



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Compound Kindness

By Katie Yarrow, Board Member

com·pound noun

a thing that is composed of two or more separate elements; a mixture

kind·ness | noun

the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate

This summer our board invited a group of young professionals to a think tank and out of that group arose the concept of “compound kindness.” In an effort to introduce our foundation to a new audience, our newest board members sent invites to friends in their respective circles and we shared a lovely evening of education and outreach. Members of the GHCF board spoke about our mission, shared a bit of our history and recent accomplishments, and then opened the floor to discussion on the work we do as well as the needs of our community.

“We are like the permanent fund but for Fairbanks; the profits made from our fund are then granted to non-profits throughout the community who need it. Even the smallest donation will grow over-time!”
“So, it’s like compound kindness?”

What a wonderful revelation this was! Not only because it’s true, but because it is so beautiful and succinct in how it sums up the heart of what the Golden Heart Community Foundation does for our Interior home.

Every gift, no matter the size, is meaningful because it will inevitably grow into an amount that will have the power to change lives.

At the foundation we are striving to spread this message; that whether you are in the position to give thousands, consider becoming a legacy giver, or if you can maybe only afford \$100 a year (or less), that **you** can make a difference in this community. You have the power and ability to enact change and provide security for generations to come.

It is our sincerest hope this holiday season, that you will find it in your golden heart to consider your capacity to give, to add to the mixture, and to dream about what that will become one day. To be a friend, to be generous, and consider, as our Vice Chair Cynthia often reminds us... “to plant the seeds of a tree you may never sit in the shade of.” Because friends, we could grow a forest!

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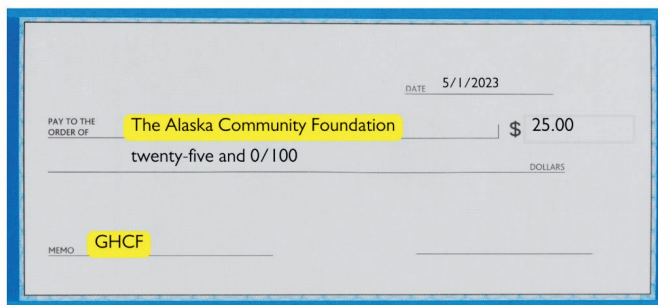
1. Board Chair Jo Kuchle & Vice Chair Cynthia Klepaski at the Tanana Valley Fair
2. Board members Ron Inouye & Cynthia Klepaski
3. RCPC reps in the Golden Days Grande Parade

How to Donate

When it comes to donating to Fairbanks's Golden Heart Community Foundation, we try to make it as easy as possible! So whatever way you like to give, we can help you do that. Whether it's through our Legacy Giving, we can help with your estate planning, or it's donating online through our website at www.goldenheartcf.org/donate or scanning this QR code, it couldn't be easier!



But sometimes, it's just easier to write a check and mail it to GHCF, PO Box 73183, Fairbanks 99707

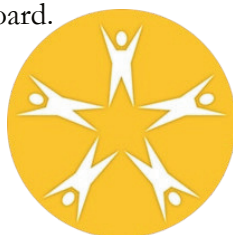


However you choose to donate – we thank you!!!

Advisory Board Highlight:

The Golden Heart Community Foundation has always been about our community. Whether it's our funders and donors, our grant recipients or our Board of Director members, we have always been made up of passionate advocates for the Interior.

Over the years, our board of directors have come from diverse back grounds of experiences, professions, passions, interests and connections. From our founders, to our newest members, we've worked to bring new perspectives to the GHCF board. So as some of our founders terms end, we have had a great opportunity to welcome several new members to our board.



Paula Earp

“In 2017 I was hired as the first Program Manager for GHCF. Here I found support, mentorship and the dedication of community members to the FNSB that made a lasting impression on me. Currently I work at the UAF Community Technical College and now I'm on the GHCF Advisory Board. GHCF is a community in itself, one that is welcoming and devoted to the act of giving. I am grateful to be a part of GHCF and to have the opportunity to help make a positive impact on our community, now and for future generations.”

Jeremy Pletnikoff



“When I first learned about the Golden Heart Community Foundation it struck me as the perfect solution to help our community now and forever into the future. The support that the GHCF is currently able to provide to local organizations is incredibly important to us in the Interior. The mission is clear and easy for me support. As a fourth generation resident of Fairbanks, with the fifth generation now in their teenage years, it is important to me that we continue to support the GHCF for the many generations to come.”

Jeremy and Paula are deeply rooted in our community, and have seen firsthand the impacts that compounded giving can give to Fairbanks. We truly appreciate their generosity and support.

If you or somebody you know would be interested in joining the GHCF Board, and bringing your passion, experience and perspective to our efforts to help Fairbanks grow and thrive, please contact us at mkrause@alaskacf.org.

An Appreciation for our Grantees

Michelle Kraus, GHCF Program Manager

Three of our 2022 Grant Recipients graciously hosted Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) visitors Megan Cacciola, VP of Grants and Programs and Carmen Davis, Director of Affiliates to share the impact that these grants provide.

Leigh Bolin, Executive Director and Wendy Carpenter of the Resource Center for Parents and Children gave us a tour of their facility and we were so impressed by the important work that they do. They are true family advocates supporting people in difficult situations. Our grant went to fund their transportation program for the year. This ensured that people who would otherwise not be able to attend important appointments and interviews were provided safe transportation by RCPC staff.

Meredith Maple, Executive Director, gave us a tour of the Fairbanks Children's Museum. Meredith shared that attendance at the museum has doubled this year, and is growing monthly, and her staff are able to handle this influx effectively! The grant from GHCF funded "Museums for All" – which is a nationwide program. This enables low-income families to pay a very reduced rate, so children and their parents can enjoy days of playing and learning at the museum without worrying about the cost.

Tricia Blake, Executive Director of Alaska Songbird Institute talked with us about the research they are doing daily, and how that is contributing to building a worldwide database on the health, migratory patterns, and numbers of the songbird population. The grant they received from GHCF funded their "future scientists" program so kids can work with Tricia and her staff to safely capture and band birds at Cremer's Field. What an awesome way for kids to spend the summer!

I came away so impressed and proud of these hardworking nonprofits and of being part of a foundation like GHCF that supports them.



RCPC carried our banner in the Golden Days Parade



Meredith, Carmen, Megan, and Michelle at Fairbanks Children's Museum



Tricia, Carmen, Michelle, and Meredith at Songbird Institute

For information on all grants,

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IMPACT!

By: Jo Kuchle

Impact! At work, at home, on teams, in clubs, in organizations, and in anything we are involved in, we want to know that whatever we do has impact – that we “move the needle” -- to make change, hopefully for the good.

At the Golden Heart Community Foundation (GHCF) we have been working for the past 11 years to build our endowments so that we can impact our community. The bigger our endowments, particularly our Grant Endowment (from which we make grants into the community) the more impact we will have to “do good” in our community.

The larger the endowment, the larger the impact. This means more money for community good works. With our endowment, the more interest it earns, results in more money we can grant. Over the past eleven years it has meant over \$230,000 being given to good causes – making positive change in our community, without depleting the endowment; but instead GROWING the endowment to be able to create even more impact in future years.

GHCF receives community dollars, invests them through our affiliation with the Alaska Community Foundation, and makes money to grant. In the past, by investing money in our endowment, we made impact on: the Food Bank, Rescue Mission, Bread Line, Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra, World Eskimo Indian Olympics, North Star Council on the Aging, and the Literacy Council – just to name a few. A complete grantee list in on the www.goldenheartcf.com website.

The GHCF has reached a major milestone - \$1 million in our endowment, but we are not resting on our laurels, quite the opposite. We know that the more money we invest and endow, the more we can do for our community. Fairbanks is our home; it's where we raise our families, work, and play. We WANT to make an impact in our community and together with our donors, we do it!

Congratulations to our 2023 Grant Recipients!!!

| Organization | Project Name |
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| • Meals on Wheels Fairbanks | FY24 Meals on Wheels |
| • The Bread Line, Inc. | Hygiene for Health |
| • North Star Ballet | Black Box Theater Project |
| • Fairbanks Community Food Bank Services | Warehouse space heat support |
| • Fairbanks Arts Assn. | 2023-24 FACE School Performance Program |
| • Kids Voting North AK | Student Voter Education |
| • American Cancer Society, Inc. | Fairbanks/North Pole Cancer Patient Services |
| • Armed Services YMCA of Alaska | ASYMCA Early Learning Education |
| • Fairbanks Children's Museum Fairbanks | Baby Mingle at the Children's' Museum |
| • Friends of Creamers Field | Restoration of Historic Stanchions & Equipment at Creamer's Dairy Barns |
| • Calypso Farm & Ecology Center | Expansion of Calypso Farm Field Trips |
| • The Literacy Council Of Alaska | Adult Literacy in the Interior |
| • Fairbanks Drama Assn. and Childrens Theatre | 50th Season of Plays |
| • North Star Imagination Library | Books! |
| • Breast Cancer Detection Center of Alaska | Mamo Assist Program |
| • University of Alaska Foundation | U of A Museum of the North "Thinking made Viable" Special Exhibition |
| • American Red Cross Of Alaska | Sound the Alarm: Fire Safety Education |
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What is the Golden Heart Community Foundation

Vision: The Golden Heart Community Foundation (GHCF) strives to build a lasting endowment with community donations to support causes that Interior Alaskans care about .

Your gift to the GHCF will be part of this long-term endowment. The principal of the endowment is never spent but rather invested. The earnings are granted to local nonprofits serving the Fairbanks North Star Borough area. The endowment funds are professionally invested to provide a reliable source of funding for the present and long-term future. The GHCF also supports local resiliency and self-reliance by promoting individual, family, and business philanthropy. A donation to GHCF is an investment in the future of the Interior.

Thank you!



At Usibelli Coal Mine, our commitment to Alaska goes beyond providing energy security with an affordable and reliable fuel source. It's also about nurturing and supporting the communities that have stood by us for generations. Each year, we proudly support the Golden Heart Community Foundation because we believe in its mission to uplift and empower the people of Fairbanks, North Pole, and our surrounding communities. The foundation embodies the resilient spirit of the Golden Heart City, and by investing in its initiatives, we are investing in a brighter, more sustainable future for all Alaskans.



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