



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



GHCF 5th Anniversary Celebration

Early on we knew 2018 was going to be a big year. In that year, we reached our 5th anniversary and in those 5 years we raised over \$500K. A very impressive figure considering we operate from an all-volunteer Advisory Board and a part-time Program Manager who just started in 2017. To honor these accomplishments, we felt a celebration was in order. It was time to thank our business and individual donors as well as allowing our grantees and our donors to meet, give thanks and put a face to the wonderful work being done around Fairbanks.

Bettisworth North Architects and Planners hosted our 5th Anniversary Celebration event in November. This contemporary space set a tone of relaxation and warmth. As an after-work affair, Lavelle's Bistro provided the beverages and snacks that helped shed the stress from the day and inspired conversations. This evening reminded us all that our contributions matter. Our board members took this time to thank donors and grantees alike. Jo Kuchle, as master of ceremonies for the program, offered humorous and compelling stories that highlighted the endowment we have and that we aspire to continue building. Paul Ruppel, Alaska Community Foundation Advisory Board member, and Mariko Sarafin, Senior Program Officer from ACF, shared stories that reinforced Jo's sentiments of this wonderful and growing organization.

However, the star of the show was a graduate from the Breadline Inc.'s, Stone's Throw program which the Golden Heart Community Foundation supported through our competitive granting process in 2016 and 2017. The Stone's Throw program empowers people overcoming challenges to change their lives through job training in the culinary arts.

Bonnie Blaydes, a graduate of the program, turned her life around and transformed herself with the help of the instructors and volunteers at Stone's Throw. Bonnie wanted to be a chef and to learn how to be a public speaker. Stone's Throw instructors said, "OK, let's get you started with Toastmaster." Bonnie now has a stable career as a cook, mentors those who are finding their way toward a better life and has regular speaking engagements to organizations about her inspiring story. She melted everyone's heart. Before the event, Bonnie commented that she never has the chance to thank those who not only helped her find a new path in life, but really saved her life in many ways.

On behalf of Bonnie, our grantees and our Advisory Board, thank YOU for giving to this wonderful endowment that will grow and make profound positive impacts that affect many lives now and into the future.

Pictured: Breadline's Stone's Throw Program Manager- Danielle Flaherty, Board Member- Bonnie Blaydes and Executive Director - Hannah Hill



Not one, but Two Endowments

by Jo Kuchle

Just like Doublemint Gum, you can “Double your pleasure, and double your fun” with our two endowments! The first is well known to our donors and that is our Fund Endowment from which we make grants to local nonprofits and causes. With your help and with the support of the Rasmuson Foundation and Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), the Fund Endowment is closing in on \$600,000! Go us!

The second, lesser known endowment is our Operating Endowment. This is the vehicle for the Golden Heart Community Foundation (GHCF) to become self-sustaining by growing a fund that is specifically designed to support our operations. This sibling to our Fund Endowment, the Operating Endowment has just shy of \$72,000 in it and the proceeds from that fund go to support our costs, such as our newsletter, events and our office.

Our current operations are supported primarily through generous in-kind donations. Our office space is provided by ECS, Inc., (Leland Rich) and our copier through Konica/Minolta (Jonal Machos). The salary for our Program Manager, Paula Earp, is generously funded by a Rasmuson grant given specifically for that purpose to ACF. In time however, and with the growth of our Operating Endowment, we hope that all of our operating expenses can be paid through our Operating Endowment. It is an important goal.

We all know of many nonprofit organizations that struggle with obtaining operating funds. Through the Rasmuson Foundation support of ACF and its Affiliates, we plan to build a fiscal foundation for our future that does not have those same operational pressures. **The Rasmuson Foundation** has determined that it is so important for ACF Affiliates like GHCF to have a large enough Operating Endowment to cover operating expenses that it has provided **matching funds to get there!**

Since 2017, the GHCF has participated in two Rasmuson Foundation matches. The first and best known is for the Fund Endowment; and with your help, we have already met all of our match challenges for that fund through 2020! **But that is not the end of the match opportunities.** Your donation to the Operating Endowment will also be matched by Rasmuson and ACF up to \$15,000 for 2020. The GHCF is seeking donations to meet that match challenge too. We do not want to miss any match opportunity that the Rasmuson Foundation and ACF generously provides to our community.

It is easy to donate to the GHCF Operating Endowment by putting that direction on the memo line of your check or in the notes section of the online donation form. Easy!

The bottom line is that the GHCF Advisory Board is not sitting on our laurels for the next two years! We want to raise \$50,000 to meet our Operating Endowment goals – including the \$15,000 from Rasmuson and ACF! Although perhaps not nearly as exciting as the Fund Endowment, the critically important Operating Endowment needs your support. We hope you will help us “double our pleasure” and reach our Rasmuson Foundation match and our Advisory Board goal by donating to the GHCF Operating Endowment.

ADVISORY BOARD

HIGHLIGHT



“Helping others!” identifies Pete Pinney. Whether on individual or organizational levels, Pete teaches and guides others to develop skills and to navigate bureaucracies with the goal of building personal and organizational resiliency. His extensive and varied *University of Alaska* professional career began with the *Tanana Valley Community College* as an employee, then staff and English faculty. Pete later served the entire state as interim director of the *UAF Cooperative Extension Service*, and Northern Alaska as *UAF Associate Vice-Chancellor of Rural, Community, and Native Education*. In 2006, Pete received the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Service Award. His extensive community service interests include the Fairbanks North Star Borough commissions, *North Star Community Foundation* and Elderhostel Alaska/Siberia Program, to name a few.

We thank Pete for sharing his wisdom on the Advisory Board of the *Golden Heart Community Foundation* and salute his continuing passion for “helping others” as he leaves the Board and moves on to new endeavors.



2019 GHCF Grant Program

Starts September 1st and ends October 15th at 5pm. the GHCF seeks applicants from qualified tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations (or equivalent organizations) in the greater Fairbanks area that serve the needs such as 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



Grantee Highlight Fairbanks Concert Association

The Fairbanks Concert Association (FCA) has a special relationship with instructors and performers alike. Especially when it comes to young performers and enthusiastic instructors. That was evident on February 3 when FCA hosted their February Education Intensive and Mini-Festival. The product was a delightful and energetic display of collaboration, education and pure joy. On this wintery afternoon the energy in the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship was electric. The love of music and the joy of sharing that music filled the room. The Fairbanks Youth Orchestra learned and played alongside musicians Tracy Silverman and Roy Futureman. This improvisational performance inspired participants and audience alike!



Top right: Anne Biberman, FCO Executive Director, Karen Milam and Wendy Harter, GHCF Grant Committee.

Bottom: Fairbanks Concert Association with members of the Fairbanks Youth Orchestra. The Universalist Unitarian Fellowship.



Grantee Highlight Access Alaska, Inc



Access Alaska, Inc. has a medical equipment loan program that provides medical equipment to Alaskans experiencing disabilities, age-related medical issues, and those recovering from surgery. The Program provides equipment that enables Alaskans to lead lives that are as normal as possible in the

community. This free program, for those who otherwise would not have the medical equipment they need, helps individuals return home earlier from hospitals and rehabilitation centers; live independently in their own homes; and increases their ability to perform activities of daily living. With the help from a grant from GHCF, a computer system is now in place to assist with tracking, monitoring, maintenance and storing of the equipment that is generously donated by the community. Thank you, Access Alaska, for helping improve the quality of life for those in need.



Climbing the Endowment Range

2019 March \$571,400

2018 \$507,600
2017 \$443,800
2016 \$319,200
2015 \$262,625
2014 \$245,900
2013 \$118,200

Grants will increase as FMV grows.
Scaling new endowment heights to join

Seward- with over \$2 mill and
Juneau with over \$60 mill
With over 200 donors climbing this range, we will reach new heights...
One step at a time!

2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Access Alaska
- Calypso Farms
- Citizens for Clean Air
- Fairbanks Downtown Association
- Fairbanks Children's Museum
- Fairbanks Concert Association
- Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival
- Friends of Creamer's Field
- LOVE Inc.
- WEIO 2019
- Weller PTA

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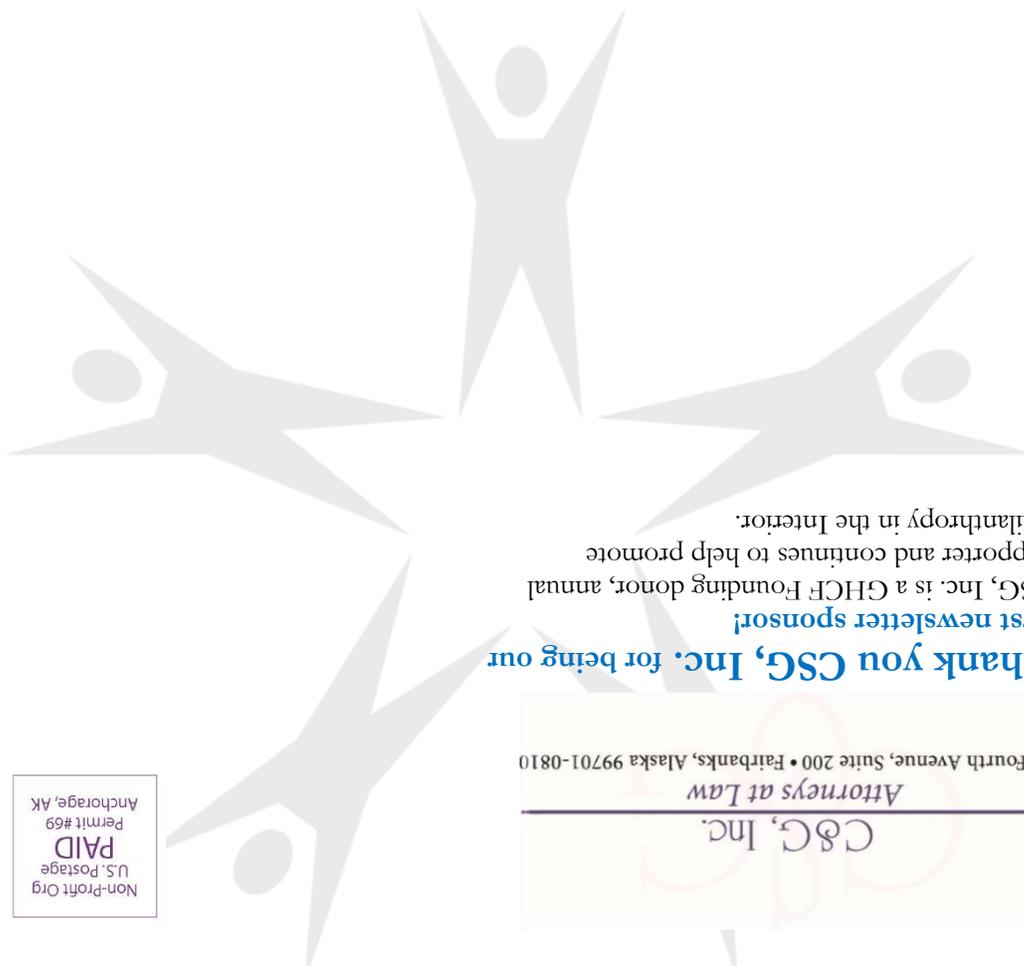
The Golden Heart Community Foundation is a permanent charitable fund for the Fairbanks, North Pole and surrounding regions. Your gifts will be part of a long-term endowment, allowing you to invest in our community's future and contribute to our quality of life. These charitable contributions will connect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

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