



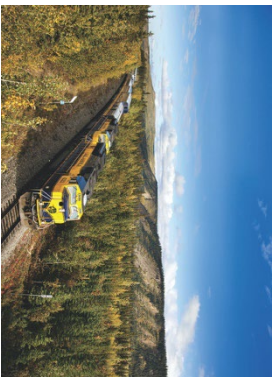
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# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



## A MILESTONE WITHIN OUR REACH

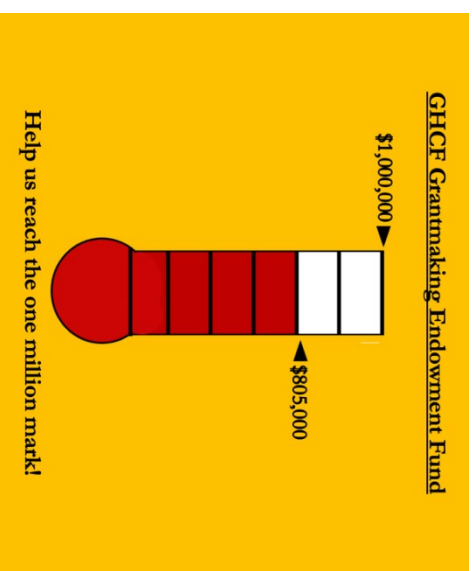
One sixth of an inch. That was all that kept Milorad Cavic from a gold medal. Take out a ruler and look at that tiny amount. That is how close it was in the 2008 Beijing Olympics 100-meter butterfly when Serbian swimmer Milorad Cavic lost to Michael Phelps, who was on his way to 8 gold medals. No one remembers Cavic's name, but everyone remembers Michael Phelps. Would they have if Phelps had lost that race? One sixth of an inch separated him from the most gold medals any person had ever won in a single Olympics, and what sealed his legacy as perhaps - not just the greatest swimmer, but the greatest athlete - of all time. One sixth of an inch separated greatness from obscurity.

Will Fairbanks be the same? What will Fairbanks' legacy be? Fairbanks, through its community foundation, is closing in on a huge milestone of its own: \$1 million in our Grantmaking Endowment Fund. We quite recently could only have dreamt of the day we would be just "that close" to the \$1 million mark – not just in the total of all of our endowed funds - but in our Grantmaking Endowment alone. As a refresher, GHCF has two endowment funds: our Grantmaking Endowment and our Operating Endowment.

Why does it matter that we are so close to this milestone? Because it means more money for more good works for our community. There's the long and short of it. The more funds in the Grantmaking Endowment, the more interest it earns, the more we can grant out into the community. This past year it meant over \$30,000 to worthwhile causes in our town. No fundraisers had to be held, no events planned, no sweat equity – just money, invested to make money – to do good things in our community. This goes to the very heart of who we are, our goal:

**The Golden Heart Community Foundation's focus is to build a lasting endowment with community donations to support causes that Interior Alaskans care about.**

In January 2013, when we started the Golden Heart Community Foundation, we could only dream of the day when our endowments would be \$100,000, then a quarter of a million, then a half, and now we are just so close to a million (\$195,000 away). It's within reach; it's the light at the end of the tunnel; it's the finish line.



We need your help to get there and we know we can count on our community to close the gap, because Fairbanks is worth it. We know it. We know you know it. Investing and saving for our future is worth it. We know you want the Golden Heart Community Foundation to reach this goal so that our community thrives. Let's make sure Fairbanks gets this gold and doesn't miss the mark by just one sixth of an inch.

- Jo A. Kuchle, Chair

## RASMUSON FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF THE AFFILIATE PROGRAM

We are excited to share that in 2021, affiliate donors can double their impact with a match from the Rasmuson Foundation. Donations to either of the GHCF endowment funds, the Grantmaking Endowment or the Operating Endowment, will be matched 1:1, up to \$30,000 total.

Additional financial support from Rasmuson included 350 hours for a Program Manager, \$7,500 flexible spending, \$1,500 for technology support, and \$1,000 for local nonprofit training. This support is offered to each of the eleven affiliates in Alaska. GHCF is very grateful to the Rasmuson Foundation for this support and endorsement.



### WHAT PERCENTAGE OF MY DONATION HELPS MY COMMUNITY? ALL OF IT!

If you specify the Grantmaking Endowment or Operating Endowment, 100% of your donation is allocated to that fund and is accumulated with other donations to earn interest and dividends. These net earnings can be disbursed for nonprofit grants or operating expenses, respectively. Your donation is protected, inflation proofed, and keeps working year after year. If you want your donation to sponsor a newsletter or special event, you would direct your donation to the Operating Spendable account. In this case, 100% of your donation would go directly to the spendable account, and it can be disbursed for operating expenses.

### ADVISORY BOARD HIGHLIGHT: TIM JONES



Tim Jones was active duty with the military for many years, and served as Garrison Commander at Fort Wainwright. Upon retiring from the Army, Tim remained in Fairbanks and has continued serve the community of Fairbanks in various roles. He is a strong advocate for military families. This spring, Tim was the recipient of the Bobby Alexander Civic Leader of the Year award at the Annual Salute to the Military in Anchorage. In his nomination, General Andrysiak, the US Army Alaska Commander, stated “Mr. Jones’ contributions extend beyond the local military community. As the advisory board secretary for the Golden Heart Community Foundation, he supports projects that address immediate community needs and long-term improvements. Proceeds from the foundation’s endowment support health and wellness, education, the outdoors, arts and culture, and community development.”

Congratulations, Tim, and thank you for your service to GHCF, Fairbanks, Alaska, and our country!

### OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR 2020 GRANTEES

#### FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Fairbanks Community Food Bank  
Executive Director Sam Kiersten (L)  
and GHCF Board Member Karen Miliam  
(R)

#### FAIRBANKS SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL



FSAF Executive Director James  
Menaker (L) and GHCF Board Member  
Bert Bell (R)

We were unable to meet with our grantees in-person when they were selected in Fall 2020 due to COVID-19. It was wonderful to catch up with them in the spring weather!

**FAIRBANKS SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION**



Fairbanks Symphony Association  
Managing Director Jenni Warren (L)  
and GHCF Board Member Karen Milam  
(R)

**FRIENDS OF CREAMER'S FIELD**



GHCF Program Manager Sally Kieper  
(L) and Friends of Creamer's Field  
Executive Director Lissa Hughes (R)

**LITERACY COUNCIL OF ALASKA**



Literacy Council Executive Director  
Mike Kolasa (L) and GHCF Board  
Member Karen Milam (R)

**LOVE, INC**



Love INC Executive Director Jason  
Kempthorne (L) and GHCF Board  
Member Mike Cook (R)

**MIDNIGHT SUN COUNCIL – BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



GHCF Program Manager Sally Kieper  
(L) and Scout Executive Stephen Smith  
(R)

**NAMI FAIRBANKS**



GHCF Board Member Paula Earp (L),  
NAMI President Jeannette Grasto (C),  
and NAMI Board Member Viola Taylor  
(R)

**NO LIMITS**



No Limits Executive Director Kelvin Lee  
(L) and GHCF Board Member Bert Bell  
(R)

**NORTH STAR**



Imagination Library Secretary Gloria  
Martin (next to image of Dolly Patton)  
and GHCF Program Manager Sally  
Kieper (R)

**THE BREAD LINE**



Bread Line Executive Director Hannah  
Hill (L) and GHCF Program Manager  
Sally Kieper (R)

**THE FOLK SCHOOL**



Folk School Program Director Kerri  
Hamos (L) and GHCF Board Member  
Paula Earp (R)

**THE SALVATION ARMY**



GHCF Program Manager Sally Kieper  
(L) and Salvation Army Major Malone  
(R)

**ANNOUNCING OUR  
2021 COMPETITIVE  
GRANT CYCLE...**

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE  
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Sally Kieper



GHCF sponsored the lunch for the volunteers at the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Carlson Center on April 21. Pictured are two of our GHCF Advisory Board members, who were also clinic volunteers, Karen Milam (L) and Paula Earp (R).