



Kodiak Community Foundation

An Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation

Summer 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



The Kodiak Community Foundation newsletter shares what has happened in the previous months, and what will be happening in the months ahead. We are excited to communicate the positive ways we support Kodiak.

A Message from our Board Chair

Laura Arboleda

Hello/Kamusta!

The past year has seen exciting growth for the Kodiak Community Foundation. We have reached out to provide several opportunities for our community to get to know us better and provided important ongoing support to our nonprofit community through our first grant-writing workshop. We also convened our first ever annual meeting. These accomplishments launch us forward!

The next months will bring more exciting milestones. Our advisory board members look forward to seeing you at the 2nd annual Downtown Block Party on September 9th. In addition to enjoying being a part of our amazing community we will launch our campaign to increase the number of people who donate to the Kodiak Community Foundation, as we work to build the endowment that will help support Kodiak's nonprofit organizations into the future. We hope to see you there!



KCF Board Chair Laura Arboleda

KCF Advisory Board

Laura Arboleda – Board Chair

Leisha Sweeney – Vice Chair

Kerry Irons – Treasurer

Marilyn Davidson

Jerome Selby

Kate Paulson

Candace Branson

Carroll (Mort) Mortenson

Program Manager - Brianna Cooper

Please reach out to any of our Board members if you have questions about our organization.

Why Support Our Operating Endowment?

The Kodiak Community Foundation has two primary endowment funds: the Main Endowment that supports our grant-making abilities, and the Operating Endowment that specifically supports the operations of the foundation.

The Operating Endowment is the fund that will allow the KCF to become self-sustaining. Our long-term goal is that the interest earned from this fund will support our operating expenses – including newsletters, office supplies, a part-time program manager, materials for community events, publicity, and other outreach. Operational funds are also used for training opportunities for our board members and Kodiak’s nonprofit community. We believe it is essential for the long-term health of Kodiak’s nonprofits, especially when funding from our governmental entities is uncertain, for KCF to be fully functional and poised to support the community as needed. That means that earnings from our Operating Endowment need to be sufficient to cover the expense of operations.

The operating funds for the community foundations around the state (affiliates of the Alaska Community Foundation) have been generously supported for years by both the

Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) and the Rasmuson Foundation. And this year, 2023, ACF and Rasmuson are providing a 1:1 match, up to \$12,500 to help us grow our Operating Endowment. That means that every donation to the Operating Endowment is doubled – a fantastic way to help us grow! One of OUR goals is to continue to build that endowment so we will no longer need to rely on other funding to fulfill our mission.

We are asking donors to consider designating the Operating Endowment for their gifts this year to help us achieve that goal. Many thanks!

Vocabulary Builder

Endowment Fund

An endowment fund is a type of investment fund used by nonprofit organizations to invest donations from people who support that organization’s mission. The donations themselves are never used (the principal), but the interest earned from those donations is used to further the mission of the nonprofit. In a permanent endowment, each donation will have a long-term impact, continuing to support the work of the nonprofit essentially forever. The larger the endowment, the greater the earnings – and the more effective the nonprofit can be at achieving its purpose and goals.

Pick.Click.Give
to support our
community

The Pick.Click.Give. program allows you to make a tax deductible donation to causes and organizations you care about using a portion of your Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD). Remember, you can edit or add donations through August 31.

Visit pfd.alaska.gov to apply and donate!

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Over the years, Kodiak has received Memorial and Honorary Gifts to our various funds. We are acknowledging those gifts here separately for the first time.

Memorial Gifts

A donation made to the Kodiak Community Foundation in memory of a beloved parent, cherished friend, or respected colleague is an incredible way to honor the legacy that person leaves behind. In addition, it is a statement of optimism and hope for the longterm health and quality of life for our community far into the future.

In Memory of:

Roberta Lochman

Jerome and Gloria Selby

Ron Gibbs

Jerome and Gloria Selby

Kerry Irons and Scott Smiley

Laura Arboleda

Carroll and Sonya Mortenson

Brianna and Travis Cooper

Kim and Marilyn Davidson

John Witteveen

Tina Witteveen

Carolyn Floyd

Alice and Tom Gaines

Joe Floyd

Alan and Ginny Austerman

Carroll and Sonya Mortenson

In Memory of:

Brian Gregory

Jeff Sanford

Levi Seaton

Jeff Sanford

Margaret Hall

Alan and Ginny Austerman

Jim Peotter

Alan and Ginny Austerman

Robert Holmes Johnson

Alan and Ginny Austerman

Thelma Madsen Johnson

Chris Johnson

In Memory of:

Brian Young

Naphtali and Aaron Fields-Forbes

Marcus Dunbar

Anonymous

Peg and Rick Young Foundation

Kip Thomet

Marcus Dunbar

Anonymous

Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association

Otto C. Mahle, Sr.

Teresa Schneider

**Honorable Judge
Roy H. Madsen**

Barry and Joan Altenhof

Steve and Mary Gray

Ginny and Alan Austerman

Honorary Gifts

Honorary gifts to the Kodiak Community Foundation honor individuals or groups, alive or deceased, who contribute greatly to the Kodiak community.

In Honor of:

John Witteveen

Don, Chris, and Sean Kardux

John and Jane Sedor

In Honor of:

Thom Downing

Andy Swanson

**Coast Guard and their
Families**

Stella Elaine Podmore

In Honor of:

Ginny Austerman

Dawn Austerman

Alex Piaggi, USCG

Kim Kearney

Joe and Carolyn Floyd

Carolyn Floyd

Grantee Highlights

Hospice and Palliative Care of Kodiak

Hospice and Palliative Care of Kodiak (HPCK) provides important services free of charge to the community of Kodiak – supporting terminally ill patients and their families as they prepare for and manage end of life circumstances, during this extremely vulnerable time.



*Volunteers participate in the HPCK annual training in late 2022.
(Photo courtesy of HPCK)*

Many of the services HPCK is able to provide depend on a trained professional and volunteer staff. Their growing team of volunteers needs to be able to sensitively answer questions on what to expect at the end of life, help the family understand the grief and bereavement process, and guide them with services and education on death and dying – including psychosocial issues impacted by terminal disease in a family member. With an entirely new staff in 2022 and a volunteer base diminished by the pandemic, HPCK needed to recruit and train dedicated people to provide these important services.

Late in 2022, using their grant from the Kodiak Community Foundation, HPCK was able to reestablish its training program for new and returning volunteers. They partnered with several local individuals and organizations for powerful learning about end-of-life issues, as well as self-care and stress management for caregivers and the volunteers themselves.

Kodiak Maritime Museum

The mission of the Kodiak Maritime Museum (KMM) is to recognize, preserve, and interpret Kodiak's rich and diverse maritime heritage. Without physical space in a museum building, KMM has been exceptionally creative about designing compelling exhibits that meet its mission.

One of the seminal projects undertaken by the museum, begun 15 years ago, was interviewing, recording oral histories of, and photographing many of the people who lived through Kodiak's King Crab era (from the 1950s to 1982). The resulting exhibit, "When Crab Was King" celebrates an important component of the industrial heart of Kodiak's working waterfront. The exhibit evolved in two directions: first, an online exhibit that can be accessed through Kodiak's History Museum and the KMM website, and second, the installation of 20 of the photographic portraits on the outside walls of many of the businesses and public buildings around Kodiak.

With its grant from the Kodiak Community Foundation, important progress was made on the "When Crab Was King" exhibit, making it more complete and accessible to the community. Several new oral histories have been recorded, a timely effort as the pandemic and age have impacted some of the people who were participants in that exciting era. In addition, the online exhibit has been updated and reformatted so the interview recordings and the portraits can be installed on the online platform.



*When Crab Was King posters being hung in Kodiak
(Photo courtesy of Kodiak Maritime Museum)*

2023 Volunteers of the Year!

For the second year, the Kodiak Community Foundation invested resources to recognize and celebrate the amazing volunteers who make such a difference in our community. These awards are shared in April during Volunteer Appreciation Week. Local nonprofits can nominate individuals that go above and beyond to make Kodiak a great place to live. The following incredible volunteers were nominated and each received \$500 to donate to a nonprofit of their choice. A huge thank you to all the other dedicated and caring volunteers who make such positive and significant contributions to our community.

Mary Forbes

Mary was nominated for her tireless dedication as a board member for KMXT. She currently serves as the board president and is an advocate and organizer for the organization's emerging endowment funds. On top of that, Mary works at every KMXT event, from Skate with Santa, Run the Rock, Spring Twang, the Mother's Day Plant Sale, and so much more. She encourages the board to be a competent functioning operation and her passion for the organization is formidable.

Terra Cupp

Terra was nominated for her many years of volunteer service collecting, storing, and loaning out medical equipment to those who need it in Kodiak. Terra supplies this medical equipment free of charge and often delivers items directly and frequently offers to provide a home safety assessment at no charge. In addition, Terra regularly volunteers to coordinate the local blood drives for the Alaska Blood Bank and volunteers for Hospice and Palliative Care of Kodiak and the Brother Francis Shelter.

Patrick Cummings

Patrick was nominated for volunteering his audio engineering expertise at the Gerald C. Wilson Auditorium. Patrick has volunteered more than 50 hours toward the Kodiak Arts Council's visiting artists and performances to provide sound that is perfectly mixed and amplified. Patrick has also hosted training sessions for local volunteers to build and develop a corps of individuals who can be called on to support events at the auditorium. He even produced training videos on sound board operations to pass along his knowledge and empower others.

Judy Carstens

Judy was nominated for her work with the Kodiak Arts Council. She has served on that board for many years and helped tremendously with the costumes for the recent Arts Council production, "Chicago." Judy attended rehearsals early and stayed late to patch, sew, and fix costumes to make sure they were ready for all the actors. Participants of the play also report that she showed tremendous encouragement and support toward all cast members and was willing and available to help anyone who needed it.

KCF's First Ever Annual Meeting

The Kodiak Community Foundation held its first ever annual meeting on February 7th, 2023. For us, the event felt like a launch into a new phase of community outreach and involvement! During the presentation, each advisory board member shared an aspect of our work, focus, and goals - after which a discussion evolved with our attendees that provided insights and ideas to help us increase our impact in the community. We look forward to similar guidance and feedback from the community we serve in future annual meetings.

*Community members attending KCF's first annual meeting.
(Photo courtesy of Kerry Irons)*



CrabFest 2023

This year, KCF participated in the Kodiak Crab Festival for the first time. We had photo opportunities with our "Why I Love Kodiak" poster, our coin vortex, newsletters, and KCF brochures to share with Festival passersby. In addition, booth volunteers highlighted the importance of taking care of and investing in our future (our kids) - emphasized by our partnership with local nonprofit, Kodiak KINDNESS. We shared a wonderful set up with a rocking chair, changing table and a small kids activity table for families to use. Importantly, we learned a lot about how to better engage our community at this wonderful family event, and next year we anticipate greater success at reaching out and informing the community about our mission and goals.

*Young philanthropists explore the KCF Coin Vortex during Crab Fest 2023.
(Photo courtesy of Kate Paulson)*



Affiliate Convening

The Alaska Community Foundation recognizes how important it is for the 11 affiliate community foundations around the state to connect, share, and learn together. In April, they helped fly the program managers and two advisory board members from each Affiliate to Anchorage for "The Convening." Our Program Manager Brianna Cooper, Board Chair Laura Arboleda, and Vice Chair Leisha Sweeney all were able to attend. There were representatives from all the other affiliates around the state, and the learning was exciting and inspiring. Additionally, KCF's Advisory Board Chair, Laura Arboleda, was honored at the Affiliate Convening, where she won the Alaska Community Foundation's Leadership in Community Building Award. She was nominated for this award for her leadership and community building in organizing KCF's 1st Annual Downtown Block Party.



*From left to right: KCF Program Manager Brianna Cooper, Vice-Chair Leisha Sweeney, and Chair Laura Arboleda attend the 2023 Alaska Community Foundation Affiliate Convening in Anchorage.
(Photo Courtesy of Laura Arboleda)*

Looking Ahead

Announcing the 2023 Grant Cycle!

The 2023 KCF grant cycle will open from September 1 until September 29.

Visit kodiakcf.org for grant eligibility requirements and guidelines.

Wills and Estate Planning Workshop

Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Interested in wills and estate planning but not sure where to start? Join us for an informative workshop with local attorney Andrew Ott to understand the steps and options in pursuing this important planning process.

RSVP by emailing kodiak@alaskacf.org



Estate Planning Workshop

Brought to you by
The Kodiak Community Foundation
and Kodiak Law Group, LLC

**Saturday, August 12
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Andrew Ott
Andrew Ott has more than 35 years of legal experience in Alaska including as a certified attorney for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation in 1989. He provides his legal expertise to the Kodiak community, handling cases ranging from criminal and family law to business law and estate planning.

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Downtown Block Party — September 9th



*Community members enjoy the 2022 Downtown Block Party
(Photo courtesy of Scott Wight)*

The Kodiak Community Foundation is excited to share that our 2nd annual Downtown Block Party (DTBP) will take place on September 9th on the Mall in downtown Kodiak! We view this as KCF's "Signature" event (partnering with the Kodiak Arts Council) – and an exhilarating way to bring together and celebrate our unique and vibrant community. The Downtown Block Party will provide a venue both for our local nonprofits to share family-focused and engaging activities that highlight their work and mission in the community, as well as for local musicians and dance groups to perform on "stage."

Launching our "Expanding Philanthropy" Campaign

The Downtown Block Party on September 9th will signal the launch of the Kodiak Community Foundation's campaign to expand philanthropy in our community. We are excited to share that our goal is to increase the number of people who donate to KCF by at least 50. And YOU can help us spread the word!

To follow our progress, watch the thermometer at the KCF table and listen for updates announced during breaks in the performances! We will share further updates on our Facebook page in the ensuing weeks.

Philanthropy is about more than money – it's also about volunteering. We look forward to sharing ways you can support KCF by volunteering your time and energy in addition to (or instead of) donating money. At KCF, we welcome your personal involvement in our mission!

Donor Highlight — Betty Walters

When asked why she gives to the Kodiak Community Foundation, Betty Walters said, “It’s the best thing to happen to Kodiak — an opportunity to invest in Kodiak.” A resident of our island since 1977, Walters is no stranger to just how amazing the Kodiak community is. “The community has absolutely kept me here all these years,” she said, “They’ve supported me through many issues and phases of my life.” Walters said Kodiak is filled with good people and people who are involved, especially during difficult times and tragedy. “We have good people that work together and support each other and do the kinds of things that are important.” Walters has served the community in various roles, including teacher, superintendent, and interim director at Kodiak College. She has also worked as a teacher mentor for the Alaska



Photo Courtesy of University of Alaska

Statewide Mentor Project, and also served as the interim Deputy Commissioner for Education for the Alaska Department of Education. Walters is passionate about education and teaching, and admits to missing working with students these days. She said she feels confident sharing her few coins with the Kodiak Community Foundation, and knows they are going to good use. She also believes that the connection with the Alaska Community Foundation is important. “We are not operating in a vacuum,” she said, “We have access to other resources to consider for supporting the Kodiak Community Foundation.” In general, Walters believes that contributions to the Kodiak Community Foundation help Kodiak, particularly in times when money isn’t easy to come by. She appreciates that the funds given now will continue to benefit our community in perpetuity.



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