

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Seward Community Foundation, an Affiliate of ACF



Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

Winter 2019

Dear Friends,

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

– Coretta Scott King

Your compassionate act of gift-giving to SCF is one that will benefit our community forever. Whether you donated ten years ago, this year, or in the future, your gifts continue to give year after year. In fact, over the past 11 years, the community’s donations have resulted in over \$800,000 in grants to local nonprofits, what an impact!

As 2019 comes to an end, we reflect on what SCF has accomplished over the past year. Through November, we awarded 32 grants worth \$112,148. We hosted nonprofit gatherings, trainings for the community, an annual grant event, friend-raisers, promoted philanthropy, participated in Pick.Click.Give. program, and added new advisors to our board. We shared information about SCF through community talks, the local newspaper, online news sites, Facebook, mailed newsletters, and through our website.

Helping friends and neighbors, and showing compassion are meaningful traditions during the holidays. Please consider making a year-end gift to the Seward Community Foundation so that together, we can continue to support the important work done by our local nonprofits. Donations may be made with the enclosed envelope, online at www.sewardcf.org, or through a Legacy Gift*. Plus, **your donation will be matched by the Rasmuson Foundation, doubling the size of your gift!**

Seward and Moose Pass are great communities to call home. Thank you for being a part of this community and caring for it. We look forward to working together to make a difference.

Best wishes for the coming year,
Kimberly Reiersen, SCF Chair

Major Grant Cycle Opens Soon

The SCF’s major grant cycle will open January 15 to February 21, 2020. Local nonprofit organizations may apply using our online at sewardcf.org/grants. Available grants range from \$1,001 to \$10,000+. Please contact SCF before applying for Grants over \$10,000. Mini-grants, up to \$1,000, may be applied for year-round.

Gutskin Parka on Display



*Gutskin Parka on display at
The Seward Community Library & Museum.*

The Resurrection Bay Historical Society received a \$1,000.00 mini-grant in February for a The Seward Community Library & Museum exhibits upgrade. The grant award was used to print and install narrative murals for three different exhibits: Seward as a Mercantile Hub, Treasures from the Collection, and the Mary Evanoff Gutskin Parka.

Artist in the Schools Mini-Grant



Enjoying art class.

In September, the Seward Elementary School received a mini-grant of \$527.25 for art supplies. Tara Swanson’s fifth grade class partnered with local artist Melissa Amor to teach four lessons during the Fall semester. Students kept track of their work through sketchbooks. Beyond the grant term, students will access available supplies and

materials to continue their independent practice. Funding for this grant came from Seward Community Foundation’s Unrestricted Fund.

***Making an Impact* Pick.Click.Give.**

We wish to express a heartfelt thanks to our fifty-three Pick.Click.Give. donors. Their generosity raised \$4,100 for SCF’s Operating Endowment Fund. These gifts are doubled with the Rasmuson Foundation and ACF match.

To see a complete list of grants, visit sewardcf.org.

Supporting Seward's Nonprofits with Mini-Grants

Sea View Community Services	CPR/First Aid Skill Instructor Equipment	\$640	July
Seward PTA	Okaidja Afroso Artist in the School	\$1,000	Sep
Seward Elementary School	Seward Elementary Art Residency Program	\$527	Sep
Iron Mountain FFA	National FFA Convention in Indianapolis	\$1,000	Oct
Alaska SeaLife Center	2019 Holiday Party	\$1,000	Oct
Alaska SeaLife Center	Small Fry School 2019-2020	\$1,000	Oct
Seward Sonics Basketball	Travel and Lodging	\$950	Oct
Seward PTA Robotics Team	Travel and Lodging Robotics Tournaments	\$1,000	Nov
Seward Arts Council	Room and Auditorium Rent	\$1,000	Nov
Sustainable Seward	Downtown Recycling Station	\$1,000	Nov



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*A Simple form making a profound impact!

Leaving a legacy gift does not require a large income or a vast estate. All that's required is the thoughtful intention to make a difference for generations to come. In your estate planning you can leave a legacy and support the communities, causes, and organizations you care about. Planned giving can provide for your future needs and allow you to make a meaningful difference in your community. There may also be tax benefits for you and your descendants by making a planned gift. Already made a planned gift to the Seward Community Foundation? Confirm your bequest to the Seward Community Foundation's endowment fund by sending in a completed Legacy Form found at www.sewardcf.org and the Rasmuson Foundation will match 5% of the value of the bequest gift NOW, capped at \$5,000 per bequest. What a great way to make an impact now!

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2020 is just around the corner. By making a Pick.Click.Give. pledge of \$25 or more, you can support a cause that is important to you!