

Lasting Impact
**Across
Generations**

Our Values

COMMUNITY

We are committed to building a strong and vibrant community and welcome the help of all citizens within our service area to do so through responsible innovation and adaptation as our community continues to grow.

STEWARDSHIP

We prudently manage donated funds and disperse them responsibly and efficiently to strengthen our community.

INTEGRITY

We maintain the trust of our donors and our community with honesty and accountability through forthright communication and timely action.

RESILIENCE

We work hard to encourage philanthropy among our citizens to ensure the Homer Foundation is able to continue supporting the many nonprofit organizations our community relies upon.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the greater Homer area by promoting philanthropic and charitable activities.

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STAFF

Mike Miller
Executive Director
Retired July 2024

Stacey Schultz
Executive Director
Effective July 2024

Lauren Seaton
Office / Program Manager

Jennifer Gibbins
Director of Development
and Marketing

Lasting Impact Across Generations...

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO the “tree” of the Homer Foundation was planted with some modest donations from some visionary leaders. In the span of 2 generations, the seed of that idea has grown from a small seedling to be a major part of the community, providing “fruit and shelter” in the entire Southern Kenai Peninsula. Our rate of growth is speeding up. It took the foundation:

- 🌳 Fifteen years to reach \$1.5 million
- 🌳 Thirteen more years to reach \$3 million and
- 🌳 Five years to reach \$6 million (currently over \$6.8 million)

Where will the Homer Foundation be in another generation? How many donor dreams will be realized? How many lives will be touched? What sort of good will we do? We’re pleased to partner with so many donors across our service area to make a difference. Community-driven generosity makes our communities that much more caring and that much more civil.

Our mission remains the same: to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the greater Homer area by promoting philanthropic and charitable activities. To meet that mission going forward, the Board of Trustees just completed a new strategic plan. That plan emphasizes:

- 🌳 **Internal Capacity:** Sustainable, stable staff
- 🌳 **Legacy:** Retain and increase our Legacy Society
- 🌳 **Outreach:** Increase visibility and relationships across service area

Fiscal year 2024 has been a good one for the Homer Foundation. We hope you enjoy learning more about the great things that happened this year. We’re excited about the next season of growth, giving and impact. We look forward to working with our passionate partners and most of all our caring visionary donors who are planting trees now for the coming generations.

Denise Pitzman, BOARD PRESIDENT & Mike Miller, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Retired July 2024



FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After five years of excellent leadership from Mike Miller, it is an honor to join the Homer Foundation as Executive Director and to work with you to carry our mission forward.

After leaving the Marshfield Area Community Foundation in Wisconsin, where I served for five years as Executive Director, I am so very appreciative of the warm welcome I have received here. Marshfield, like Homer, is

a small community with several smaller, close-knit communities in its service area. I look forward to sharing the knowledge of growth that I gained during my time there.

Most importantly, I look forward to getting to know you and continuing to strengthen the vital relationships the Homer Foundation has built over the past 33 years. Our relationships with donors, local nonprofit

organizations, program recipients, and the community members who volunteer (on our board, and grants and scholarship committees) are the heartbeat of a community foundation.

Whether it is here in the office, or out in the community, I am grateful and energized to be part of the Homer Foundation Family – from Ninilchik to Nanwalek and everywhere in-between.

Thank you, **Stacey Schultz** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board of Trustees

Serving on the Homer Foundation board is such an honor. Each board member brings a wealth of expertise and an unwavering commitment to our mission. The collaborative spirit and shared vision of our board ensures that we continually strive to make a meaningful impact in our communities. Serving on this board is not just a privilege but a truly enriching experience, driven by a collective desire to create positive lasting change today and for future generations.

Liz Downing, CHAIR LEADERSHIP, PLANNING COMMITTEE POLICY



Doug Baily
Trustee



Bill Bell
Trustee



Liz Downing
Trustee



Van Hawkins
Trustee



Paula Martin
Vice President



Denise Pitzman
President



Sara Reinert
Trustee



Paul Seaton
Community Grants
Committee Chair



Ken Taylor
Secretary



Tom Zitzmann
Trustee

NEW BOARD MEMBER BILL BELL

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Bill Bell to our board. Bill's first memory of Homer was his brother-in-law treating him to a Coke at the Family Café in the mid-60s. With his appetite whetted, Bill returned for the traditional, progressive summers of Alaska Sea Foods, drifting, longlining, and thespian antics. Prodded by the inspiration of Dr. Eneboe, he "went to America to get smart" and returned as a practitioner of the healing arts for the last 43 years. Early Homesteaders inculcated him with the Alaska ethos and the importance of active personal involvement as a necessary ingredient for community vibrance. Bill feels our locale is truly a tapestry, and the more citizens that help weave, contribute thread, and add color, the richer our community will be. He is excited to be a part of the Homer Foundation and help support the many ways they work to thicken and brighten that weave.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALUMNI

The continued success of the Homer Foundation stands upon the shoulders of our board of trustees alumni. We are forever indebted to you for your service to community.

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| Steve Albert | Dave Derry | Tom Keffer | Phil Morris | Chris Robinson | Chris Theno |
| Connie Alderfer | Mary Epperson | Tom Kizzia | John Mouw | Ron Senungetuk | Gary Thomas |
| Carolyn Bolar | Elaine Grantier | Flo Larson | Curt Olson | Terri Spigelmyer | Dan Westerberg |
| Patti Carey | Polly Hess | Buck Laukitis | Mike Pate | Mike Stassen | Virginia Wise |
| Ken Castner | Renda Hom | Jack Lentfer | Ron Pavellas | Joan Stempniak | Lindsay Wolter |
| Matt Clarke | Bonnie Jason | Shannon McBride-Morin | Lance Peterson | Joy Steward | Steve Yoshida |
| Susan Cushing | Ann Keffer | | Lawrence Radcliffe | Carol Swartz | |

With Gratitude

This year, 85 community members participated in Homer Foundation committees, bringing their perspectives and insights. These dedicated volunteers help to ensure that our decisions are always informed by and grounded in community. Thank you for your generous service and dedication.

COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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| Paul Allan | Flo Larson |
| Amy Ashley | John Mouw |
| Karen Berger | Linda Robinson |
| Marie Carlton | Francie Roberts |
| Tom Collopy | Carol Swartz |
| Trisha Davis | |
| Kathy Hill | |
| Shema Jones | |

SCHOLARSHIP

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| Olga Amaral | Katie Gavenus | Jacque Peterson |
| Esther Ashment | Judy Gonsalves | Kalie Petska-Rubalcava |
| Holly Atkins-Martin | Shirlie Gribble | Nan Porter |
| Kathie Baldwin | Alyssa Hill | Sue Post |
| Jennifer Bando | Cheryl Illg | Jen Rhue |
| Annali Beachy | Lauren Isenhour | Francie Roberts |
| Emily Berg | Patti Jay | Stephanie Rodriguez |
| Pat Boone | Nancy Lord | Barb Scalzi |
| Catie Bursch | Vicki Lowe | Kenneth Schneider |
| Khristy Chapman | Deb Lowney | Helyn Schoepke |
| Melissa Cloud | Gary Lyon | Karen Shemet |
| Deb Curtis | Christy Martinez | Paul Story |
| Tim Daugharty | Lyn Maslow | Lisa Talbott |
| Quinn Daugharty | Lara McGinnis | Chris Theno |
| Rob Downey | Rachel Miller | Sydney Thielke |
| Liz Downing | Scott Miller | Barb Veeck |
| Stan Eller | Casey Moss | Caroline Venuti |
| Mark Edminster | Pat Moss | Sundance Visser |
| Ginny Espenshade | Jessie Nelson | Ian Weatherly |
| Derotha Ferraro | Sue Oesting | Shellie Worstgeld |
| Janet Fink | Ginnie Oliver | Danielle Wythe |
| Jennifer Frazier | Curt Olson | Kevin Wythe |
| Bill Fry | Emilie Otis | |
| Dorothy Fry | Connie Pavloff | |

CITY OF HOMER GRANTS

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| Uran Christensen | Karen Wuestenfeld |
| Britta Frank | Sara Reinert |
| Kathy Hill | Paul Seaton |
| Francie Roberts | Ken Taylor |

FINANCE

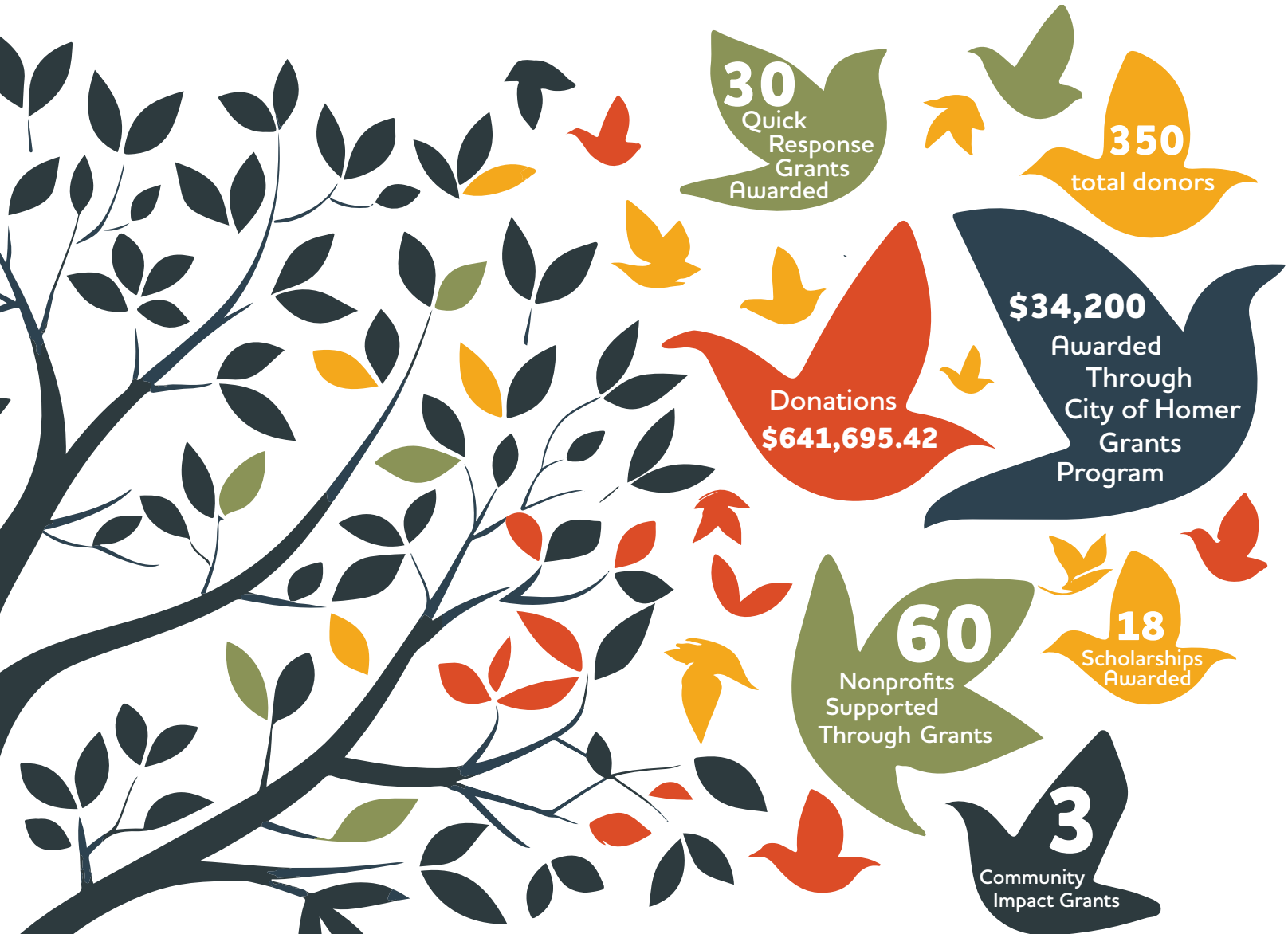
- Julia Clymer
- Phil Morris

DEVELOPMENT

- Terri Spigelmyer

Year in Review

\$513,391.95 Total in Grants and Scholarships



Over \$5.6 M
Granted Since 1991



From The Development Committee

A Collective Spirit of Generosity

There's a delightful story about a small pond that once transformed a neighborhood, becoming a gathering place that fostered community and created a sense of togetherness. The same spirit was felt at our second annual Eggs Benefit fundraiser where 90 attendees raised over \$60,000 for grants and operations. Highlights included inspiring comments from donor Cameale Johnson and impact stories from three local organizations: the Kachemak Ski Club, Ninilchik Food Pantry, and Alaska Chess.

Throughout the year, we've been deeply grateful for donors like Dave and Beth Schroer, whose generosity inspired record-breaking support for our year-end campaign. We're thrilled to welcome 11 new funds this year including endowments, donor advised funds and legacy gifts. To highlight two examples: the Nanwalek Fund will support career exploration and development for teens living in the Alaska Native Village of Nanwalek, while the Homer Foundation Veterans Fund, established in honor of Mike Miller's retirement after five years with the Homer Foundation, will support veteran services.

supporting a wide range of causes. It's easy to contribute to an existing fund or start your own with a gift of \$5,000 or \$10,000. And, there is even an opportunity to start your own Community Cares Fund (CCF) with a gift of just \$2,500 with a match from the Homer Foundation (limited to the first 10 CCFs).

Like that little pond, the Homer Foundation has, over the past 33 years, grown into a source of connection and support across the Southern Kenai Peninsula, fostering generosity and community. Want to help us grow even more? Spread the word about our work and why you're excited to be part of the Homer Foundation family.

The Homer Foundation now manages over 111 funds (and growing!).

— Terri Spigelmyer, DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR —

With gratitude to our event sponsors:

Ageya Wilderness Center | Land's End Resort | The Grog Shop | Wagon Wheel



DONATIONS BY COMMUNITY

- 15 Anchor Point
- 1 Halibut Cove
- 478 Homer
- 1 Nanwalek
- 4 Ninilchik
- 5 Seldovia
- 32 Anchorage
- 5 Other Alaska
- 53 Out of Alaska

Holly & Dean Martin

Donor Highlight Story

HOUSE MARTIN FUND

After a memorable fishing trip with his dad, Dean Martin was captivated by the Kenai Peninsula. In the summer of 2017, Dean and his new wife, Holly, visited Homer on their honeymoon and were enchanted by the sparkling waters, glacier views, and rural Alaskan culture. They dreamed of spending more time here, and by the summer of 2020, they planned a return.

When the pandemic hit, Holly, a middle school art teacher, found herself out of work for the remainder of the year, but Dean, a Louisiana-based accountant, was able to work remotely. They quickly decided that Homer was where they wanted to be, and by 2023, their seasonal visits had become a permanent move. "It's been the best decision we've ever made," says Holly.

Now, Dean and Holly are embarking on a new adventure: starting a family in Homer. They're excited to raise their children in a community that values the natural beauty and culture that drew them here.

"The Homer Foundation is a great way for us to get more involved. We've established The House Martin Charitable Fund to invest in our new community and support the arts, environmental protection, and recreation that make Homer special."

- Holly and Dean Martin.



2024

New Funds

A few thoughts from some of our fund donors on why they partner with the Homer Foundation.

The Homer Foundation was pleased to welcome **ELEVEN NEW FUNDS** this year.

CALM Fund	Nanwalek Fund
Drew Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund	Rotary Student Exchange Fund
House Martin Fund	Southern Kenai Peninsula Scholarship Fund
H&H Smiles Fund	Veterans Fund
Jackie Norvell Fund	Yoshida Family Fund
Madrone Fund	

CALM FUND

Angie and Chris Newby

When my husband, Chris, our two teenagers, and I arrived in Homer in 1982, it wasn't just the phenomenal beauty that caught our attention. It was the strong feeling that we were going to be part of a really involved and generous community. Flash forward forty-two years later. We have indeed been so fortunate to have developed deep relationships and be part of a very compassionate and supportive community. This is why being a part of the Homer Foundation was so important to us. Money stays in the community, and there is nothing better than attending an event the Foundation helped happen or driving by and seeing a new project up and running because of Homer Foundation support.

DREW BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ginny Espenshade, family friend

Drew Brown was an avid hockey, basketball, and soccer player at Homer High School. He was the quintessential teammate, and his spirit and tenacity inspired all those who battled alongside him. Drew passed away from injuries in a motor vehicle collision at the age of 25. His mother Kristen Fenske and family channeled their heartbreak and grief into an opportunity to honor Drew's life by establishing a scholarship to encourage and support student-athletes like him, the ultimate teammates. With the support of the community and the Homer Foundation, the family's dream of honoring Drew's memory became a reality with the first award of this scholarship in 2024, shortly after the tragic loss of Kristen in an airplane accident. Continuing to realize Kristen's dream is now our chance to honor her love for her son as much as we honor his life.

H&H SMILES FUND

Susanne Haines and Brian Harrison

In our 35 great years in Homer, we've raised two children, made many friends, volunteered for all kinds of things, and have met many very fine people along the way. We've been inspired to carry out the local tradition of supporting the greater community through pitching in and enjoying the many wonderful opportunities here that make our town so special for everyone. Now retired, we are honored to give back to the place that has given our family so much. Aside from the many, many fundraisers we all organize or participate in, we believe in giving to the Homer Foundation to ensure continuous monetary growth for future support of Homer's generations. It gives us great pleasure to support the dreams of others in the place we love.

ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE FUND

Boyd Walker

The Rotary Exchange offers Alaskan students the chance to experience another culture and serve as ambassadors for our own. It also brings students from other countries to Alaska, enriching us with their culture. While the program receives financial support from local Rotary clubs, students and their parents still bear some financial responsibility. For some students, this financial obligation is a barrier to participation. The vision for this fund is to create a lasting source of support for participating students to help them meet eligible program expenses. It is also a way for other interested Rotarians and community members to help make a lasting difference in our community and in the lives of these students by contributing to the fund.

YOSHIDA FAMILY FUND

Steve and Niko Yoshida

Our family loves Homer. This is where we raised our two sons. Today, our family is spread across the globe, in Portugal, San Diego and Berkley. We recently established the Yoshida Family Fund so we can stay engaged with Homer through the Homer Foundation know what is going on and how to help. We also want to encourage Homer youth to go abroad and study. When we pass on, our two sons will take over our family fund, keeping them close to the community and experiences that mean so much to us.

Legacy Society

Legacy giving is not just about the gift, but the story it tells—of love, compassion, and a desire to make a difference that endures across generations. Through legacy giving, you are able to create a lasting impact on the values and causes you care about - and continue to shape the world long after you're gone.

Making a legacy gift in your will or estate plan is simple and flexible. We can provide you with simple language to include in your will, and we can provide sample language for you and your legal council or financial advisor to consider. Our knowledgeable staff are here to help when you're ready to explore your options.

Thank you to the many donors who have committed to a legacy gift. Your generosity helps to ensure a thriving future for our community. If you've arranged a future gift through the Homer Foundation and don't see your name below, we invite you to join our Legacy Society by contacting us today to become a member.

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| Anonymous | Paula & Joe Martin |
| Martha Ellen Anderson | Jo & Peter Michalski |
| Mike Armstrong & Jenny Stroyeck | Michael Miller & Robin Albright |
| Martha Briscoe | Philemon Morris |
| Marylou & Richard Burton | John & Rika Mouw |
| Ken Castner & Nancy Lord | Michael Mungoven & Lisa Climo |
| The Clyfus Family | John Munns |
| Christa Collier & Charles Ingham | Daniel Perry |
| Donna Rae Faulkner, & Don McNamara | Denise & Gordon Pitzman |
| Kim Fine & Max Mitchell | Peggy Price & Kathy Franz |
| Janet Fink | Robert & Melon Purcell |
| Bill & Dorothy Fry | Joyce Robinette |
| Kathy & Roger Herrnsteen | Lauren & Rand Seaton |
| Kathy Hill | Paul & Tina Seaton |
| Jim Hornaday | Terri Spigelmyer & Andy Haas |
| Ed Hutchinson & Jan Knutson | Joy Steward & Stu Schmutzler |
| Cameale Johnson | Ken & Chow Taylor |
| Tom Kizzia | Kathryn Thompson |
| Marcia Kuszmaul & Mannfried Funk | Boyd & Marie Walker |
| Flo Larson | Patricia J. Wallace |
| Jim & Ruth Lavrakas | Randy Wiest |
| Jack & Mary Lentfer | |

Note: List as of 6/30/24



Jackie Norvell New Bequest Fund

Like many stories in Alaska, Jackie Norvell's follows the fish. "After retiring in Anchorage, we first lived in Talkeetna but made so many trips to Homer to fish, we eventually moved to Homer full-time to enjoy the many amenities of a larger fishing community," Jackie shared.

Over the past 30 years, Jackie has fully immersed herself in the community, volunteering for the Chamber of Commerce and finding her "Homer family" at the American Legion.

"I've always been philanthropic because I believe we need to help one another, and so many people need help, especially today," Jackie continued. When it came time to plan her estate, she turned to the Homer Foundation.

"It's important to me to give first to the community that is my home, and I trust the Homer Foundation. I like knowing that the Foundation is a network of local people who have worked hard to be successful and are now giving back to the community. And I appreciate knowing that there is a board of trustees who believe in that mission.

I also feel at ease having created a trust document, knowing that my estate will be handled smoothly by those I've entrusted and that my money will be spent wisely."



Reasons to Partner with Homer Foundation

Donors give many reasons to partner with us - here are a few:

(1) Area-Wide Grant Impact

From Ninilchik to Nanwalek, and everywhere in between.

(2) Local Expertise

With Deep roots in our community, we have a broad understanding of local needs and are able to identify opportunities to invest in innovative solutions that create lasting change.

(3) Trust & Accountability

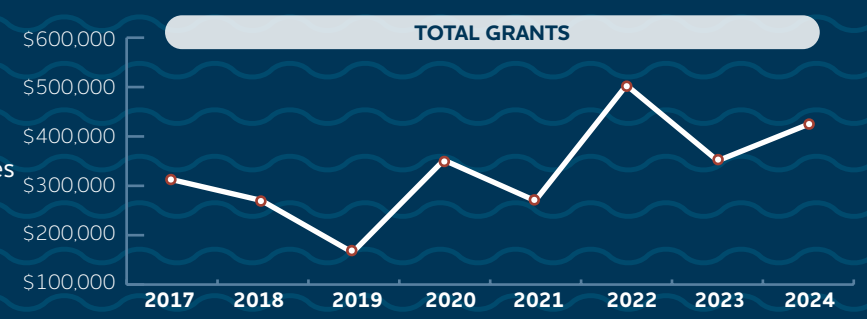
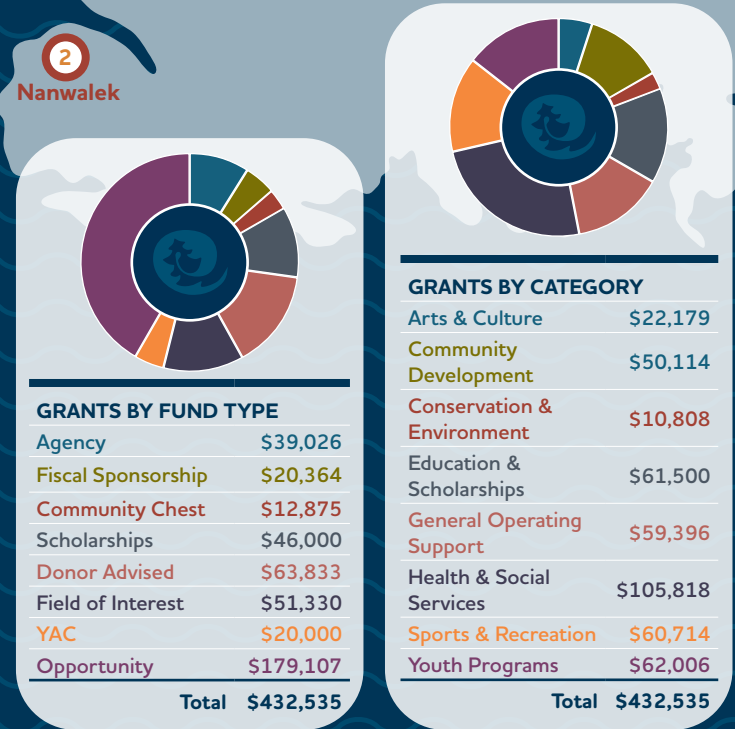
We provide wise stewardship of the gifts entrusted to us in two ways: 1) through professional investment management, and 2) in the strategic grants we make for the southern Kenai Peninsula. The Homer Foundation is accountable to our donors, our Board, and our community; and constantly strives to create real, measurable impact.

(4) Highly Personalized & Flexible Service

The Homer Foundation is exceptionally flexible and adaptable. We are available to help guide donors in formulating and fulfilling their philanthropic goals. We accept a wide variety of assets, even the most complex forms.

(5) Holistic Community Focus

We connect donors to opportunities across our region in a variety of charitable categories such as basic human needs, the arts, education, youth services, the elderly, the environment, and more. Where do you want to be? That's where we are.



Grant Highlights



NANWALEK IRA COUNCIL

Emilie Swenning, NANWALEK TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION YOUTH SUPERVISOR

Access to fresh vegetables across Kachemak Bay in the village of Nanwalek is both challenging and costly. With a \$4,032 Opportunity and Bluegrass Funds grant from the Homer Foundation, the community launched a Summer Youth Growing Sustainable Foods Program. This initiative allowed participating youth, guided by two

adults passionate about gardening and other local volunteers, to build on their knowledge of traditional food practices. Together, they planted, nurtured, and harvested fresh vegetables right in their community, sharing the harvest with Nanwalek's 265 residents.

“The goal is to teach the kids how to plant gardens, tend to the garden with supervision and harvest in the fall so the fresh produce may be shared with the community.”



ALASKA CHESS

Andy Haas, A FOUNDING INSTRUCTOR, ALASKA CHESS

Chess has exploded in popularity over the last few years and Alaska Chess is working to keep the momentum going. The non-profit organization, founded in 2018, was awarded a Quick Response grant of \$3,160 from the Homer Foundation to provide chess sets and instructional programs for 70 students from Ninilchik, Anchor Point, Homer, and Seldovia. Students may earn the chess sets to take

home by demonstrating their advancement in learning the game. According to Alaska Chess, chess instructs many skills, and playing at home brings the family together. Research repeatedly concludes that students involved in chess had higher math and reading test scores and an increased interest in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) for boys and girls.

“The impact extends to the entire family as they play chess together and with other families, even fostering connections across the communities of the Southern Kenai Peninsula at local tournaments.”



HOMER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Shelly Laukitis, KEVIN BELL ARENA/HOMER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FINANCE CHAIRPERSON

Homer Hockey Association (HHA) was awarded a \$25,000 Community Impact grant from the Homer Foundation. With a service area from Ninilchik south, HHA programming serves 15,000 area residents with a full slate of non-weather-dependent recreational opportunities at the Kevin Bell Arena from October thru April. Regular maintenance at the arena revealed that the 19-year old condenser – the system that makes the ice and keeps it cool – had significant corrosion, which led to irreparable leaks in piping. The new condenser is a stainless-steel unit, which will better withstand Homer's harsh marine environment.

Total project cost was estimated to be \$155,000. Additional funds towards the project were secured from the HHA reserve, Rasmuson Foundation and the HHA board, advisory committee and members. HHA receives no regular municipal, borough, or state funding. A staff team of four part-time rink attendants and one part-time bookkeeper keep things rolling at the rink. Additionally, HHA volunteers contribute 14,000 hours annually, including the volunteer advisory committee which takes primary responsibility for maintenance and staffing of the rink.

“The Homer Foundation has a long track record of supporting capital projects that make important and lasting investments in our community, and the Foundation's mission to enhance quality of life in the region is a natural fit with our goal of offering fun, diverse and healthy recreational options for local communities.”

Grant Highlights

Anchor Point Library



Thanks to the hard work and dedication by many community members, the Anchor Point Library first opened on January 14, 1959, just days after Alaska officially became a state. Today, the library serves thousands of area patrons annually with reading resources, enrichment programs and events for all ages. As the only publicly available resource for community members needing internet access and documents printed, faxed or scanned, the Anchor Point Library is an essential community hub. A \$10,350 Community Impact grant from the Homer Foundation helped the library replace broken and out-of-date computer equipment vastly improving the library's ability to manage operations and serve patrons.

“We have patrons from Homer to Ninilchik that regularly make use of our library. We offer services to everyone who comes through our doors. We have found that computer use is a big part of the services patrons are seeking.”

-Deanna Thomas, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

YAC

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is an award-winning youth-to-youth philanthropy program of the Homer Foundation in partnership with Homer High School. Students learn how philanthropy can connect and strengthen the community while also earning community service hours through their participation.

2024 YAC MEMBERS

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Kayla Kalafut

Lukas Renner

Ainsley Boss-Harmon

SPECIAL THANKS:

Mrs. Sarah Boss and the Homer High School leadership team.

YAC members are responsible for determining the program goals for the grant cycle, managing the application and review process, and recommending grant awards to the board of trustees. This year, the group focused on out-of-school programming and programs serving the 4-14 age range.

“I joined YAC to contribute to my community service project, and because I had heard from a friend that it was a great experience,” shared YAC member Kayla Kalafut. “This was my first time

participating in philanthropy, and overall, it was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot about finances and how community foundation funds work. Helping give back to the community in a meaningful way was incredibly rewarding.”

FY'24 funding for YAC grants reached an all-time high of \$20,000, thanks to the generosity of donations from the David and Mary Schroer Fund, Sheldon Purcell Fund, Sheldon Youth-to-Youth Fund, Ashley Logan Fund, Homer Foundation Opportunity Fund.

FY 2024 GRANTS RECOMMENDED BY YAC

Anchor King Wrestling
\$1,800 for Equipment and Gear

Homer Council on the Arts
\$2,000 for Mary Epperson Music Camp 2024

Homer Hockey Association
\$3,300 for Ice Skating Field Trips

Homer Trails Alliance
\$916 for Trail Equipment

Ninilchik Youth Camp
\$4,000 for Horse Camp

South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center
\$1,384 for Wellness Lending Library

SPARC
\$5,000 for Friday Nights for Teens

USA Softball
\$1,600 for Uniforms and Bats

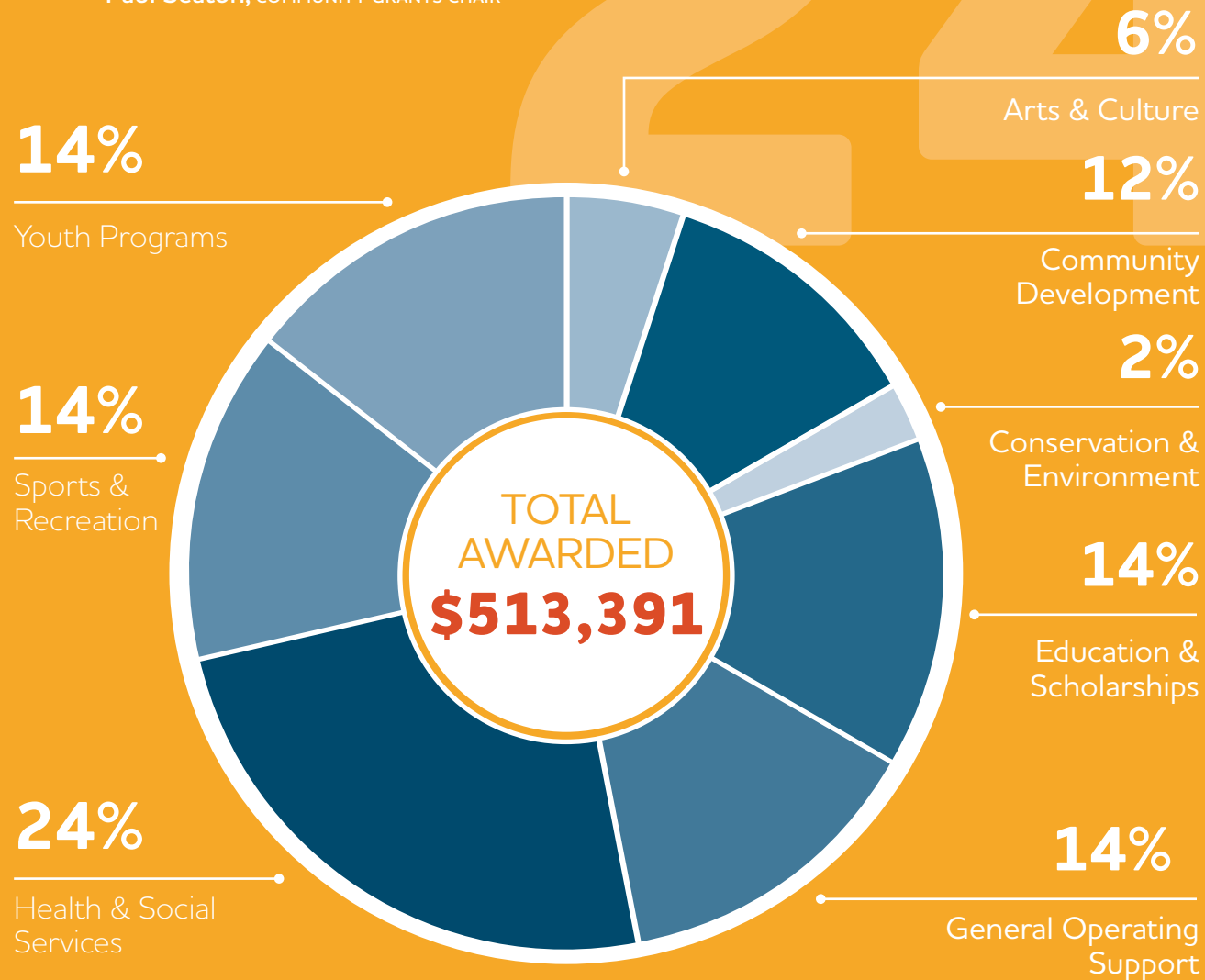
TOTAL \$20,000



From the Community Grants Committee Community Grants

The Grants Committee is an engaged and dynamic group. This year the Grants Committee expanded with more community membership - thank you to everyone who served. To allow more opportunity for other community members to serve, the Grants Committee adopted term limits. Please consider Volunteering. It is fun and rewarding. Go online to homerfoundation.org to fill out an application and get your name on the list! Grant requests were diverse, reaching from Ninilchik to Nanwalek and everywhere in-between, aiding 60 organizations in their missions.

Paul Seaton, COMMUNITY GRANTS CHAIR



Anchor Point, Diamond Ridge, Kachemak, Homer, Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Kachemak Bay, Razdolna, Voznesenka

ARTS & CULTURE \$22,179

- Opportunity Fund**
- Alaska World Arts Festival..... \$5,000
- 2023 Festival
- Homer OPUS \$5,000
- Year 3 Full Time Educator
- Pier One Theatre, Inc. \$2,334
- Shakespeare Theatre Association Conference
- Pratt Museum \$5,000
- History + Nature Come Alive!
- Opportunity & Horn Section Funds**
- Homer Council on the Arts..... \$4,845
- Building Community Through Music

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \$50,114

- Opportunity Fund**
- Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce..... \$5,000
- Anchor Point Community Beautification
- Anchor Point Public Library..... \$10,350
- Technology Update
- Anchor Point Public Library..... \$4,900
- Replacement Printer
- Homer Playground Project (HoPP) Fiscal Sponsorship Fund**
- City of Homer..... \$15,920
- Community Recreation
- Boat House Fiscal Sponsorship Fund**
- City of Homer..... \$4,444
- Community Recreation
- Willow Fund**
- Guiding Growth \$2,000
- Conversations that Build Community with Guiding Growth Homer
- Opportunity Fund**
- Homer Pride..... \$2,500
- Homer Pride Outreach
- Opportunity & Cottonwood Funds**
- Voznesenka Foundation..... \$5,000
- Stroyka Kitchen Upgrade

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT \$10,808

- Kathy & Roger Herrnsteen Fund**
- Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies \$650
- Equipment for Oceanography Program
- Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies \$758
- Spit Yurt
- Opportunity Fund**
- Homer Trails Alliance... \$5,000
- All-Terrain Vehicle
- Willow Fund**
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust \$4,400
- Increasing Human Efficiencies

EDUCATION \$15,500

- Opportunity & Martha H Briscoe Environmental Science & Conservation Funds**
- Chapman School..... \$5,000
- Yellowstone Expedition
- Homer Incentive & David & Mary Schroer Funds**
- Homer Flex School/KPBSD..... \$1,500
- Artist in the School
- David & Mary Schroer Fund**
- Homer High School.... \$3,000
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Paul Banks School..... \$3,000
- Library Updates
- West Homer Elementary..... \$3,000
- Hallway Bulletin Boards

GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT \$59,396

- City of Homer Grant Program
- City of Homer Fund**
- Bunnell Street Arts Center \$1,000
- Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies \$3,000
- Cook Inletkeeper..... \$1,000
- Homer Animal Friends..... \$1,500
- Homer Community Food Pantry..... \$4,170
- Homer Council on the Arts..... \$4,000
- Homer Farmers Market..... \$1,500
- Homer Hockey Association..... \$3,000
- Homer OPUS \$3,000
- Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic \$4,500
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust..... \$1,000
- KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc..... \$3,500
- SPROUT Family Services \$3,000
- David & Mary Schroer Fund**
- Homer Community Food Pantry..... \$1,000
- General Operating Support
- KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc..... \$3,000
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- All-Terrain Vehicle
- Willow Fund**
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust \$4,400
- Increasing Human Efficiencies

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES \$105,818

- Annual Agency Endowment Distributions
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council Agency Endowment Fund**
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council.... \$390
- Bunnell Street Art Center Agency Endowment Fund**
- Bunnell Street Arts Center \$429
- Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Agency Endowment Fund**
- Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies \$3,095
- Friends of the Homer Public Library Agency Endowment Fund**
- Friends of Homer Public Library..... \$4,088
- Homer Animal Friends Agency Endowment Fund**
- Homer Animal Friends... \$603
- Homer Community Food Pantry Designated Agency Fund**
- Homer Community Food Pantry..... \$1,025
- Homer Council on the Arts Agency Endowment Fund**
- Homer Council on the Arts..... \$404
- Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic Agency Endowment Fund**
- Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic \$639
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Agency Endowment Fund**
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust..... \$1,235
- KBBI Public Radio Agency Endowment Fund**
- KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc..... \$1,906
- Mariner Fastpitch Softball Agency Endowment Fund**
- Homer Mariner Fastpitch Softball..... \$924
- Peter Larson Compassion in Action Hospice of Homer Agency Endowment Fund**
- Hospice of Homer \$1,776
- Pratt Museum Agency Endowment Fund**
- Pratt Museum..... \$1,274
- Storyknife Writers Retreat Agency Endowment Fund**
- Storyknife Writers Retreat..... \$1,238
- Opportunity & James Family Fund**
- Arches Alaska \$3,800
- Ninilchik Food Bank
- Opportunity & Jane Little Family Endowment Funds**
- Homer Animal Friends. \$5,000
- Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Homer Community Chest Fund**
- Homer Community Food Pantry..... \$12,875
- Emergency Non-Food Aide
- Homer Community Food Pantry Sustainability Fund**
- Homer Community Food Pantry..... \$20,000
- KLEPS Fund**
- Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club \$2,169
- Vitamin D for Health Fair
- Opportunity Fund**
- Homer Senior Citizens, Inc..... \$5,000
- Adult Day Program Activities Update
- Independent Living Center/ TRAILS..... \$3,462
- TRAILS Support
- Kachemak Bay Lions Club \$4,734
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Opportunity & Jack and Mary Lentfer Funds**
- Hospice of Homer \$5,000
- Walking Each Other Home
- Cottonwood Fund**
- KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc..... \$1,200
- Solar Transmitter
- Opportunity & Bluegrass Funds**
- Nanwalek IRA Council. \$4,032
- Growing Sustainable Foods
- Opportunity & Daisy Lee Bitter Marine & Coastal Education Funds**
- HOWL, Inc..... \$4,244
- Facilitating Adventure: Expanding the Scope of HoWL Expeditions
- Opportunity Fund**
- Pier One Theatre, Inc. \$5,000
- Pier One Youth Theatre
- KLEPS & David & Mary Schroer Funds**
- Razdolna School..... \$4,272
- Practical Application of Math Skills
- Opportunity, KLEPS & May Benson Charitable Funds**
- West Homer Elementary..... \$5,000
- Cross Country Ski Program

YOUTH PROGRAMS \$62,006

- Opportunity & KLEPS Fund**
- Alaska Chess..... \$3,160
- Chess Sets at Home
- Project GRAD
- Kenai Peninsula..... \$5,000
- Alaska Native Education Program "Family Nights"
- Girl Scouts Travel Fund**
- Troop Travel..... \$1,830
- An overnight trip to the Alaska SeaLife Center
- Troop Travel..... \$1,500
- Girl Scout "Destination" program to New York
- YAC Fund**
- Anchor Kings Wrestling Club..... \$1,800
- Equipment & Gear
- Homer Council on the Arts..... \$2,000
- Mary Epperson Music Camp
- Homer Hockey Association..... \$3,300
- Free Ice Skating Trips to Kevin Bell Arena
- Homer Mariner Fastpitch Softball..... \$1,600
- 12u Tsunami Uniform
- Homer Trails Alliance..... \$916
- Suhl Brusher
- Ninilchik Youth Camp.. \$4,000
- Ninilchik Horse Camp 2024
- SAH Soccer Inc. \$5,000
- Friday Nights for Teens
- South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services \$1,384
- Mental Wellness Lending Library
- Willow Fund**
- Friends of Homer Public Library..... \$5,000
- Read, Renew, Repeat Summer@HPL 2024

SPORTS & RECREATION \$60,714

- Opportunity Fund**
- Alaska Equestrian Sports Club \$4,000
- Sports Equipment
- Homer Hockey Association..... \$25,000
- Keep It Cool Condenser Project
- Kevin Bell & Family Hockey Fund**
- Homer Hockey Association..... \$763
- Keep It Cool Condenser Project
- Alice Witte Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- Homer Ignite Volleyball Club \$3,451
- National Volleyball Tournament
- Gooseberry Fund**
- Kachemak Ski Club \$1,000
- World Telemark Day
- Kachemak Ski Club \$1,500
- Free Ski Days
- Opportunity Fund**
- Kachemak Ski Club ... \$25,000
- Watermelon Trailhead Parking Lot Expansion

2024 Scholarship Awards

Your Community Believes in You!

This year, the Homer Foundation awarded 18 scholarships totaling \$46,000 to area students. These scholarships are made possible by permanent endowments administered by the Foundation, thanks to the vision and generosity of community donors. Since 2000, when the Foundation began managing scholarships, we have awarded 367 scholarships totaling over \$510,000.

Beyond financial support, these scholarships send a powerful message to recipients and their families: You have a future, and your community believes in you.

The success of our scholarship program depends on school counselors and front-line staff connecting students with opportunities. It also relies on the dedication of volunteers who serve on our scholarship committees, ensuring a thoughtful selection process that honors donor intent.

This year, we saw a significant increase in applicants, with 66 students submitting 116 applications. This made the process more competitive, presenting our committees

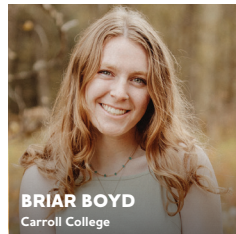
with many strong candidates and, at times, leading to difficult decisions.

There are many reasons donors choose to establish or contribute to a scholarship fund. These tax-deductible gifts can serve as a tribute or memorial, support careers and professions that matter to you, or simply demonstrate your belief in the future of our youth.

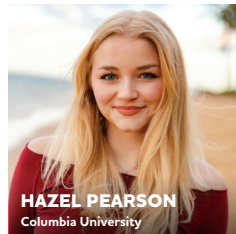
With deep gratitude to the donors who established these scholarships and to the community members who continue to support them, these endowed funds will benefit area youth for generations to come.



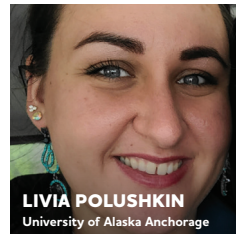
CARRIE BEACH
University of Alaska Anchorage



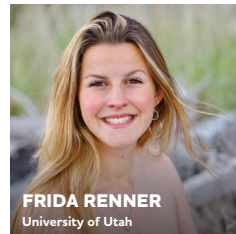
BRIAR BOYD
Carroll College



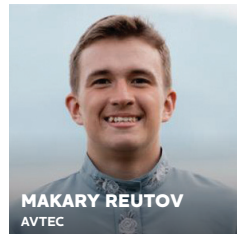
HAZEL PEARSON
Columbia University



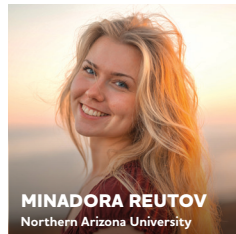
LIVIA POLUSHKIN
University of Alaska Anchorage



FRIDA RENNER
University of Utah



MAKARY REUTOV
AVTEC



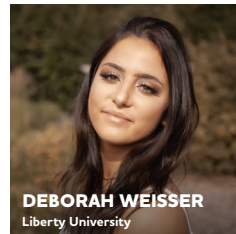
MINADORA REUTOV
Northern Arizona University



SYDNEY SHELBY
Riverland Community College



NOAH SPENCER
University of Alaska Southeast



DEBORAH WEISSER
Liberty University

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Beluga Tail Non-Fiction Writing
Hazel Pearson.....\$3,000

Diane Wambach "Shoot for the Stars"
Noah Spencer.....\$1,000

Drew Brown Memorial
Minadora Reutov.....\$1,000

Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime
Makary Reutov.....\$1,000
Minadora Reutov.....\$1,000

Fish and Wildlife
Noah Spencer.....\$2,000

Health Care Providers Scholarship
Briar Boyd\$2,500
Carrie Beach\$5,000
Deborah Weisser\$2,500
Livia Polushkin\$5,000

Homer Community Science
Hazel Pearson.....\$1,000
Noah Spencer.....\$1,000

Marilyn Wythe Believe in Yourself
Minadora Reutov.....\$1,000

Mary Joyce Robinette Memorial
Noah Spencer.....\$7,000

Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial
Sydney Shelby.....\$7,000

Nursing Studies
Frida Renner\$1,500

Southern Kenai Peninsula Community
Minadora Reutov.....\$2,500

Sutton James Miller Memorial
Noah Spencer.....\$1,000

2024 Donations

Soaring Cottonwood (20,000+)

Anonymous (3)
Cameale Johnson
City of Homer
Dave and Beth Schroer
Estate of Gabriel LeBlanc
Louis T. Gjosund
Paul and Tina Seaton
Steve Albert

Towering Spruce (5000+)

Anonymous (3)
Bill and Dorothy Fry
In Memory of Nikki Fry Geragotelis
Bill Bell and Mary Lou Kelsey
Boyd and Marie Walker
Dean and Holly Martin
Doug and Landa Baily
Janelle and Chad LeBlanc
John Fry
In Memory of Nikki Fry Geragotelis
Kathy and Roger Herrnsteen
Kristen Fenske
In Memory of Drew Brown and Chris Etzwiler
Peter Janout
Robert and Melon Purcell
Robin Hill Cederhof
Steve and Noko Yoshida

Sturdy Birch (1000-4999)

Angie and Chris Newby
Anonymous (2)
Arlene Ronda
Barb Scalzi
Beverly and Leo Nikora
Brian Harrison and Suzanne Haines
Catherine and Michael McCarthy
Chris and Pat Moss
Cinda Martin
Colette Ireland
Curt and Lorna Olson
Dave Berry
David Erikson
Denise and Roger Clyne
Denise and Gordon Pitzman
Donna Martin
Douglas and Michelle Wacławski
Flo Larson
Geo Mandes and Charlie Martin
Helms Foundation
Homer Hockey Association

Homer Medical Clinic
Hubert and Janet Gellert
Jackie Norvell
Jana Hayenga
Janie Leask and Don Reed
Jerry Huberty
Jim Stearns
Joe and Joan Mello
Joy Steward and Stu Schmutzler
Kathryn Carssow
Ken and Chow Taylor
Kim Greer and Tim Daugharty
Konrad Schaad and Gabby Husmann
Leah Evans Cloud and Brad Thornburgh
Lin Hampson and Richard Chiappone
Liz Bowman
Llyod Randall and Christine Edwards
Lori and Tom Zitzmann
Mary and Donald Sanders
Mary Frische and Tom Collopy
Matt Jasper
Melvyn Strydom
Michael and Virginia Howard Mullan
In Memory of Paul Ward Howard
Monica and Patrick Mede
Nelson and Lilia Co
Paula and Joe Martin
Philemon Morris
Poppy Benson and Frank Cloyd
Ptarmigan Arts Gallery
Ryan and Sharon Smith
Sheri Hobbs
South Peninsula Hospital
Steve and Chris Theno
Storyknife Writers Retreat
Susan Oesting
Susannah Webster
Terri Spigelmyer and Andy Haas
Tom Kizzia
William Stevens

Barbara Veeck
Bernard Griffard
Bobby Copeland and Michael McKinney
Brad Charters
Brenda and James Dolma
Britta Frank
Carol Swartz and Bob Cole
Carrie Bishop
Charles Stewart Heidrick
Cheryl and Mike Illg
Corie Johnson
Daniel Skeahan
Daniel Weatherly
Deb Leisek and Jim Long
Diane and Ray Brown
Dr. Christy Martinez
Drew and Holly McClure
Ed and Janice Todd
Elaine Burgess
Elizabeth Watney
Erik and Lacey Velsko
Esther and Tabor Ashment
Giulia Tortora
Hayne Ellis and Linda Whitlach
Homer Brewing Company
Homer Public Library
In Honor of Steve Gibson
Homer Veterinary Clinic
James and Nevada Dumdei
Jan Keiser and Kim Zook
Jill Simmons
John and Tara Mach
Kachemak Wilderness Lodge
Karen and Bill Wuostenfeld
Karen Northrop and Doug Reid
Kelly Cooper
Kincaid Parade
Lands End Resort
Lawrentii Reutov
Lawrence and Gail Radcliffe
Liz and Ron Downing
Mako Haggerty
Malcolm and Allison Gaylord
Marion Kinter and Gerard Garland
Mary Ann Harding
In Memory of Mary Ann Harding
Mary Bell
Matt and Rebecca Clarke
Maverick Charters
Mildred Martin
Nan York and Bob Neubauer
Ninilchik Family Dentistry
Paul Allan and Louise Ashmun
Pier One Theatre, Inc.

Wild Fireweed (250-999)

Alan James Parks
Alaska World Arts Festival
Angela Hinnegan
Anne C. Adamson, DDS
Anonymous (5)
In Honor of Cheryl Illg
Arches Alaska
Arena White
Aurora Gwen and Tony Neal
Barb and John Angaiak

Ragina Lancaster
Richard Leirer
Robert James Austin III
Robert Miklos
Roberta Highland and Robert Archibald
Robin and Gina Daugherty
Sarah Chambers
Sarah Roberts
Sea Lion Art
Sean Saunders
Southwest Alaska Pilots Association
Stephen Johnson
Summit Physical Therapy
Susan Drathman
Susie Amundson and Marty Zeller
Sydney Thielke
Tamara Shrader
Tracey and Vincent Tillion
Widgeon Point Charitable Foundation

Essential Seedlings (1-249)

Adam Porter
Adele and Gunnar Person
Alan Martin
Alana Greear
Alex and Cindy Koplin
Alison Glass
Alison Rein
Ann Oberltner
Annie Cooper
Anonymous (6)
In Memory of Chris Etzwiler
Ashley Vance
Bernadette Arsenault
Bob Shavelson and Miranda Weiss
Brandy McGee
Bruce and Ann Bayes
Byron Sansom
Capt Greg's Charters
Carl Jones
Carol Comfort-Waldorf and Wally Waldorf
In Memory of Chris Etzwiler
Carol L Klamser
Carole Demers
Cherie M Inglis
Christine Caffee
In Honor of Claudia and Frank Caffee-DeLapp
Chuck and Patti Jay
Clinic of Chiropractic Health
Dale and Elaine Griner
Darrelle Stuparich
David Downey and Devry Garity
David Lewis and Lyn Maslow
Dean Epperson
Deanna and Steve Mastre
Debbie and Jack Oudiz
Dolores and Bill Butler
Dots Sherwood
Douglas Fraiman
Duane Hanson

Earl Krygier and Minaei Minoo
Ed and Sara Berg
Edith Lynch
Elisa Russ
Emilie and Edward Otis
Emily Rogers
Emma Bowman
Erik and Linda Young
Erin Hollowell
Ernest Souja
Francie Roberts
Franco and Caroline Venuti
In Honor of Tirzah Parsons
Gary and Evelyn Waltenbaugh
George Rhyneer and M. McKay
Ginnie Oliver
Greta Mahowald
Hal Smith and Susan McLane
Helyn Schoepke
Home Run Oil
Homer Dental Clinic
Homer Real Estate Associates
Hunter Dixon
Ian Weatherly
J.W. Markart
Jacques and Mary Regat
James and Jill Herbert
James and Julia McCarron
Janet Fink
Jeanne E. McArthur
Jim Calhoun
JoAnne Giza and Charles Gizatte
Joe and Connie Isenhour
John Nicholson
Joy Marchbanks
Judith H. Moss
Judy Gonsalves
Karen Caffee
Karson and Leobof Dorvall
Kathryn Thompson
Ken Landfield
Kenneth Hinkle
Kim Jackson
Larry Peppers
Les A. Osborne
In Honor of Ann Keffer
Lioba S. Menger
Lisa Christopher
Lisa Natanson
Louise Sequela and Dave Lyons
Patricia McNeill
In Memory of Mariene Helminiak
Marcia Boone
Marcia Kuszmaul and Mannfried Funk
Margaret Witzleben
In Memory of Elaine Grantier
Marilyn Kirkham
Marilyn Sigman
Mark and Athlee Bowman
Martha Bratton
Mary and Charles Perry
Mary Boone
Mary Liston
In Memory of Kristen Fenske

Mary Smith
Mavra Afonin
McArthur, Neil
Melanie Dufour
Mike and Shirley Chihuly
Miller Morris
In Honor of Iam Wisecarver
Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Rowland
Nancy Eyraud
Nancy-Jane and Tom A. Griffith
In Memory of Jo Going
Natali Jones
Nina Faust
Ole Andersson and Jinky Handy
Paul Medency
Paul Story
In Memory of Gabriel LeBlanc
Peter Garay
Preston Simmons
Ralph Broshes and Deb Lowney
Reid and Sarah Brewer
Rena Carlson
Rene Alvarez and Suzanne Singer
Rich and Helen Gustafson
Robin Ann Holmes and Jessica Austin
Rosemary and John Fitzpatrick
Rosemary Johnson
Sandra Cronland
Sara Childress
Scott Woodland
Shannon Brooks
Sharon Strutz-Norton
SPH Rehab Dept
Stan Eller
Sue Post and Jim Levine
Susan Stewart
Therese R Lewandowski
Timothy and Christine Steiner
Tonda and Joe Allred
Victoria Rentmeester
Wayne and Donna Aderhold
Whitney Harness
Woodring, Ruth Jean and George Matz

In Kind

Bear Creek Winery
Bill and Dorothy Fry
Anonymous
Ulmers
Wagon Wheel
Land's End Resort
Grog Shop
Rick's Computer Services
Fiddlehead Creative
Tonsina, LLC
Foster & Company

Financial Summary

Excellent continuity through systems changes and steady growth help us continue to serve our community.

IT HAS BEEN a busy year for the Finance Committee. The Homer Foundation has completed its migration to C-Suite software by Foundant Technologies for fund management and bookkeeping. This software is a standard for community foundations nationwide and is an excellent basis for the Foundation as we continue to grow the size and number of funds we manage. The Homer Foundation staff have done a great job with this switch from our previous accounting systems. Also this year, we have been working

with our Investment Management Team through their change from Vanguard to Mercer. All our investments have stayed the same, still using the same strategies (diversified, passive investing in index funds) as we did under Vanguard management. In fact, our whole Vanguard management team has moved to Mercer, providing excellent continuity. The year also saw growth of our funds: \$800,789 in new donations and over \$700,732 in investment gains. These efforts from staff to donors all help us to continue to serve our community.

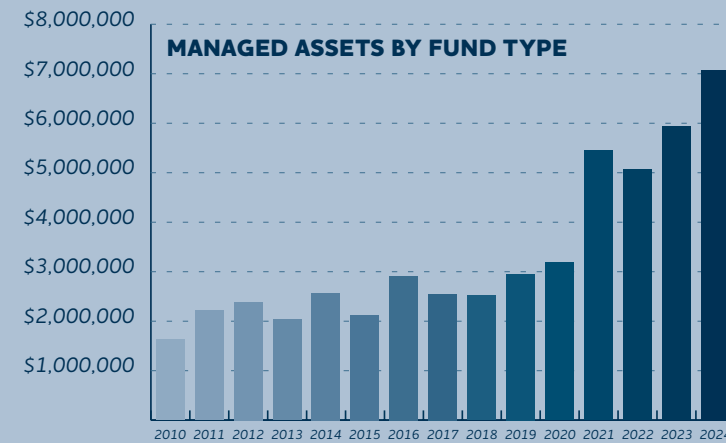
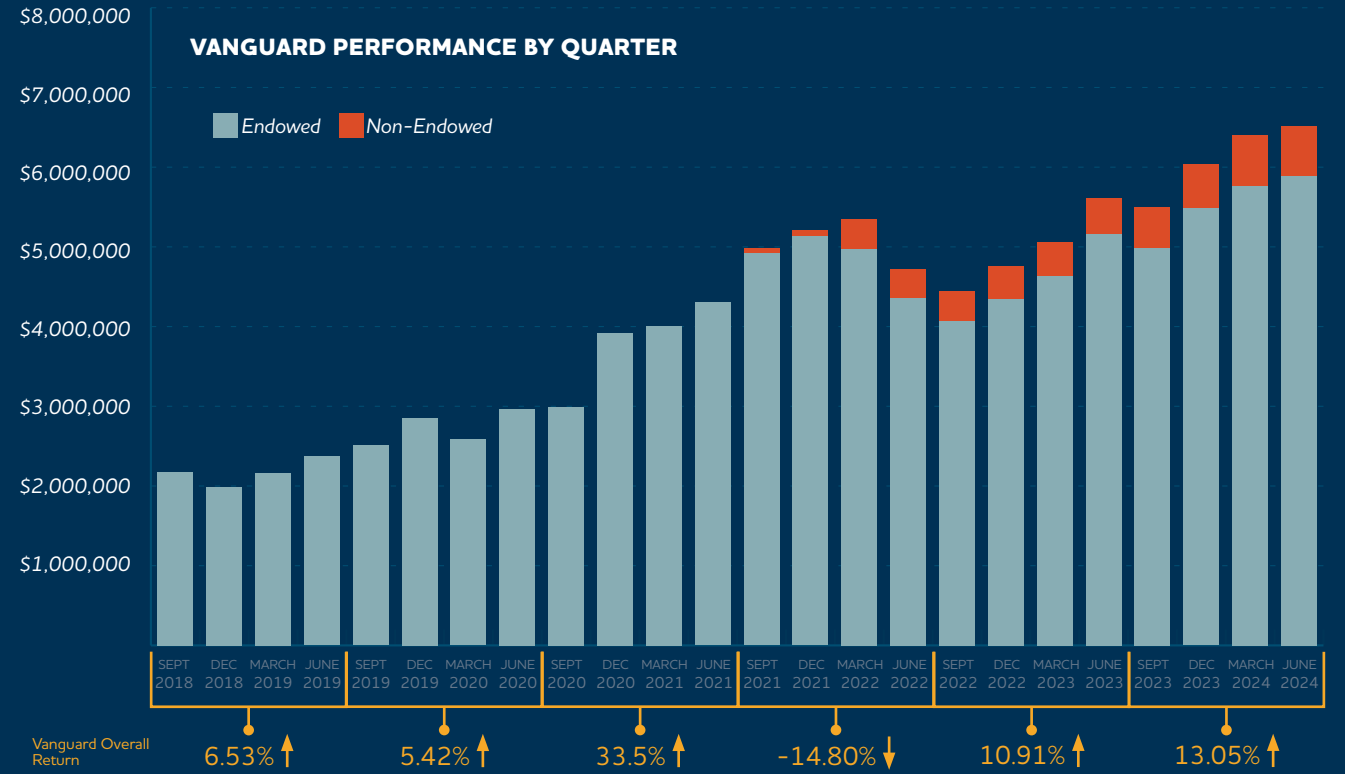
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
Contributions	\$880,778.70
Net Earned Income	\$61,722
Investment Gains (Losses)	\$845,456.79
Total Revenue and Support	\$1,787,967
EXPENSES	
Grants from Participating Funds	\$330,394
Grants from Restricted Funds	\$90,459
Other Distributions	\$15,000
Personnel	\$166,529
Operating and Program Expenses	\$89,057
Total Expenses	\$691,439
Donated Goods and Services	\$3,000

Net Assets as of June 30, 2023	\$5,579,897
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$1,092,089
Net Assets as of June 30, 2024	\$6,671,986

The Homer Foundation's Investments are managed by the Mercer Group. The investment manager works closely with the Finance Committee, chaired by Paula Martin. The Homer Foundation has a full Financial Review conducted by an outside CPA firm. The Financial Review is available upon request, as is our IRS Form 990. Please note, this is an unaudited financial summary.

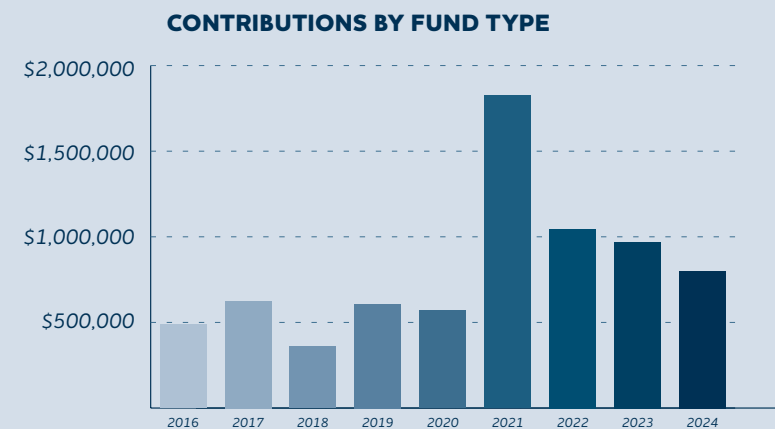
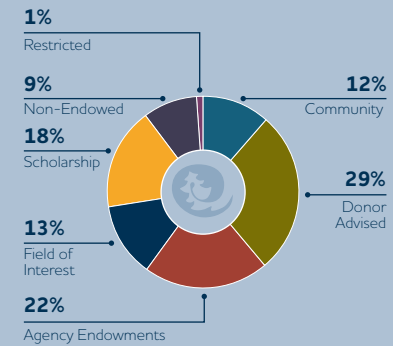


Paula Martin, TREASURER



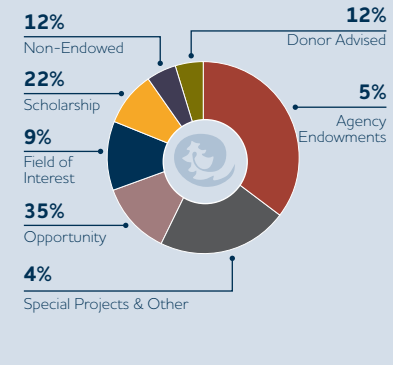
MANAGED ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

Community	\$1,327,576
Donor Advised	\$1,925,245
Agency Endowments	\$618,846
Field of Interest	\$880,449
Scholarship	\$1,215,630
Non-Endowed	\$626,508
Restricted	\$77,733
Total	\$6,671,986



CONTRIBUTIONS BY FUND TYPE

Agency Endowments	\$40,223
Special Projects & Other	\$35,854
Opportunity	\$282,831
Field of Interest	\$74,898
Scholarship	\$177,052
Non-Endowed	\$172,560
Donor Advised	\$97,371
Total	\$880,789



How We Put Your Generosity to Work

Generosity is truly rewarding because it is about the act of giving. Even small acts of generosity build trust, strengthen connections, and foster a sense of community, purpose, and well-being.

Who is a Donor?

Donors to a community foundation are diverse. Every donor - big or small - is important because every gift helps us to grow our impact for the Southern Kenai Peninsula. A donor may give during their lifetime and/or as part of a will or trust. A donor may chose to be publicly acknowledged (i.e. in our annual report) or remain anonymous.

What are Funds?

Funds are basically buckets for donations designed to meet a donor's interests and charitable goals. The Homer Foundation has over 100 funds, and that number continues to grow every day. Donors may give to an existing fund or start their own.

Types of Funds

The Homer Foundation offers six types of funds to suit different philanthropic goals and the needs of the community.

- Agency Fund:** For nonprofits that want to generate steady income without managing their own endowment.
- Community Fund:** Supports the Foundation's overall community programs and provides flexibility to address emerging needs.
- Designated Fund:** For donors who want to consistently support one or more specific organizations over time.
- Donor-Advised Fund:** For individuals, families, businesses, and others who want a convenient and flexible way to participate in grant making.
- Field of Interest Fund:** Targets specific interests and causes like the arts, health, education, or the environment.
- Scholarship Fund:** Supports local students in pursuing education, with criteria determined by the donor or the foundation.

Let's Talk

Want to learn more? We love to talk with community members. Get in touch with our team today by calling 907-235-0551.

How It Works:

1 GIVE

Donors make a tax-deductible gift, which can be cash, stocks, or other assets.

2 GROW

Donations are invested and managed by professional advisors, with oversight by the foundation's board.

3 GRANT

Investment earnings fund grants and scholarships, while the core investment continues to grow.



2024

Family of Funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

- Foundation Opportunity Fund
- Jack and Mary Lentfer Fund
- Julia Park Howard Unrestricted Fund
- Yoshida Family Fund
- The Jenson Fund
- Community CARES Funds
- CALM Fund
- H & H Smile Fund
- Homer Foundation Operating Fund
- Aquila Fund

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Funds established for the benefit of charitable organizations.

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council Fund
- Bunnell Street Arts Center
- Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Fund
- Cook Inletkeeper Climate Action Fund
- Friends of the Homer Public Library Fund
- Homer Animal Friends Fund
- Homer Community Food Pantry Fund
- Homer Council on the Arts Fund
- Homer Mariner Fastpitch Softball Fund
- Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic Fund
- Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Fund
- KBBI Public Radio Endowment Fund
- Peter Larson Compassion in Action Hospice of Homer Fund
- Pier One Theatre Gary Thomas Live Large Fund
- Pratt Museum Fund
- Storyknife Writers Retreat Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Funds established to support a broad purpose or issue.

- A Music Education Fund
In Memory of Renda Horn
Supporting Music Education
- Anchor Point Fund
Benefiting nonprofits who serve the Anchor Point area
- Ashley J. Logan Fund
To benefit youth
- Bluegrass Fund
Supporting Health and Social Services
- Brother Asaiah Bates Fund
Supports youth and families at risk
- Choices for Teens Fund
Supports programs that empower youth
- City of Homer Fund
Support nonprofits serving the residents of Homer
- Constance M. Benston Fund
Supports cat care and music
- Daisy Lee Bitter Marine

& Coastal Education Fund
To benefit youth marine and coastal education

- Gary Thomas Memorial Fund
Benefiting community development
- Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club Fund
Supports Rotary Community Service Projects
- JEMCO Fund
Supporting music for individuals
- Jessica M. Stevens Memorial Fund
Supports youth performing & visual arts
- Kachemak City Fund
Benefit the residents of Kachemak City
- Kevin Bell & Family Hockey Fund
Supports youth hockey programs
- Library Endowment Fund
Supports Homer Public Library
- Martha H. Briscoe Environmental Science and Conservation Fund
Supports environmental science, education, and conservation
- Nanwalek Fund
Benefiting Career Development & Exploration for Nanwalek youth
- Ninilchik Community Fund
Supporting nonprofits serving the residents of Ninilchik
- Peony Gardens' Beautification Fund
Supporting Peony Gardens' Beautification Project within the commercial business district
- Rotary Club of Homer Downtown Fund
Supports Rotary Community Service Projects
- Rotary Exchange Student Fund
Supports Rotary exchange students
- Sheldon Youth to Youth Fund
Supports Homer Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee
- Spay & Neuter Fund
Supports Spay & Neuter Clinics
- Veterans Fund
Supporting Veterans and their families

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Funds established by an individual, family or business who wishes to participate in the distribution of the funds income

- Bryce Golden Fund for Behavioral Health
- Compass Rose Fund
- Cottonwood Fund
- David and Mary Schroer Fund
- Girl Scouts Travel Fund
- Gooseberry Fund
- Homer Incentive Fund
- House Martin Charitable Fund
- James Family Fund
- Jane Little Family Endowment Fund
- Julie Booth Ulmer Memorial Fund
- Kathy and Roger Herrnsteen Fund
- KLEPS Fund
- May Benson Charitable Fund
- Steve & Noko Yoshida Fund
- Willow Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Established to benefit a particular institution or field of study.

- Alice Witte Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bill & Liz Johnson Teacher Education Scholarship Fund
- Diane Wambach "Shoot for the Stars" Scholarship Fund
- Drew Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship Fund
- Educator's Professional Development Fund
- Fish and Wildlife Scholarship Fund
- Gabriel LeBlanc Memorial Vocational Fund
- Health Care Providers Scholarship Fund
- Heather Pancratz Memorial Fund
- Homer Community Science Scholarship Fund
- Marilyn Wythe Believe in Yourself Scholarship
- Mary Joyce Robinette Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Nursing Studies Scholarship Fund
- Ptarmigan Arts Scholarship Fund
- Southern Kenai Peninsula Community Scholarship Fund
- Sutton James Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Thor's Scholarship
- Tin Roof Fund

NON ENDOWED FUNDS

For individuals, groups, or organizations who are looking to make a difference in their community during their lifetime or a set period

- Friends of the Homer Public Library Non Endowed Fund
- Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park Agency Stewardship Fund
- Homer Community Food Pantry Sustainability Fund
- Homer Rope Tow Stewardship Fund
- Homer VFD Fire Investigation Training Fund
- Hospice of Homer Agency Stewardship Fund
- Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Stewardship Fund
- Madrone Fund
- Northside Trail Fund
- Sheldon Purcell Fund
- South Peninsula Hospital Foundation Fund

WAYS OF GIVING

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