



Golden Heart Community Foundation

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Golden Heart Community Foundation's November Celebration

Won't YOU "Lean in"

"Lean in." These two little words say a lot, because they mean people care and are paying attention to whatever they "lean in" to. Whether it's a person, a job, an education, or a great project, you know when someone cares about someone or something because they lean in and get things done. In the context of the Golden Heart Community Foundation, we absolutely love when our supporters and donors "lean in." The more they lean, the better we like it! Here are some great examples.

A few months ago our Advisory Board hosted our first ever "Think Tank" on my backyard deck on a beautiful summer evening. It was a purposely small event with about a dozen supporters and donors with the purpose of discussing our organization, getting ideas, and seeing what we could and should be doing. Giving up a summer evening to benefit our community is a great gift. We appreciated all of our "thinkers" and the great discussion that ensued. Lean in #1!

CPA Rick Schikora and his wife, Cheryl, were among those attending our Think Tank. The next day Rick called us and asked if he and his business partner, Andy Warwick, could sponsor a fundraising event for the Community Foundation similar to our 5th Anniversary Celebration that Bettisworth North hosted for us in the fall of 2018. Lean in #2!

We were looking for a place to host this event when Tim Cerny of Fountainhead Development offered us the use of the Antique Auto Museum. Lean in #3!

We needed a sponsor for this Community Connection Newsletter so that we could share all of this good news and further spread the word, when the Usibelli Foundation made a sponsorship donation and gave to our Operating Endowment. Lean in #4!

Fast forward to today, and here we are a few weeks from the event that Rick and Andy envisioned. We hope you will join us at this **Celebration Event** on November 20, 2019 at 5:30p at the Antique Auto Museum! If you are getting this newsletter – YOU are invited!

It is an event to spread the word, celebrate our community foundation and most importantly get more Fairbanksans to "lean in" to help provide for our community and help us fulfill our mission of "building a lasting endowment with community donations to support causes that Interior Alaskans care about." Whether you have "leaned in" a little or a lot, we hope you will join us on November 20, to celebrate our community and the good that we have done, and to perhaps give our friends and neighbors a chance to join us. Won't you "Lean in?"

– Jo Kuchle, GHCF Advisory Board Chair

Why I give: "I was born and raised here in Fairbanks and wouldn't trade it for anywhere. There aren't many who could leave foundations like my friend, Bill Stroecker did, but we can each be a part of GHCF."

– Rick Schikora, Founding Donor

ADVISORY BOARD HIGHLIGHT CB Bettisworth



I am a 3rd Generation Alaskan, although I was born in Seattle, WA. My maternal grandmother was born in Dawson; my father was born in Flat, AK, and my mother was born in Nenana, AK. I grew up in Fairbanks, and graduated from Lathrop, Class of 1961.

I graduated from the University of Oregon, with a five-year Professional Degree in Architecture in 1967. I returned to Fairbanks that year and worked for Philleo Architecture and Engineering. In 1971, I went to work for what is today Design Alaska. In 1972-73, I attended the University of Washington, earning a Masters of Urban Planning, followed by a three-year stint as an Associate Planner for the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

In 1976, I formed what is today Bettisworth North Architects and Planners, one of the largest architectural firms in Alaska, with offices in Fairbanks and Anchorage. The firm's mission is to be "Community Builders." I retired in 2014, but flunked that course.

In terms of public service, in 1974, I was appointed to the Capital Site Selection Committee by Governor Hammond. In 1980, Governor Hammond appointed me to the Local Boundary Commission, where I served for ten years, including the last five as Chair. I have been active in the State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Rotary. Doing good works is my life passion, with the goal of leaving the world a better place. That's why I have been on the GHCF Advisory Board since its start. Fairbanks needs to be taken care of, and I care deeply about that.

GHCF NEW PROGRAM MANAGER SALLY KIEPER

We are excited to welcome Sally Kieper as our new Program Manager. Sally was born and raised in Wisconsin, moved to Alaska in 2007, and is happy to call Fairbanks home. She brings with her a deep involvement in the Fairbanks community, a combination of interpersonal and organizational skillsets, and the right amount of enthusiasm and fun. Sally is a part-time science teacher at Barnette Magnet School. She serves on the board for the Chena Tool Library (a project of the North Star Community Foundation) and was instrumental in its creation. In her free time, Sally enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including skijoring in the winter and canoeing in the summer.



Climbing the Endowment Range

Grant Endowment

2019 October	\$595,000
2018	\$507,600
2017	\$443,800
2016	\$319,200
2015	\$262,625
2014	\$245,900
2013	\$118,200

Grants will increase as FMV grows.

Scaling new endowment heights to join

Seward with over \$2 million and Juneau with over \$50 million With over 200 donors climbing this range, we will reach new heights...

One step at a time!

Operating Endowment

2019 October	\$104,460
2018	\$52,361
2017	\$0



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2019 GHCF Grant Program

Our 2019 grant cycle ended October 15th. To find more information about our grant program and online application process, visit our website: www.goldenheartcf.org.



Donor Highlight: Deverick Martin

“Energetic, visionary, consensus builder, curious, and fun” are words that describe former Fairbanks resident, Deverick Martin. He was born and raised in Fairbanks, and worked for the State of Alaska DOT&PF for 22 years. Deverick is a registered engineer (Transportation Specialty), and has backgrounds in marketing, planning, and multi-modal capital project development. In 1993 Deverick moved and worked in Seattle. In 2018 he and his mother, Judy Martin, moved to Cape Coral, Florida.

The old saying, “You can take the man out of Fairbanks, but you can’t take Fairbanks out of the man” applies to Deverick. On a return trip to Fairbanks in 2016 to attend his 50th LHS reunion, he heard about the Golden Heart Community Foundation. He quickly donated and has continued every year since. His 94 year-old mother, Judy, is also a GHCF donor and also has a place in her heart for Fairbanks.



"I attribute much of the success in my life to the fact that I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I completed my undergraduate work at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and spent much of my career working in Fairbanks. I grew personally from the many unique opportunities and challenges that are inherent in Fairbanks. Although I no longer reside in Fairbanks, it feels good to give back to the community that I will always call home." - *Deverick Martin*

YEAR-END TAX PLANNING TIP

by Warwick & Schikora, CPAs

Age 70.5 or more? Have an IRA account with a Required Minimum Distribution? Itemized deductions less than the Standard Deduction Limit?

Please consider making a contribution to your favorite charity (like GHCF) by having all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution made directly to the charity. If the entire amount distributed directly to the charity would otherwise be deductible as a charitable contribution, then the distribution is not counted in your income. You will not get a charitable contribution for it either, but it works the same as if you did. There are some rules, such as the distribution/contribution cannot be more than \$100,000; it has to go direct from the trustee to a 50% charitable organization, you should get the “no goods or services were received in exchange” letter, etc., so check with your tax advisor first.

Please join us for our November Celebration

November 20, 5:30pm
Antique Auto Museum
Fairbanks, AK

Email us to RSVP: goldenheart@alaskacf.org

Hosted By:

Warwick
& Schikora



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About Us

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

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