

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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

Summer 2011

2011 Grant Awards and Donor Appreciation Event

The Seward Community Foundation held its third annual Donor Appreciation and Grant Award Event on May 5th at Ray's Waterfront Restaurant. The event provided an opportunity to thank SCF donors and supporters, and to involve them in awarding grants to local organizations and projects. In 2011, the Foundation awarded close to \$20,000 to nine local nonprofits.

SCF Vice-President Chellie Skoog welcomed attendees and noted SCF's accomplishments since last year's event: providing a free estate-planning seminar for the public; helping train local nonprofits about IRS reporting requirements; and building the SCF endowment, especially through some very generous



Conway Seavey, Judy Oehlner, Dana Paperman & Paul Ruppel
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bequests from recently departed community members.

As representatives from the various non-profit organizations received their awards, the talented young Conway Seavey played guitar and sang witty jingles he had written to introduce several of the grantees.

- The Moose Pass Library received a grant of \$1,000 for new nonfiction educational materials;
- The Seward Senior Center was awarded \$5,000 toward a project to remodel their kitchen;
- The Save Our Seward (SOS) Pets organization accepted a \$1,000 grant for their spay and neuter program;
- SeaView Community Services received \$4,250 for their Play and Chat program;
- The Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance accepted a grant of \$1,145 to purchase a digital projector and sound system, which they offered to share with other nonprofits;
- A grant of \$1,500 for the Seward Arts Council will help the Port City Players provide community theater productions next winter;
- Seward TRAILS was awarded \$1000 to support rewarding adventures for local individuals with disabilities;
- The Tsunami Swim Club received a \$600 grant to purchase a new laptop computer and swim meet software;
- A \$5,000 grant will allow the Boys and Girls Club to offer a summer DaVinci camp, providing youth with an opportunity to learn about nature and express themselves artistically.

The event concluded with SCF President Paul Ruppel and past director Julie Tauriainen of Edward Jones presenting a memorial plaque honoring Tony Rollo, Sue Kaanta and Barbara Shea as legacy donors and community champions.



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If you have included the Seward Community Foundation in your estate planning please let us know so we can thank you now!

The Foundation appreciates event contributions made by Ray's, One-Shot Photography, the Breeze Inn, Seward Hotel, and Safeway. And again, thanks to all of our generous donors.

2011 Rasmuson Foundation Challenge

To encourage new donors and repeat donors to the Seward Community Foundation's Unrestricted Fund, the Rasmuson Foundation has issued a Donor Challenge to the communities of Seward and Moose Pass. If donors in these two communities give a minimum of \$15,000 by October 2011 to the SCF Unrestricted Fund, the Rasmuson Foundation will match this with a donation to our fund of \$15,000!

If this isn't enough great news and incentive for giving, when the challenge is accomplished, the Rasmuson Foundation will give another \$2,500 to the Seward Community Foundation to be used immediately as grants to local organizations.

Meeting this challenge will give our communities \$30,000 more in the SCF Unrestricted Fund, which functions like a savings account to provide for our nonprofit organizations and projects forever, along with the \$2,500 extra for one or more local nonprofits. This is fabulous opportunity—thank you so much, Rasmuson Foundation! Seward and Moose Pass residents, join us in making a difference in our communities by meeting this challenge.



Tsunami Swim Club displaying equipment purchased with a SCF Grant

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2011 Seward Community Foundation Donations

Help build the endowment for our community, make a 2011 tax deductible donation to the Seward Community Foundation. To donate, complete this form along with your check **made payable to Alaska Community Foundation/Seward**, and mail it to Seward Community Foundation, P.O. Box 933, Seward, Alaska 99664.

Name _____ (as you would like it to appear on all recognition materials)

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Amount: _____ Circle one: Check enclosed Credit card

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Signature: _____ I prefer to keep my gift anonymous Y/N

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