



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



## The Alaskan Spirit of Giving

The community spirit in the Interior runs deep. The pride in our state, in our land and in our people is undeniable. Our local mining community shares this spirit. On April 11, Kinross Fort Knox, Sumitomo Metal Mining Pogo and Usibelli Coal Mine each presented the GHCF with \$10,000 to kick off the four-year matching challenge grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. This matching grant will help us grow our endowment for the purpose of helping to enrich the lives of Interior Alaskans.

To receive the Rasmuson Foundation grant, GHCF must receive \$185,000 in donations from individuals and businesses over the next four years. After we reach our goal, the Rasmuson Foundation will match that dollar for dollar! In 2017, we hope to reach \$90,000 in donations. Thanks to our local mines and some generous donors in the community, we are off to a great start! We have already received \$45,000 in gifts this year! Our mission is being realized and our communities are being strengthened and supported

with the help of our donors. It is inspiring to see this generosity and it fills us with confidence that our friends and neighbors will be moved by the same spirit and pride as Fort Knox, Pogo and Usibelli and will also make a contribution to our endowment. Together, we can and will strengthen, support and enhance the communities of Interior Alaska now and for generations to come.

Thank you Kinross Fort Knox, Sumitomo Pogo and Usibelli Coal Mine for your kindness and support!



# Meet our Board Chair

I am a founding advisory board member of the GCHF because I want to make sure Fairbanks is taking care of Fairbanks. My first motivation was the opportunity for the initial Rasmuson Foundation affiliate financial match, but as I learned more about community foundations and the benefits for the long term, I knew it was a great solution to many community needs and for my clients. As an estate planning attorney, I want to make sure that others know of the good that can come to our community by giving to a long-term endowment and how such an endowment can help them achieve their own estate planning goals. I want to see this foundation grow and grow so that things I care about today are provided for in the future.



*Connecting People Who Care  
With Causes That Matter*

*About us...*

The Golden Heart Community Foundation is a permanent charitable fund for the Fairbanks and North Pole areas, 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.

# Meet our Program Manager

The Golden Heart Community Foundation is growing. Our volunteer board is proud to introduce GHCF's first staff member. In January Ms. Paula Earp joined the GHCF team as the new Program Manager. Ms. Earp brings with her a degree in Communications and 24 years of knowledge and experience gained through living and working from Denali Park to Barrow. Now settled in Fairbanks with her family, Ms. Earp is committed to enriching and strengthening her community for her kids and future generations.



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# Grantee Highlight - The Bread Line

Bread Line's Stones Throw culinary job training program teaches students more than just how to prepare a meal. One recent graduate who had been born with drugs in her system and was never given a chance is on her way to independence with a sense of value that will be her strength to remain self-sufficient. In just 12 ½ short weeks Stone's Throw's students learn life skills such as reading, math and interpersonal interaction, as well as culinary technical skills and food safety training. The graduates of Stone's Throw learn to conquer their fears and build confidence. They leave the program as a trained labor pool for the local hospitality industry. Bread Line Inc.'s Executive Director, Ed Bermudez and Stone's Throw Program Manager, Chef Danielle Flaherty are committed to the success of this program and to all the students enrolled in Stone's Throw.



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## Alaska Avalanche Information Center

Alaska ranks number one per capita in avalanche deaths in the nation but does not have a state supported snow safety program. The Alaska Avalanche Information Center (AAIC) was formed in 2008 by a group of dedicated citizens with a mission to educate the public about avalanche awareness and safety. The Eastern Alaska Regional Center began in 2015 when Alaska High School Coach Erik Peterson died in an avalanche near Black Rapids Lodge.

AAIC supports safety education, awareness and emergency response in the Interior through several groups including the Fairbanks Avalanche Center. Because of generous donations to the GHCF, the Fairbanks Avalanche Center was awarded \$750 for an avalanche airbag, beacon, shovel and probe. This equipment will be used to assist in education, training, and emergency and rescue responses to avalanche activities. Thank you AAIC for all the work you do to make living and playing in Alaska safer!



## 2017 GHCF Grant Program

Starts September 1st and ends October 14th 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-\$1,000. Find more information about our grant program and application process on our website: [www.goldenheartcf.org](http://www.goldenheartcf.org).

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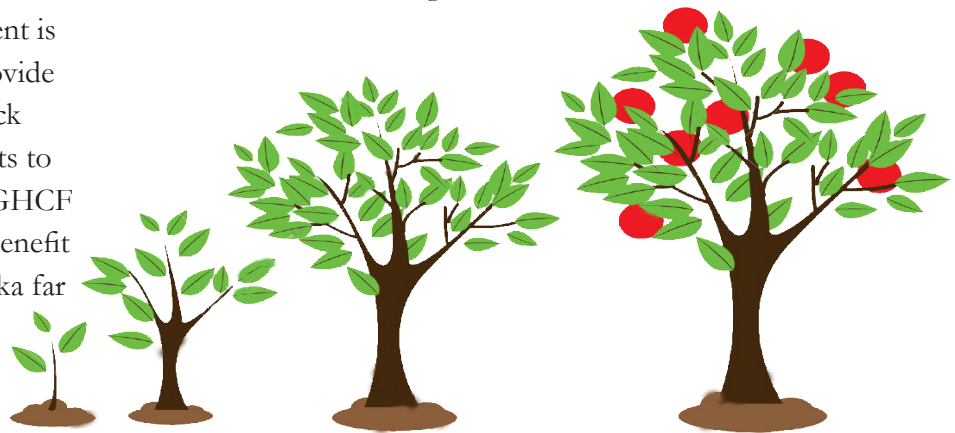
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# Thanks to you,

the Golden Heart Community Foundation's endowment fund has grown to \$368,400. Like the Alaska Permanent Fund, this endowment is not spent but is managed to provide a yearly dividend that comes back to the community through grants to local causes. Your donation to GHCF continues to have a long-term benefit to communities in Interior Alaska far into the future.



<b>\$1,000</b> <b>Gift Today</b>	<b>25 Years Later</b> \$2,033 market value AND \$1,458 in cumulative grants	<b>50 Years Later</b> \$4,256 market value AND \$4,512 in cumulative grants	<b>75 Years Later</b> \$8,912 market value AND \$10,905 in cumulative grants
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