over the last year, the Senior Center faced COVID challenges and staffing issues that caused them to put the SIT program on hold. Not being able to access community services has left older Alaskans in isolation longer, increasing the chance of depression- a serious condition in the aging population. "We run a lot of education and social programs for seniors, which are imperative to their quality of life," said Dana Paperman, Seward Senior Center's Executive Director. "The value of transportation in Seward is essential in accessing these amazing, dynamic programs." To offset the staffing shortage, the Senior Center offered ½ price taxi vouchers and partnered with the Seward Prevention Coalition to provide free shopping for seniors four times a month.

The Seward Senior Center is looking to fill multiple positions vital to its mission of serving Seward's senior population, including Executive Chef, Facility Support, and Transportation. In addition to the many hats she wears as Executive Director, Dana has spearheaded the chef's duties at the Senior Center until the position gets filled. She hopes to hire someone soon so that they can get our seniors moving this summer through the SIT program. If interested in the Seward Senior Center's job opportunities, please contact:
Dana Paperman-Executive Director
Email: ssc@seward.net
Phone: (907) 224-5604

Funding for this grant came from the Frank Dieckgraeff Memorial Fund for Seward Seniors and the Seward Community Foundation Fund.

Major Grants

SCF's Major Grant Cycle opens Monday, January 9th, 2023 and closes February 9th, 2023 at 5PM.

Mini-grants

Mini-grant applications, up to \$1,000, are accepted monthly by the 5th of the month.



We would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who has already donated this year to the Seward Community Foundation through Pick.Click.Give. **Did you know there is still time to donate part of your PFD to your favorite non-profit organizations through Pick.Click.Give?** Even though the filing date to apply for your PFD has passed, you can still make changes to your donation options until August 31st. To add or change your Pick.Click.Give. donation visit www.pfd.alaska.gov. Your friends, family and neighbors all benefit from local giving.

Eligible Area Nonprofits

Alaska SeaLife Center
Independent Living Center
Hope Community Resources Inc.
Providence Alaska Foundation
Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance
SeaView Community Services
Seward Area Hospice Inc.
Seward Arts Council
Seward Community Foundation
Seward He Will Provide Food Pantry
Seward Public Radio
Seward Senior Center
SOS Pets

You can make a difference!



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



After 15 years and hundreds of grants totaling more than \$1 Million to dozens of local nonprofits, almost everyone in our little seaside community has heard about the Seward Community Foundation. However, many don't realize that it is our mission to support local non profits with other resources as well! As an affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation and a member/partner of the Foraker Group, the Seward Community Foundation wants to be a conduit to all of the things that groups in our local nonprofit sector need to accomplish their missions and goals!

As the pandemic fades and we again gather together in person, the SCF Board is excited to offer resources to help local nonprofits operate more efficiently. In the coming months, we are sponsoring regular opportunities to gather with other nonprofit leaders and share problems, solutions, and advice. Our 'Lunch and Learn' will be an unstructured gathering in a central location where you can bring your lunch and learn about upcoming events and opportunities while having a chance to talk with other nonprofit leaders who share your challenges, successes, and pitfalls! Our Board is also in the process of organizing a one day conference this September where there will be chances to learn from statewide nonprofit leaders about subjects of concern to local nonprofits. Visit our website www.sewardcf.org for more details, and if there is a topic your organization needs help with please reach out to one of our Board Members.

I don't need to remind anyone how difficult the past few years have been – and the summer of 2022 is showing us that our new 'normal' is going to be different. At the same time, after a long day we can take a few deep breaths and soak in the beauty – of the natural landscape of the Seward-Moose Pass community as well as the friends, family and neighbors that make it special. The summer season is about to hit its peak, and I hope everyone gets some time to relax and enjoy our small slice of paradise in between work, chores, and other responsibilities. Please remember to be kind to those front line workers putting in long days serving our families and those wandering visitors who will consider their brief glimpse of our community to be one of the highlights of their lives – and we call it home.

– Dave Paperman, SCF President

"If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased."

–Maya Angelou, Author



You can give a gift today that will make a difference in our communities for generations to come. When donors leave a legacy gift to SCF they join the Legacy Society for Alaska and become part of a community of like-minded individuals across Alaska who dedicate

part of all of their estate to the communities they love. To find out more on how to join the Legacy Society for Alaska, please contact the Seward Community Foundation at seward@alaskacf.org.

CELEBRATE AND LEARN!



Let's Celebrate!

Come join the SCF Board to celebrate and meet our local non-profit organizations on **September 8th** at the Branson Pavilion. Open to all Sewardites and Moose Pass-ians. The

board will provide food and drink for a community picnic.

Let's Learn!

On **September 23rd**, SCF will be hosting an nonprofit educational event open to everyone no matter your non-profit experience. Be on the lookout for more information on the training in the coming months.

Have you been receiving our digital newsletters? You might find us in your spam folder. We have so many great stories to share and we don't want you to miss out! As always, is there something you want to learn more about? Email us at seward@alaskacf.org.



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APRIL THROUGH JUNE~ OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE LIVING BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU!

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THANK YOU FOR INVESTING
IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

SCF Advisory Board during the annual Moose Pass meeting.



Left to right: Kim Reierson, Melanie Smith, Robbie Huett, Tekla Seavey, Marc Swanson, Ryan Fisher, Mark Kansteiner, David Paperman, Teal Hall.

Not pictured: Ginger Allen

SCF WELCOMES SEWARD BIKE SHOP!



Seward Community Foundation is pleased to announce a partnership with Seward Bike Shop as our newest member in the Business Partnership Program.

“Seward’s always been so good to me. In 2004, I came up to work at Ron’s bike shop and arrived with a car, my mountain bike, and a looming credit card balance that I didn’t have the money to pay. Fast forward to this season; as the new owner, we’re celebrating the Seward Bike Shop’s 25th year of operations. I wanted to give back to the community that’s always shown so much love to me and the

shop. I wasn’t sure exactly how to go about that and how to best utilize resources. If I was going to donate, I wanted it to be used wisely, spent locally, and be meaningful to the community. After learning more about SCF, I felt that it checked all those boxes. I’m confident that, next to getting everyone in town on a bike, it’s the best thing to do for Seward!”, Karl said when asked why he wanted to join the pilot program. The Seward Bike Shop joins, Adventure Sixty North, Sunny Cove Kayaking, and Exit Glacier Guides in the program. For information visit www.sewardcf.org/bpp.

Welcome Seward Bike Shop and Mechtenberg Family!



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US

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REWARDING OPPORTUNITY
TO ENGAGE.

SCF IS SEEKING ADVISORY
BOARD MEMBERS FOR A
THREE-YEAR TERM.

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group of citizens with a heart
to serve. Please send an
Expression to Join to
seward@alaskacf.org.

Nonprofit Corner: Alaska Sealife Center



As friends and family visit this summer, don’t forget how enjoyable a visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center is. Even if you’ve been 20 times, there is always something new to discover! The Rocky Coast Discovery Pools opened last year, and have expanded with two new viewing areas. Learn something new by visiting today!

Purchase your tickets online to guarantee entry. The ASLC summer hours are 9:00am -7:00pm through August 21st.

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LAST YEAR'S GIFTS TO

Seward Community Foundation Fund

\$12,632 in Gifts to SCF's Grantmaking Fund

*These gifts were matched 1:1 by a generous match from
Rasmuson Foundation and Alaska Community Foundation*



\$12,632 + \$12,632 = \$25,264 INVESTMENT

YEAR 25

Original \$25,264 Investment

Cumulative total of \$32,399 in
support to area nonprofits.

Investment Balance \$32,079



YEAR 50

Original \$25,264 Investment

Cumulative total of \$73,287 in
support to area nonprofits.

Investment Balance \$41,550



EVERY DONATION MAKES AN IMPACT.

Through an endowed fund, your charitable gifts can do more good than you ever thought possible! Whether you want to donate to an existing SCF endowed fund, or start an endowed Field of Interest fund, your dollar will make a significant impact forever!

Assumes a 4.50% annual payout and 6% rate of return.

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT: SEWARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION



Seward Sports Association (SPA) received a \$720 mini-grant in 2021 to create a website to help advertise its organization and allow participants to register online for its sports leagues. The new website made organizing team and player registration easier and allowed them to process credit card payments.

In 2021, Seward Sports Association was able to register both its softball league and corn hole league participants online. The newly established website allows anyone interested in SPA's programs to look up information on league dates and fees and tournament dates and fees. It also helped SPA advertise more than their current Facebook page and email contact list.

With the newly established website, Seward Sports Association hopes to increase community participation in its sports league. "With our organization's programs being more accessible to all, the entire community will have more opportunity to participate in our programs, our sponsors will have more publicity, and our board members will have a streamlined way of tracking participants," said Jamie Frederickson, Secretary of Seward Sports Association.

Are you interested in joining one of SPA's leagues? Visit the new website at: <https://sewardsports.wixsite.com/ssa21/softball>.

This grant was funded by the Seward Community Foundation Fund.

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MARATHON VOLLEYBALL CLUB



The Marathon Volleyball Club has just returned from an exhausting four-day volleyball tournament in Phoenix, Arizona. Eight girls competed daily in a tournament that included 105 teams from around the nation.

The Seward Community Foundation was happy to provide a

mini-grant of \$1,000 of the \$12,000 needed to send one team to the tournament. The girls hosted car washes, worked a food booth at several local events, picked up litter, and got other donations from businesses and organizations to make up the difference. In all, the team raised a total of \$15,000. According to Jodi Kurtz, this is the first time the club has participated in this type of event. But hopefully, it will not be the last. This mini-grant was funded by the Seward Community Foundation Fund.

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