



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



## Community: It's in our name.

It seems a lifetime ago that we gathered in November at the Antique Auto Museum for our Celebration sponsored by Warwick & Schikora CPA's. As I write this, we are in the 7th week of a statewide shelter in place order. Like many I am in need of a haircut, and I miss people at work, church, and play. Those are small inconveniences compared to the real suffering of those with the virus and health care providers, those who have faced mandatory shutdowns and those in the oil and tourism industries that face entire season cancellations. We yearn for "normalcy" and look at just a few months ago with a sense of nostalgia; but in this uncertainty one word sums it all up— community.

The coronavirus has taught us some tough lessons, primarily that "community" – whether just outside our door or across the globe – is critical. We need our business, industry, health, work and nonprofit communities to thrive in order to be healthy; and like it or not, we are impacted by both the local and world-wide community. Who knew that a microscopic virus that appeared thousands of miles away could crash the oil market, end a tourism season, close restaurants, and change the world as we know it? Regardless of the tumult, our sense of need for each other has never been stronger.

This virus has also taught us is that although we rely on the larger world community, when it comes to the everyday things, we rely on our neighbors. Whether it's the grocery clerk, the nurse, the mailperson, or the friend making us a face mask, the local community has to be able to take care of itself – at some level. There is only so much that governments can do and, if we are to be able to provide for ourselves, we need local institutions to be strong and ready to go.

As we celebrated in November, an investment in the Golden Heart Community Foundation (GHCF) is the best way to save for the future and to be prepared for the worst. Thanks to you and the incredible success of the Celebration Event, we reached every match goal provided by the Rasmuson Foundation (RF). We received funds that have enabled GHCF to re-grant

emergency funds out to local nonprofits who are feeding and sheltering those in need due to the pandemic. Recently the GHCF made our largest grants ever - \$5,000 each – to the Senior Center and the No Limits Warming Shelter. The GHCF believed these two organizations serve two populations who are severely impacted by CV-19. We could do that because of you – our giving community.

Thanks to the RF and Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), we received \$10,000 for our community and we have made a \$5,000 grant to the Food Bank Bone Builders Program to feed children this summer, \$4,000 to the Salvation Army for coronavirus response and \$1,000 to FMH's Fairbanks Physicians' Initiative program to educate businesses on how to safely operate in a coronavirus world.

We would not have been able to make these rapid grants without you and the success of our Celebration. Never has having a statewide partner, like ACF, and having a private foundation, RF been so beneficial for Fairbanks. With the affiliations and informal partnerships that the GHCF has developed with donors and organizations, we have been able to respond.

One such organization is Love, INC., who we highlighted last fall. Its Executive Director, Jason Kempthorne, described how a GHCF grant supported a program that helped a family find housing after having lived in their car. Their story is "the reason we give" said CB Bettisworth, who reminded us that there is need and it is often through nonprofit organizations that we are able to best serve. That giving sentiment was shared by Meg Nordale who described why she donates through her business, and why she and her husband, Bob Schruf, give personally. Kate and Tom Lamal added their testimonials about their estate planning and how with GHCF, through ACF, they were able to streamline and customize their legacy giving. Community giving was highlighted by sponsor Rick Schikora and our MC, Jeff Cook.

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Reminiscing about the conversations from the Celebration fills me with gratitude. It keeps us motivated to keep building this foundation to help when it is needed most. It also provides me hope that we can and will meet again – at our November’s 2020 Thankfulness Event – where we will be grateful just to be able to gather to share our love of this community. The Celebration pictures also remind me of the many generous people who care about our community – YOU! Our donors and friends who understand that the GHCF is a long-term investment in the future so when a crisis hits home – like this pandemic - we can quickly address critical needs and support organizations that directly serve the hardest hit people. The Golden Heart Community Foundation is all of us. Community, it’s not only in our name, it’s who we are.

- Jo A. Kuchle, Chair



## COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS



“Bringing our community together 6’ at a time.” Darlene Supplee of the Fairbanks Senior Center received a check from Bert Bell and CB Bettisworth (l to r) of GHCF.



The Green Team of No Limits Inc., Suzan Hathaway, Roscoe Britton, and Director Kelvin Lee (l to r) received a check from Bert Bell and CB Bettisworth (l to r) of GHCF.

Photos from the November Celebration are available at:

<https://parispub.smugmug.com/organize/Client-Review/Golden-Heart-Community-Foundation-Event>

Password: community



Thank you to Rasmuson Foundation for continued support!

### ACF Rapid Response Grants

The Golden Heart Community Foundation has provided rapid grants to local organizations responding to the pandemic, and so has our statewide foundation, the Alaska Community Foundation (ACF). By partnering with the Rasmuson Foundation and United Way of Anchorage, ACF has made statewide grants to many organizations, including in Fairbanks. With input from GHCF, ACF provided \$7,500 grants to both Northern Hope Center and the Breadline.

## ADVISORY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



### Mike Cook

Mike Cook is a lifelong Fairbanksan. His parents arrived in 1938 and were involved in numerous area organizations. Mike learned to water ski at Harding Lake, became an Eagle Scout, and graduated in the first class of Fairbanks Public High School, whose graduation ceremony was held in the new Lathrop High School gym.

He attended college with help from scholarships from Fairbanks organizations and U.S. Air Force ROTC. He served over four years in the U.S. Air Force. Following his military service, he married his wife Sharon, returned to Fairbanks, and started a career as a Certified Public Accountant

with the firm that is now Cook & Haugeberg LLC.

With the examples set by his parents and friends, Mike naturally became involved in organizations that make Fairbanks home and a great place to live. Mike believes it is important to ensure that this great place continues to grow and develop. While future community needs will become known as the years unfold, from its outset GHCF began an endowment that is managed to meet those future needs. Mike says it has been gratifying to be an initial member of the GHCF Advisory Board and among those who got the Foundation off to an impressive start.



### Margaret Cox Rich Wins ACF Leadership Award

Congratulations to GHCF Treasurer Margaret Rich, recipient of the 2020 ACF Affiliate Leader in Philanthropy award! This is the first time a member of the GHCF Advisory Board has received an ACF Affiliate Leadership Award. Board members and program managers from all eleven Affiliate community foundations were invited to nominate exemplary Advisory Board volunteers for recognition in three categories: Leader in Grantmaking, Leader in Philanthropy, and Leader in Community Building. The Leader in Philanthropy award recognizes a volunteer leader who exemplifies philanthropy by connecting donors with community needs and providing long-term sustainability through endowment building.

Margaret works tirelessly on building GHCF endowment funds and in connecting people in our community with our foundation and new funds. Margaret was instrumental in making the 2019 November Celebration, the 2018 Donor Appreciation Event, and the 2017 Harding Lake Gathering successful events. In between events, she maintains the finances of GHCF, working hard with the staff at ACF to keep the GHCF books in order. As treasurer, Margaret has done amazing work at leading the understanding of and contributions to the various funds and she cultivates important relationships with donors to GHCF and ACF funds. Margaret is a founding member of the GHCF, and she and her husband Leland are donors and GHCF Legacy Members.

Margaret also volunteers for other nonprofit organizations in the Fairbanks area. She is spearheading the Lathrop Scholarship Fund with CB Bettisworth and she has been a volunteer with the Fairbanks Curling Club and the Hospice of the Tanana Valley just to name a few other organizations.

We are so lucky to have Margaret as a GHCF Advisory Board Member. Congratulations Margaret on this well-deserved award!



### Climbing the Endowment Range

#### *Grant Endowment*

**2019 \$672,141**

2013 \$118,200

#### *Grants Disbursed*

2013-2019 \$71,500

*Grants will increase as FMV grows.*

#### *Operating Endowment*

**2019 \$136,481**

2018 \$52,361

100% of a donation grows the selected endowment. Fees are paid from endowment earnings.





AK Can Do, a partnership between United Way of Anchorage and The Alaska Community Foundation, was created to address COVID-19 needs. It provides immediate statewide support in two ways: by helping nonprofits on the frontline so they can continue serving Alaskans whose lives have been devastated by the pandemic; and through a fund to help families and individuals with basics such as rent assistance.

Donations can be made online at [AKCanDo.org](https://AKCanDo.org). Families and individuals seeking assistance should call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221. Nonprofits can visit: <https://alaskacf.org/>.



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