



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER



2018 Tax Law and Charitable Giving

Here are some smart ways to give in 2018:

- Donate Appreciated Stock
- Name the Golden Heart Community Foundation as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets
- Give from you IRA (if age 70 1/2 or older)
- Gifts of real estate
- Double gift to your donor advised fund every other year
- Continue giving to the cause or communities you care about with cash and credit card gifts

Consult with your tax or financial advisors to determine the best charitable giving strategies for you.

A Community of Givers!

We are proud to announce that we have met our 2017 and 2018 Rasmuson Match goal for our main endowment fund! We have not crossed the finish line yet.

We are humbled by the generosity of Fairbanks residents and local businesses. This is indeed a great accomplishment, and we are still working to meet the matching goal for our **Operating Endowment Fund**. It is paramount that our funds, generously donated by you, are used wisely, and some may wonder how our operating funds are used. Our office space is donated by Leland Rich, ESC, Inc.; our computer is from a grant made possible by Rasmuson Foundation; our printer is donated by Konica Minolta with maintenance and support donated by Jonal Machos; and our office supplies have been donated by Margaret Rich, Wendy Harter, CSG, Inc., and Arctic Office Products. However, the cost of doing business and continuing our philanthropic efforts are ongoing. Please consider making a contribution to our **Operating Endowment Fund** so that we may continue our efforts to meet our mission to strengthen our local community today and forever.



Margaret and Leland Rich have been supporters of the Golden Heart Community Foundation since its inception in 2013. They are both passionate about the Fairbanks Curling Club and recently traveled to Pyeong Chang where they were lucky enough to watch the US Men's Curling team win Gold. Margaret, Associate Staff at Walsh, Kelliher and Sharp, is an integral member of our Advisory Board as the Treasurer. Leland, owner of ESC, Inc., has donated a portion of his office space to the Golden Heart Community Foundation.

Thank you, Margaret and Leland!

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Community Collaboration

On January 24, 2018, the JP Jones Community Center was filled with 68 service providers volunteering their time and talents for 347 homeless Fairbanks residents. Unfortunately, this number of homeless attendees is an increase of 200% from 2017, which indicates the growing impact of this yearly program. Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is a collaboration between several agencies, including North Star Community Foundation (NSCF) whose mission is to improve the quality of life for North Star Borough and Interior residents through philanthropy, community development, and public service. NSCF acts as the fiscal agent for the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition, the main organizer of the PHC event. A grant made to NSCF from the Golden Heart Community Foundation brought together a wide range of service providers from 33 agencies that offered housing, employment assistance, financial counseling, driver's licenses, dental screening, haircuts, and more. Seventy-two other volunteers helped to run a smooth event by handing out information, directing traffic, serving lunch, and providing general assistance to both homeless attendees and service providers. The FHHC is dedicated to a 10-year goal to eliminate homelessness in Fairbanks. To learn more or become involved, contact the North Star Community Foundation at www.nscfundalaska.org.



Birds, Bogs, and the Boreal Forest

Birds migrating to boreal regions are among North America's most rapidly declining species. One of our 2017 grantees, The Alaska Songbird Institute (ASI), is introducing a citizen's science project called *Birds, Bogs, and the Boreal Forest in Fairbanks*. This project is in partnership with Alaska Audubon and UAA's Geography & Environmental Studies program. By harnessing the power of local birdwatchers, student groups, and interested community members, ASI will contribute data that documents the distribution of six key species in Fairbanks wetlands: Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpipers, Rusty Blackbirds, Olive-Sided Flycatchers, Tree Swallows, and Violet-Green Swallows. This program expands ASI's community-based research model beyond Creamer's Field. It engages new parts of the Fairbanks community, while addressing pressing conservation concerns about boreal bird species. Become a citizen scientist by contacting The Alaska Songbird Institute at: www.aksongbird.org/birds-n-bogs.

Pick.Click.Give.



WHY I GIVE...

"I was born and raised here in Fairbanks and wouldn't trade it for anywhere. There aren't many who could leave foundations like my friend, Bill Stroecker did, but we can each be a part of GHCF."

-RICK SCHIKORA



Kid's Read Program

In December, a group of hearty kids met two furry four-legged friends at the inaugural Kid's Read Program. Vallarta, an orange-colored, playful and curious cat, and Colonel Mustard, an obedient, happy yellow lab, joined a small gathering to help celebrate this new program. The library's new location is in the historic Clausen Cabin in downtown Ester. A grant from the Golden Heart Community Foundation helped with the purchase of books and décor to make the kids' reading area cozy and fun. Board member Sherry Schleiter read two books to the children featuring main characters very similar to furry guests Vallarta and Col. Mustard. Syrylyn Tong, Monique Musick, and Gary Pohl were on hand to help run the festivities with treats and crafts. One project included creating decorations for the library bulletin board in the Ester Post Office. This new reading space and books offer the kids of Ester a place to read, explore, and expand their horizons right from the heart of Ester.



2018 GHCF GRANT PROGRAM

Our 2018 grant program starts September 1st and ends on October 15th at 5pm. GHCF seeks applicants from qualified, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations (or equivalents, such as Tribal entities, schools, and faith-based organizations) in the greater Fairbanks area that provide support in the following areas: health, education, community heritage, the arts, vulnerable populations, animal welfare, recreation, safety, and community and economic development. Typical grants awards range from \$500-\$2,000. Find more information about our grant program and application process on our website: www.goldenheartcf.org.

WHY I GIVE...

“We are supporting the Golden Heart Community Foundation because we feel it is a way to give back to the community and it is also a method to give for others who live here or have left the State.”

-RICHARD AND SALLY WIEN

GRANT HISTORY

- 2013** \$2,500 - CPR video in collaboration with FMH and UAF Hockey
\$1,250 - Food Bank
\$1,250 - Breadline Inc.
- 2014** \$3,000 - KUAC
- 2015** \$2,000 - United Way nonprofit workshop
\$500 - American Red Cross for Interior fire relief efforts
\$500 - Tanana Chiefs Conference for Interior fire relief efforts
- 2016** \$2,000 - United Way nonprofit workshop
\$3,000 - Fairbanks Symphony youth camp
\$3,000 - North Star Imagination Library
\$750 - AK Avalanche Information Center, Inc.
\$1,000 - Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival
\$750 - John Trigg Ester Library
\$1,000 - Special Olympics Alaska
\$1,000 - Breadline Inc.
- 2017** \$2,000 - Alaska Songbird Institute
\$2,500 - AK Center for Children and Adults
\$2,000 - Breadline Inc.
\$1,500 - North Star Community Foundation
\$2,000 - LOVE Inc.

Total granted: \$33,500

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On behalf of the Golden Heart Community Foundation and the nonprofit community of Fairbanks, **THANK YOU** for all you have done to make our community stronger.

Whether you are leaving a legacy or giving to your ability, it all helps grow the fruits of a vibrant and caring community! We have raised over \$460,000 and we have granted \$33,500 to our local nonprofits.

WE GROW TOGETHER!

About us...

The Golden Heart Community Foundation is a permanent charitable fund for the Fairbanks, North Pole, and surrounding regions. Your gifts contribute to 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 Golden Heart Community Foundation is focused on the needs of the area through a permanent endowment that makes annual grants to nonprofit groups serving the community.