

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Seward Community Foundation, an Affiliate of ACF  Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter.

Spring/Summer 2010



## Our Mission

To promote philanthropy through the support and growth of a permanent endowment to assist local needs and enhance the quality of life in the Seward area.

## Seward Community Foundation Has Fun Awarding Grants

On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> the Seward Community Foundation spent a fun evening with donors and grantees awarding their 2010 grants to local nonprofit organizations. In all, \$9,750 went to seven different organizations.

The evening started with Master of Ceremonies and board member, Jim Fredrickson, introducing the other board members: Paul Ruppel-President, Kim Reiersen-Vice President, Chellie Skoog-Secretary, Darcie Larson-Treasurer, Patty Beals, and Judy Odhner. Following the introductions, President Paul Ruppel spoke about what the Foundation has been working on this past year and its future plans. He also announced two new funds that will be started with the Seward Community Foundation. They are the Seward Seahawk's Athletic Booster Club Fund and the PTSA Fund.

Chellie Skoog and Patty Beals presented the grant awards next and that's when the fun really began! The first grant of \$450 went to **HOBY** – the Hugh O'Brien Youth leadership program. This money will allow a student from Seward High School to attend their leadership seminar at Alaska Pacific University. The next award of \$1,800 went to the **Seward Senior Center** so they can offer a class for seniors to learn to “surf the web”. To introduce this award, Patty Beals rode a longboard across the floor, texting on her phone, wearing a red hat. When the **Nordic Ski Club** accepted their grant of \$1,500 for additional ski equipment for younger children, Patty made sure there was snow falling in the form of confetti. The **Boys and Girls Club** received \$1,500 to help fund their “It's My Life” biology class after school program. For **Seaview Community's** Play & Chat program Patty went around the room playing a game of Duck, Duck, Goose before awarding them a grant for \$1,500. The **Seward Arts Council** shone in the spotlight for their award of \$1,500 which will be used to help purchase a portable sound and lighting system. The final grant of the evening went to the **Tsunami Swim Club** and what would a swim club be without a little water? Patty broke out the water pistols and made sure the swim club kids felt right at home.

Thanks to Chinook's Restaurant, with their wonderful venue and great food and service, the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. The Seward Community Foundation thanks all of it's donors for making these grants possible to our community. At the end of the evening, Kim Reiersen expressed her sentiments on why the foundation is special to the communities of Seward and Moose Pass. She explained that a foundation is an amazing entity, that even though they had given away almost \$10,000 that evening, all the money that the donors have gifted is still there and always will be. “What we give will last forever,” she said. Anyone wishing more information on the Seward Community Foundation or to make a lasting gift can go to the foundation's website at [www.sewardcf.org](http://www.sewardcf.org) or call 224-GIVE.

*... you folks have a very professional, yet upbeat way of doing things. It's refreshing. Philanthropy can be fun!  
Thanks for the good work you do... you are an asset to this community.*

*~Madelyn Walker*



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## Beth Johnson Joins SCF's Board of Directors

The Seward Community Foundation welcomes Beth Johnson to its board of directors. Beth was elected to the board at SCF's May meeting. She will serve a three year term. The Foundation serves the Seward/Moose Pass area and Beth's addition to the board, along with director Judy Odhner, represent Moose Pass residents. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about becoming a board member can contact the Foundation or any of its board members. Openings are available at this time. Email us at [seward@alaskacf.org](mailto:seward@alaskacf.org) or call 224-GIVE.

## Seward Community Foundation's Funds

Not only is SCF growing its unrestricted Seward Community Fund but it has also increased the number of other funds that it hosts for the community. Some of these funds are unrestricted funds but many of them are designated to support a specific cause or an agency. With an unrestricted fund, donations can address a broad range of local needs and provide the most flexibility in grant making. A designated fund allows one to support the good works of a specific organization such as the Senior Center, the Seahawks Athletic Booster Club or the Seward PTSA. Donations can be made to funds not only in the form of monetary gifts but also through planned giving. SCF can accept stocks, securities, personal property, and real estate as charitable contributions. For more information, ask to speak with a member of our Fund Acceptance Team.

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| *Seward Community Fund  | *City of Seward Unrestricted Fund                      |
| *Frank Dieckgraeff Memorial Fund for Seward Seniors           | *Larson Family Fund of the Seward Community Foundation |
| *Lindsey Family Fund  | *Luella James Scholarship Fund                         |
| *Margaret A. Anderson Fund of the Seward Community Foundation | *Paul C Ruppel Fund of the Seward Community Foundation |
| *Qutekcak Native Tribe Fund                                   | *Seward High School Scholarship Fund                   |
| *Seward PTSA Fund   | *Seward Senior Citizens Endowment                      |
| *Seward Seahawks Athletic Booster Club Fund                   | *Seward Wellness Fund                                  |



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