



Building Community TOGETHER



2019
Annual Report

The **HOMER**
FOUNDATION

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

Building Community Together

When our new executive director, Mike Miller, shared with me the theme of our annual report, I cheered. For the past two years, the Homer Foundation has prepared for this moment: The time is right for us to build community together.

So much has happened since our long-time executive director, Joy Steward, announced her impending retirement. Joy, you see, was determined to make a graceful exit. To her, that meant every detail of the succession would be thoughtfully planned and executed. It meant that there would never be an interruption to our daily work of community philanthropy. Joy saw this transition as an opportunity – a chance to examine and strengthen our internal structures today in order to be better positioned to meet our community's needs tomorrow.

For the past two years, Joy and the board focused on these internal structures. We reassessed and reinforced

our investment strategies, added a much-needed staff position, developed new strategic plans and goals, revised our bylaws and policies, welcomed highly qualified new board members, and secured generous donations. We carefully and thoughtfully strengthened the groundwork of our foundation.

In July, we welcomed our new executive director, Mike Miller, and acknowledged Joy's retirement at our annual picnic. Her legacy is a gift to us all – a vibrant and sustainable foundation poised to soar into the future.

And so, the future begins here, connecting and creating community. This is the work that inspires Mike, Lauren, and our board. I invite you to join us.

Bonnie S. Jason
BOARD CHAIR





Building Community Together

Community:

[1] a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

[2] a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

From the Executive Director

Anthropologists tell us a sense of community is important to establish harmony in society. The division of work, feeling of association, togetherness, and cooperation - all these help establish a healthy atmosphere. In a community, people live by associating with one another. The need for association is a common human feeling. It helps in establishing peace and harmony within a community. Without a feeling of association, there can be chaos in the society or community. Through our actions towards each other, we make our lives vibrant and full.

For more than 28 years, the Homer Foundation has represented what is best in Homer: local people insuring that social service, arts and the environment receive support as integral parts of our community. The Foundation is also the largest local grantor of scholarships in the lower Kenai Peninsula.

At the Homer Foundation, we link generosity with *community* need. To date, we have distributed over \$3.2M in grants and scholarships. We are a *community* foundation. Volunteer board and committee members working together to support local non-profits to meet the needs of those around us. We rely on and provide a way for our generous neighbors to create a legacy for Homer through their wise giving.

As you will read in the Investment Committee report, we are in good financial health. Our investments are managed by Vanguard securities and our funds grew at a comfortable 6.53% last fiscal year. We returned

four percent locally and 2.53% was reinvested to grow our funds. That's healthy.

From all funding sources (donations and investments) last year we distributed \$176,000 in grants and scholarships. We know that represents a small portion of what is needed. We have a strategic goal to reach \$20M committed funds by 2028. A fund of that size will generate \$800,000 in grants annually into the Homer area. How will we do that? We're going to broaden our reach, grow existing funds, welcome new funds and convene within the community to determine where unmet needs exist.

You are the key to community success. As a public foundation, we couldn't do what we do without you. On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees I want to say thank you to all the donors and volunteers we rely on for support. Whether your gift is large or small you are helping create community and provide a legacy for Homer area's future.

Mike Miller
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board of Trustees

New Board Members



Steve Albert
Treasurer



Matt Clarke
Trustee



Liz Downing
*Development
Committee Chair*



Bonnie Jason
*Chairman of the Board,
Y.A.C. Advisor*



Paul Seaton
New Member Trustee

Paul has returned to Homer after serving 16 years in the Alaska State House of Representatives. He and his wife Tina are long-time Homer residents who are actively involved in philanthropy within the Homer area and are excited to be here year-round to contribute in a more local capacity. Paul owns a fishing tender, the Totem, that runs in Cook Inlet, and Prince William Sound and always has projects on the boat or at home in the garden to keep him busy.



Van Hawkins
Trustee



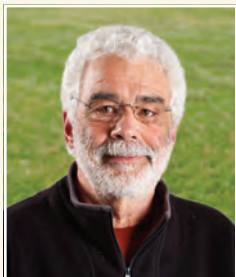
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Incoming Secretary



Flo Larson
*Leadership Development
Committee Chair*



Phil Morris
Investment Committee Chair



John Mouw
Trustee



Denise Pitzman
*Distributions
Committee Chair*



Chris Robinson
Trustee



Terri Spigelmyer
*Vice Chair & Policy
Committee Chair*



Paula Martin
New Member Trustee

Paula is our newest member, joining in May of 2019. Paula lived in Homer since 2007, during which time she was working at various universities as faculty or administrator. Her husband works in Homer, and they plan on living here far into the future. She has also started a consulting company that serves the non-profits in the greater Homer area. Paula has a love for science education, aquatic insects, fly fishing, and travel.



Carol Swartz
Outgoing Vice Chair



Lindsay Wolter
Outgoing Secretary

Staff



Joy Steward
*Outgoing Executive
Director*



Mike Miller
*Incoming Executive
Director*



Lauren Seaton
Executive Assistant



Jane Miles
Volunteer Staff



Julia Clymer
Accountant

How can you help make this dream a reality?

- ❖ Make a donation today - whatever you can give.
- ❖ Commit to making that a monthly donation.
- ❖ Increase your annual gift.
- ❖ Donate as a business partner.
- ❖ Talk to your family about naming the foundation as a beneficiary through revocable planned giving and join our Legacy Society.
- ❖ Talk to your friends about why you give and encourage them to do the same.
- ❖ Ask your employer to become a business partner.
- ❖ Encourage those in your organization, church, or informal group to adopt the Foundation for their fundraising efforts.
- ❖ Volunteer to help with events, sit on a committee, or ask to be placed on our list for a future opening on our Board of Trustees.

From the Development Committee Report

This has been an incredibly exciting year for the development committee. We saw a large increase of community donations to the Foundation. We have engaged in strategic planning and studied ways to best serve the mission of the foundation. We have implemented new approaches and have a solid list of ideas for the future.

Can you imagine our community nonprofits with a sustainable source of funds that helps them to focus more on meeting their mission and less on fundraising?

With your help, we can make this happen. Last year our board set the goal of building our corpus up to \$20 million. As our corpus grows, we can invest hundreds of thousands of dollars a year into building and sustaining our quality of life without being dependent on factors outside our home. And as we build a healthier community, there is a multiplying factor that reaches beyond each individual to families and neighbors and to our children and future generations.

The faster our investment corpus grows, the sooner we can collectively make a difference. But twenty million dollars - are we dreaming? It is more practical than you might think. If we work together as partners, we can make this happen.

How are we doing so far?

We have over \$2.5 million in our corpus which is managed by Vanguard. This is spread over our interest area and donor advised funds. Additionally, more than \$5 million in future gifts has been designated through planned giving.

Did you know that you become a member of our Legacy Society when you designate a gift in your will to the foundation?

What a great way to create your legacy. And don't worry, if circumstances change you can always change your gift. Talk to us about how to get started.

What I love about the Homer Foundation?

I love that I can give to potentially all of the good causes served by our nonprofits while knowing that grant requests are carefully reviewed so funds go where they do the most good.

We know that you show your love for our community in many ways. We had a big increase in donations to our unrestricted and operational funds. We also had many fundholders who made significant contributions to their own funds. New volunteers helped work with our committee work.

Please know how grateful we are when you show that love through your generosity and commitment to the mission of the Homer Foundation. Your gift today helps keep us going. Your gift for the future is your legacy to our wonderful home.

With heartfelt thanks,


Liz Downing AND THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE


Building Community Assets For Today, Tomorrow, Forever

The strength behind community foundations is the ability for individuals to come together and build permanent philanthropic assets for their community, and then use those assets to address needs and support causes they care about. The Homer Foundation provides a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. You are the most important part of this process.


CONNECT WITH US


Contact us to find out how we can help you achieve your philanthropic goals.


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Title Building*

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Ways of Giving

Our donors have found many creative ways to make a tax-deductible donation to support their community. Here are just a few!


 Add the Homer Foundation to your estate planning


 Make the Homer Foundation a beneficiary of a retirement account


 Make the Homer Foundation a beneficiary of a life insurance policy

 Donate cash


 Donate stocks and securities;


 Donate through corporate employee matching funds


 Donate a property;


 Donate a home

 Donate a car

 Donate art work

 Donate Food for our events

 Donate your time through joining one of our committees

 Choose the Homer Foundation through PICK.CLICK.GIVE., the PFD Charitable Check-off

 You shop. Amazon gives.

Choose the Homer Foundation when shopping online at Amazon Smile
www.smile.amazon.com/ch/92-0139183

 | Giving Fund Choose the Homer Foundation when shopping online at eBay

www.paypal.com/givingfund/donors

We have several ways for donors to meet their philanthropic goals. You choose where to designate your gift:

❖ **Unrestricted Fund,**
use my gift where it will have the greatest impact

Areas of Interest

❖ Animal Care

❖ Arts, Culture, and Music

❖ Community

❖ Community Service

❖ Education

❖ Environment and Conservation

❖ Health and Social Services

❖ Operations

❖ Sports and Recreation

❖ Youth Programs

❖ Any of our permanent Funds,

Go to www.thehomerfoundation.org/family-of-funds/. To find a complete list of funds



Will Files and Marthaellen Anderson

Donor Story - Will Files and Marthaellen Anderson

You can't eat the scenery

Homer Foundation provides sustainability to local organizations. As Will said, “We are a beautiful, high-energy community, but you cannot eat the scenery. The Homer Foundation is a way to build community. A local community foundation is something to be proud of, and an investment in ourselves. Just as everybody at times needs that lift from somebody else, so do organizations.”

Marthaellen and Will are long time Alaskans. Her parents and brothers homesteaded in the Kenai area. Will’s parents were missionaries in the Interior and Southeast. Marthaellen graduated from Seldovia High School, determined to return to Homer someday. Marthaellen taught preschool and yoga for years. Will retired as an educator and tech consultant and now devotes his time to non-profit support.

As both current donors and Legacy Society members, they understand how their gift builds community. They started giving when they saw a need for long term funding for a local agency and agency fund holder, the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. The funding from the Homer Foundation makes steady, reliable healthy progress possible for local nonprofits. That stable funding helps through the lean times so that nonprofits can grow and enjoy long-term health.

Marthaellen & Will are thankful for the Homer Foundation and the people who contribute, both in dollars and time and energy.

Will Files and Marthaellen Anderson



Independent Living Center, TRAILS Program

Leave a Legacy

Celebrating Generosity, Securing the Community's Future

The Homer Foundation is proudly growing our Legacy Society. Any individual who has made a commitment to the community's future through a planned gift or bequest is invited to join the Homer Foundation's Legacy Society.

We recognize the following individuals as leaders of the Legacy Society, and thank them for their vision and generosity. If you have arranged for a future gift to the community through the Homer Foundation we would like to shine a light on your generosity and include you as a Legacy Society member.

HOMER FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY

Anonymous	Kim Fine	Jenny Stroyeck
Philemon Morris	Max Mitchell	Michael Armstrong
Tom Kizzia	Peggy Price	Randy Wiest
Joy Steward	Kathy Franz	Daniel Perry
Stuart Schmutzler	The Clyfus Family	Martha Briscoe
Janet Fink	Flo Larson	Richard Burton
Ken Castner	Terri Spigelmyer	Marylou Burton
Nancy Lord	Lisa Climo	Donna Rae Faulkner
Bill Fry	Michael Mungoven	Don McNamara
Dorothy Fry	John Mouw	Kathy Herrnsteen
Joyce Robinette	Rika Mouw	Roger Herrnsteen
Will Files	Denise Pitzman	Kathryn Thompson
Marthaellen Anderson	Gordon Pitzman	Christa Collier
Kathy Hill	Robert Purcell	
	Melon Purcell	
Janet M. Knutson	Paul Seaton	
Edward W. Hutchinson	Tina Seaton	

A bequest to the Homer Foundation is simple to include in your will, and we can provide sample language for you and your legal counsel. You can integrate charitable giving into your financial planning by checking with your financial advisor for more information and ideas.

Please consider adding your name to this list of generous visionaries by leaving a legacy to your community through your estate plan and joining the Homer Foundation's Legacy Society. Your gift can be a catalyst for change and an inspiration to others. Contact the Homer Foundation to become a Legacy Society member today.

Year in Review

\$176,932
Distributed in Awards

68
Grants Awarded

24 *Scholarships Awarded*

Total Donors **212**

14 *Donor Advised Funds*

Field of Interest Funds **30**

13 *Agency Endowment Funds*

nonprofits supported through grants **38**



2019

KPBSD, Project GRAD

Financial Summary unaudited

The Homer Foundation's Investments are managed by the Vanguard Group. The investment manager works closely with the Investment Committee, chaired by Phil Morris. The Homer Foundation has a full Financial Review conducted by an outside CPA firm. The Financial Review is available upon request, as is the IRS Form 990 (or 990T).

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$607,864
Net Earned Income.....	\$64,250
Investment Gains (Losses).....	\$122,865
Distributable Investments Earnings.....	\$-71,862
Total Revenue and Support	\$723,116

EXPENSES

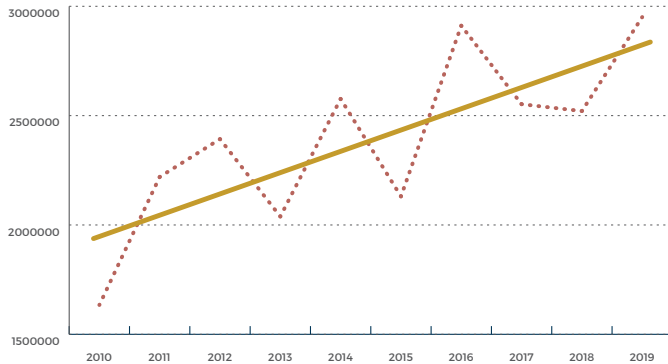
Grants from Participating Funds	\$64,078
Grants from Restricted Funds	\$85,913
Other Distributions	\$26,942
Personnel.....	\$85,916
Operating & Program Expenses	\$53,038

Total Expenses **\$315,886**

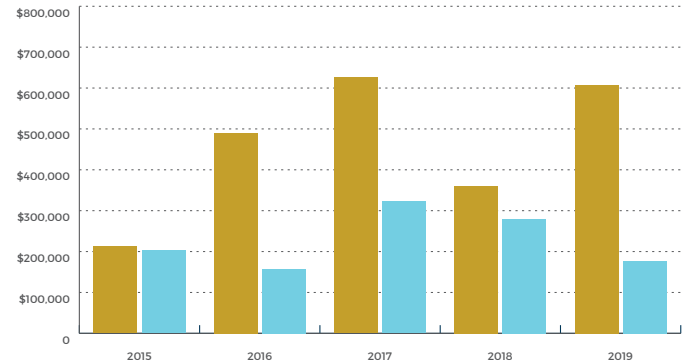
Total Donated Good and Services **\$19,080**

Financial Impact in Review

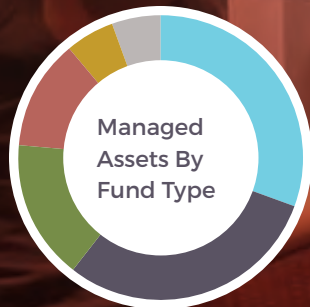
Assets Under Management
Includes all special projects



Contributions **Distributions**

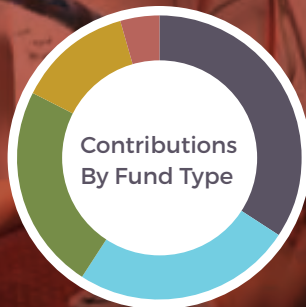


Pier One Theatre, Youth Summer Theatre



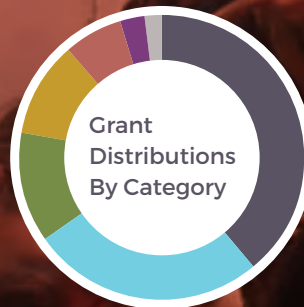
Total \$2,950,725

- Field of Interest \$902,365
- Donor Advised \$892,393
- Unrestricted \$465,056
- Agency Endowments \$369,706
- Restricted \$164,547
- Other \$156,658



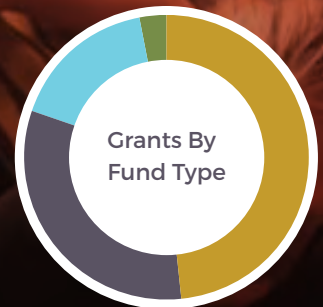
Total \$607,864

- Donor Advised \$208,921
- Field of Interest \$150,969
- Unrestricted/Admin \$142,346
- Special Projects and Other \$80,170
- Agency Endowments \$25,459



Total \$176,933

- Youth/Education \$69,181 (39%)
- General Operating Support \$46,732 (26%)
- Health & Social Services \$22,045 (12%)
- Other \$18,875 (11%)
- Arts & Culture \$11,850 (7%)
- Conservation/Environment \$5,250 (3%)
- Sports & Recreation \$3,000 (2%)



Total \$176,933

- Restricted \$85,913
- Donor Advised \$56,301
- Field of Interest \$29,534
- Unrestricted \$5184

The Homer Foundation is back on track with fiscal year 2019. Switching our investments to Vanguard for management means that our portfolio is now mainstream and showed an adjusted return for fiscal year 2019 of 6.53% after fees. We have declared distributions for fiscal year 2020 at 4% of the portfolio leaving 2.53% return to inflation to protect our funds.

Within the Vanguard mix we have approximately 35% in domestic equities, 30% in various Vanguard bond funds and 35% in foreign equities. As the markets go, so goes our portfolio. Historically, the markets have been positive the majority of the time. With the smoothing of our performance, our fund holders should be able to better project their returns on an annual basis and hopefully there will be enough growth left over for some protection against inflation.

Over the first 28 years of the Homer Foundation's existence, we have been innovative and have had numerous changes to our investment policies and procedures. We have always tried to adjust to the turbulent investment environment. Some years we have done extremely well and other years, not so much. At all times, your board has tried to adapt to changing conditions and to use the talents of the board members to good effect.

As many of the founding members have transitioned off the board, the make-up of the board has changed. In the past, we have always been able to adapt our policies, procedures, and talents to accommodate these changes in personnel. Relying on Vanguard for our investments should stabilize our returns in the future. We look forward to many years of progress as we focus on growing the funds through the newly inaugurated legacy society.

I, too, will be leaving the board this fall and am confident it will be in good hands for 2020 and beyond. I look forward to continuing to support the foundation in many ways and urge our readers to focus on ways to help us grow a legacy for the greater Homer Community.

Phil Morris

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR



Homer Council on the Arts, Art Advocacy



Friends of Homer Public Library, Big Read author Roz Chast

2019 Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds

Homer Foundation Unrestricted Funds	\$362,834
Julia Park Howard Unrestricted Fund	
Steve and Noko Yoshida Fund	
Homer Foundation Admin Fund.....	\$14,159
Aquila Fund	\$88,063

TOTAL \$465,056

Agency Endowment Funds

Alaska Marine Conservation Council Fund	\$7,997
Bunnell Street Arts Center	\$9,611
Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Fund	\$63,867
Friends of the Homer Public Library Fund.....	\$85,442
Homer Animal Friends Fund.....	\$13,437
Homer Community Food Pantry Fund	\$19,006
Homer Council on the Arts Fund	\$8,843
Homer Mariner Fastpitch Softball Fund ..	\$18,782
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic Fund.....	\$12,514
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Fund	\$27,698
KBBI Public Radio Endowment Fund	\$34,579
Peter Larson Compassion in Action Fund	\$39,396
Pratt Museum Fund	\$28,537

TOTAL \$369,707

Field of Interest

A Music Education Fund in Memory of Renda Horn	\$31,833
Alice Witte Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$8,368
Ashley J. Logan Fund.....	\$44,892
Bill & Liz Johnson Teacher Education Scholarship Fund	\$17,497
Bluegrass Fund	\$50,637
Brother Asaiah Bates Fund	\$9,091
Choices for Teens Fund...	\$11,467

City of Homer Fund.....	\$205,705
Constance M. Benston Fund.....	\$10,302
Diane Wambach "Shoot for the Stars" Scholarship Fund	\$5,446
Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship Fund	\$39,147
Educator's Professional Development Fund	\$15,803
Fish and Wildlife Scholarship Fund	\$31,937
Health Care Providers Scholarship Fund	\$28,265
Heather Pancratz Memorial Fund	\$12,230
Homer Community Science Scholarship Fund	\$16,947
Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club Fund	\$18,980
Jessica M. Stevens Memorial Fund	\$11,773
Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic Scholarship Fund...	\$8,445
Kachemak City Fund.....	\$9,240
Kevin Bell & Family Hockey Fund.....	\$7,371
Martha H. Briscoe Fund.....	\$110,714
Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$142,396
Ptarmigan Arts Scholarship Fund	\$22,581
Rotary Club of Homer Downtown Fund	\$7,139
Sheldon Youth to Youth Fund.....	\$7,230
Spay & Neuter Fund	\$9,919
Thor's Scholarship	\$7,012

TOTAL \$902,365

Donor Advised

Compass Rose Fund.....	\$15,483
Cottonwood Fund.....	\$45,267
Daisy Lee Bitter Marine & Coastal Education Fund..	\$15,230
David and Mary Schroer Fund	\$316,563
Gooseberry Fund	\$41,787
Homer Incentive Fund	\$17,591



Homer Council on the Arts,
New Old Time Chautauqua

Jack and Mary Lentfer Fund.....	\$13,013
Jane Little Family Endowment Fund.....	\$31,642
JEMCO Fund	\$27,734
Kathy and Roger Herrnsteen Fund	\$12,434
May Benson Charitable Fund	\$41,434
Tin Roof Fund	\$141,128
Willow Fund	\$60,899

TOTAL \$892,393

Other

Repair & Replacement Fund/Kachemak City.....	\$91,329
Restricted Funds	\$164,547
Non Cash Liabilities	\$(6,533)
Earnings Pending Distribution	\$71,862

TOTAL \$321,205

**Total Assets Under
Management** \$2,950,725
**Less Funds Held
for Others.....** \$284,188
Total Net Assets... \$2,666,537

Strengthening Community

Fish & Wildlife Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was created by one of our outstanding board members, Steve Albert, a resident of Homer who dedicated his life to fish and wildlife management for the State of Alaska. Prior to coming to Homer, he resided in Eagle River where he raised his family to love and appreciate the wonderful flora and fauna of Alaska. He began this scholarship fund to support students in pursuit of higher education in wildlife and/or fisheries biology or management, because there were no scholarships available to this field when he began his studies. The first award was granted this spring to a bright student from Homer High School. The Homer Foundation welcomes this new fund to our family and are proud to support this worthy endeavor!

Contributions to any of the existing funds managed by the Foundation are an excellent way to support your community. These donations support the sustainability and resiliency of our community through long-term philanthropy fostered by the Homer Foundation. Donations can be either with a gift today, through a bequest, or consider establishing your own fund to support your most cared about causes. Contact the Homer Foundation to learn more.

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Distributions Committee Report

YOU should have been there the day that the Distributions Committee granted \$1800 to Anchor Kings Wrestling! This Anchor Point wrestling club works with thirty to forty students and does so much more than provide gear, training and travel to competitions. They help create confident athletes who then go on to succeed in sports at the high school level where they will be more likely to stay in school. Oh wait, if you have given to the Homer Foundation, you actually were there that day in the form of your donation!

The Homer Foundation's tagline is "Connecting generosity to community need." The exact moment and place that connection happens is the Distributions Committee. I envision a spark each time a grant is funded!

As a donor, I am reassured by the grant process. Most on the committee are community members. Careful consideration is given to each grant on the basis of need, viability, budget, and past awards. And this is where the real magic happens! Every member of the committee has an equal voice at the table. The deliberations are intelligent and vibrant. I have never seen such a respectful discussion as with this group! In the end, we reach consensus on an award and I see another spark as a donor's generosity is again connected with community need. Rest assured that your donated dollars are distributed with careful consideration and due diligence!

The support of the youth wrestlers is just one example of grants awarded in the last year. You as a donor also supported the arts when Homer Council on the Arts, Bunnell Street Arts Center and Pier One all collaborated on the New Old Time Chautauqua Be Mary performances. You supported social services with a grant to Hospice of Homer for help with a bookkeeper's assessment. And you helped youth education by funding a grant to Project Grad's Achieving Wonder in Education. The list goes on!

With 106 grants amounting to more than \$170,000 awarded in the last fiscal year, I am happy to report that the community has come together in a big way to help meet community need through the Homer Foundation. And the Distributions Committee is here to help create that spark!

Denise Pitzman

DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

2019

Scholarship Recipients

Alain and Daniel Rieser Scholarship

Brenna McCarron \$3,000

Homer Community Science Scholarship

Meadow Rhythm Beckett-Cook . \$500

Anna Brock..... \$750

Alison McCarron \$500

Luciano Fasulo \$750

The Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship

Cora Parish..... \$2,500

Rylyn Todd..... \$2,500

Alice Witte Memorial Scholarship

Tonda Smude \$750

Ptarmigan Arts Visual Arts Scholarship

Anna Brock..... \$1,000

Bill & Liz Johnson Teacher Education Scholarship

Cora Parish..... \$1,000

Health Care Providers Scholarship

Mackenzie Callis..... \$3,000

Kelsea Scott..... \$1,000

Emilia Halstead \$500

Luciano Fasulo \$1,000

Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship

Michael Trail..... \$1,000

Avram Salzman..... \$1,000

Beluga Tale Nonfiction Writing Scholarship

Avram Salzman..... \$3,000

Meadow Rhythm
Beckett-Cook \$3,000

Diane Wambach "Shoot for the Stars" Scholarship

Samantha Martin \$1,000

Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic Scholarship

Luciano Fasulo \$2,000

Heather Pancratz Memorial Scholarship

Michael Trail..... \$500

Fish and Wildlife Scholarship

Dexter Lowe \$1,500

16

\$31,000 Awarded to Area Students

The Homer Foundation has awarded twenty-one scholarships totaling \$31,000 to Homer area students. These scholarships are supported by permanent endowments administered by the Homer Foundation and would not be possible without the vision and generosity of community donors.

"These scholarships have value well beyond the monetary. It is the message we send to each recipient: 'We believe in you,' " explains Homer Foundation staff Lauren Seaton.

The success of the Foundation's scholarship program depends on volunteers like our school counselors, notably Homer High School counselor Lin Hampson and her staff on the front line, connecting students to scholarship applications; volunteers Jane Miles and Lolita Brache, who processed packets for the review committees; and the dozens of volunteers who made up these committees, sharing their time and expertise to read and rate applications, assuring a fair and equitable selection process.

Because of the donors who had the vision to establish these scholarships, and the community members who continue to support them, these funds will be here to support the education of our youth far into the future. Tax exempt donations to support scholarships, or any of the 70 funds managed by the Foundation, are appreciated and put to work in our community.



Dexter Lowe is attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks this fall. He will be studying Wildlife Biology and Conservation. "I am so thankful to be the recipient of the Homer Foundation's Fish and Wildlife Scholarship. It is an enormous aid to my future and has made my academic goals feasible. I truly appreciate the objectives of this scholarship, as I could not find any other scholarships specific to this area of study. The management and protection of our wildlife is so important and I am so grateful that this scholarship exists, not only for myself, but also for any student that comes after me."



Avram Salzmann is attending Yale University to study Political Science. Avram was the recipient of two of our scholarships, the Beluga Tail Non-Fiction Writing Scholarship as well as the Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship. Recognizing the latter, "I was, and still am, ecstatic about my selection for this scholarship. Working in the maritime industry has been monumental in building my character and appreciation for the natural world. Spending each summer immersed in Alaska's oceans and wilderness, I have been inspired to work for their protection. I see politics as the best avenue for me to fight for environmental justice, so I will pursue studies in Political Science and Environmental Justice. I hope that the investment you have made in these studies will come full circle as I work to keep our oceans and environment healthy for generations to come."



Luciano Fasulo is attending Oregon State University in pursuit of a degree in Physical Therapy. Luciano received the Healthcare Providers Scholarship, the Homer Community Science Scholarship, as well as the Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic Scholarship. "I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of these scholarships. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to lighten some weight off my shoulder about finances. Every little penny you have provided me will increase my chances to succeed at Oregon State University. I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift, and because of your scholarship, I am able to feel rewarded for my work I have been doing. As well as know that my community supports me and will keep supporting me in the future."

Mackenzie Callis is one of our post-high school recipients of the HealthCare Providers Scholarship. She was also a recipient of a scholarship from the Homer Foundation in 2009. She is pursuing her Masters of Science in Nursing at the University of Alaska Anchorage. "As this year's recipient of The Homer Foundation's Health Care Providers Scholarship, I would like to thank the Foundation, the scholarship committee, and the many donors who have contributed to this fund over the years for their generous financial support and ongoing commitment to the development of aspiring healthcare providers of the lower Kenai Peninsula. I am deeply passionate about mental health care and excited to be continuing my nursing education with their award. The Foundation's investment in the academic and professional dreams of our community is part of what makes living in (and in my particular case, returning to) Homer so special."

The Homer Foundation is proud to be the largest local awarder of scholarships



Bear Creek Winery

Music Festival

The Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship was established by Nikki's parents, Bill and Dorothy Fry, and their family and friends, as a positive outlet for their grief. The scholarship rewards students that reflect Nikki's spirit, sportsmanship, integrity, and friendliness. Building on the success from prior events, Bill and Dorothy held the third annual Bear Creek Music festival on the grounds of their Bear Creek Winery facility with the many proceeds benefiting the fund. In addition, Bill has used his creativity to create whimsical metal sculptures in the gardens of the winery available for purchase with the proceeds also benefiting the scholarship fund. These efforts have resulted in this fund being able to give away the largest single scholarship at \$5,000. This year, the committee could not decide between two wonderful candidates and received the blessing of the Frys to split the scholarship for this year. As the managers of this fund, our hats are off to the Frys for finding fun, creative ways to support the students in our community, today, and long into the future.

2019 Distributions

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE GRANTS

Youth Advisory Committee

South Peninsula Behavioral
Health Services \$1,500
SPBHS Summer Activities

Popeye Wrestling Club \$1,500
Wrestle Like a Girl

Educator's Professional Development

Becky Paul..... \$450
attending Restorative Justice Training

Darcy Mueller..... \$250
attending Cross-Fit training

Unrestricted Fund

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
District \$1,000
*Snacks for Achieving Wonder in
Education program*

Razdolna
Elementary School \$500
Emergency Packet Supplies

Friends of
Kachemak Bay State Park .. \$250
2018 People's Choice Award

Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.. \$250
2018 People's Choice Award- Opus

Homer Community
Food Pantry \$250
2018 People's Choice Award

Kenai Peninsula Orchestra.. \$100
Fireweed Frescoes

Homer Council
on the Arts \$2,500
New Old Time Chautauqua

Pier One Theatre \$261.16
Summer Youth Theatre Program

The Willow Fund

Kenai Peninsula
Orchestra..... \$3,825
Fireweed Frescoes

Hospice of Homer \$610
Volunteer Training Videos

Friends of the
Homer Public Library..... \$2,000
BIG READ 2019

Bunnell Street
Arts Center..... \$2,000
Resilience and Decolonization

The KLEPS Fund

Hospice of Homer \$210
Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

Pratt Museum \$1,500
Summer Intern

Homer Middle School . \$3,206.35
*Microsoft Surfaces for Blended
Learning Support*

Center For Alaskan
Coastal Studies \$2,500
Opportunities for Ocean Stewards

Friends of the
Homer Public Library..... \$1,000
Summer Reading Program

Pier One Theatre \$1,500
Summer Youth Theatre Program

Homer Incentive Fund

Homer Flex School..... \$750
Artist in the School with Jeff Szarzi

Rotary Club of Homer Downtown

Rotary Club of
Homer Downtown \$462.13
Rotary Peace paintings

Rotary Club of
Homer Downtown \$225.25
Sending Students to RYLA

Martha H. Briscoe Fund

Kachemak Heritage
Land Trust \$1,500
Copier Replacement

Center For Alaskan
Coastal Studies \$2,500
Opportunities for Ocean Stewards

May M. Benson Charitable Fund

Girl Scout troop 137 \$3,300
*Sangum, India- Explorations
of Food Security*

HoWL..... \$1,500
Part-Time Bookkeeper

JEMCO Fund

Kenai Peninsula
Orchestra..... \$900
Fireweed Frescoes

Jane Little Family Endowment Fund

SAH Soccer Inc \$700
Operating Support for SPARC

Rotary Club of
Homer Downtown \$600
Sending Students to RYLA

Jack & Mary Lentfer Fund

HoWL..... \$1,000
Part-Time Bookkeeper

The Cottonwood Fund

Storyknife
Writers Retreat \$5,000
Shoemaker Cabin completion

David & Mary Schroer Fund

Homer High School..... \$2,000
*Green Dot/ School Wide Positive
Behavior Supports*

Homer Flex School..... \$500
Science Lab Hot Plates

Homer Middle School \$3,000
Nordic Skiing Activity Support

West Homer Elementary . \$3,000
Dishwasher for Cafeteria

Homer Mariner
Fastpitch Softball Fund \$500
Equipment Purchase

Pratt Museum \$1,000
Summer Intern

Homer High School
Mariner Booster Club..... \$1,000
Sports Program Support

KBBI \$1,200
General Operating Support

Paul Banks Elementary ... \$3,000
iPads and applications

Choices for Teens Fund

Anchor Kings
Wrestling Club..... \$1,000
Gearing Up for Competition

Pier One Theatre \$106.54
Summer Youth Theatre Program

Ashley J Logan Fund

Anchor Kings
Wrestling Club..... \$800
Gearing Up for Competition

Jessica Stevens Memorial Fund

Pier One Theatre \$632.30
Summer Youth Theatre Program



Bunnell Street Arts Center, Performance Series

City of Homer Grant

Bunnell Street Arts Center.....	\$2,011
Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies	\$1,000
Cook Inletkeeper	\$1,000
Homer Community Food Pantry	\$2,960
Homer Council on the Arts	\$1,736
Homer Farmer's Market ..	\$1,000
Homer Hockey Assoc.....	\$1,691
Hospice of Homer	\$2,841
HoWL.....	\$1,724
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic ...	\$2,989
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust	\$1,000
Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.....	\$1,910
KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc.....	\$3,025
Sprout	\$2,839

HOMER COMMUNITY CHEST

Homer Community Food Pantry	\$24,463.48
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AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND EARNINGS

Alaska Marine Conservation Council....	\$281.29
Center For Alaskan Coastal Studies	\$1,422.82
Homer Council on the Arts	\$311.03
Pratt Museum	\$1,003.76
Hospice of Homer	\$1,385.71
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic.....	\$419.35
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust	\$974.26
KBBI Kachemak Bay Broadcasting Inc.....	\$1,216.29
Homer Animal Friends ..	\$472.64
Friends of the Homer Public Library.....	\$2,918.31
Homer Community Food Pantry	\$668.51
Bunnell Street Arts Center.....	\$338.04
Homer Mariner Fastpitch Softball Fund ..	\$540.24

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Y.A.C. End of Year Report



Homer Foundation Y.A.C. Committee

This year, Homer Middle School National Junior Honors Society volunteered our time serving as the Homer Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (Y.A.C.). As such, we were provided \$3,000 to donate toward youth activities in our community. We received five applications for the money.

We carefully evaluated the applications, looking for the value and impact of each program. YAC members contacted each organization to pose follow-up questions, and brought our notes back to the committee.

After seven weeks of careful consideration and many meetings, we finally made our decision using discussion and voting protocols that we all agreed upon. In the end, we decided to split the funds

between two organizations. We donated \$1,500 to both Popeye Wrestling / Wrestle Like A Girl for a summer girls' wrestling camp, and South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services for summer therapeutic activities for youth. We chose these organizations because of their positive impact on Homer's Youth.

We appreciate our donors, who have confidence in our ability to make thoughtful decisions.

Bristol Johnson and Hannah Stonorov,
ON BEHALF OF THE HOMER FOUNDATION YAC

Building Community Leadership

One day, I received a telephone call asking if I could meet for lunch. Never one to turn that sort of invite down, especially from Dan Westerberg, friend and estate lawyer in Homer at the time. I was curious when he told me he wanted to discuss the Homer Community Foundation.

After a tasty lunch, he quizzed if I knew about the foundation and I told him I knew about it, but not much how it worked nor why. After a couple of hours of discussion, he asked me to consider joining the board, gave me some information and a sheet to fill out my intent. This was my introduction. I was intrigued. Once I applied, my information was voted on by the board and Joy Steward, Executive Director at the time, called to say my application was accepted and gave the the date of the next meeting.

The first meeting was a bit daunting walking into a room of highly motivated people.

I came to understand that collectively Homer Foundation wanted a sound future for nonprofits and means to create sustainable giving to build communities on the lower Kenai Peninsula. Prior to this mission, various citizens of Homer wanted a place to invest money for just this purpose. Others wanted a legacy-type fund. Some learned to love Homer over the years and wanted to establish a fund for a specific cause.

Having lived overseas six years, reflecting on what life in Homer and Alaska meant to me,

the community foundation fit what I wanted to do after returning from teaching overseas in International Schools.

A few weeks later the board met for a retreat in the Still Point Wilderness Lodge in Halibut Cove where we spent two overnights and two days in board training with Linda Chamberlain. During conversations and informal discussions those magical fall days, it was abundantly clear that serving on this board was a creative and inspiring thing to do while benefitting nonprofits made up of volunteers who create vibrancy and love in this community.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please call the Homer Foundation and leave your name with Lauren, the brilliant assistant (no bias) or Mike Miller, the very capable new Executive Director, and let them know of your interest. You can also mention it to any other board member who will add your name to the prospect list. You, too, can eat a tasty lunch, have a lively discussion and wind up part of a team of people who want only the best for this lovely place at the end of the road. We even eat pie at the end our meetings!

Flo Larson

CHAIR OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rebecca Paul, Restorative Justice brought to West Homer Elementary



Grant Recipient Highlights: Homer Community Food Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Homer Community Food Pantry (HCFP) continues to provide food and emergency assistance, with compassion, to an increasing number of people seeking our services. The last year showed greater than 20% increase in both contributions and expenditures. This means that we are seeing increasing generosity at a time of growing need. The Homer Foundation is an important collaborator in helping us meet this growing need.

The food the HCFP provides comes from varied sources. Safeway and Save-U-More provide weekly donations of perishable foods. Other donations come from canned food drives such as the Coast Guard's Haunted Hickory, the Safeway holiday food drive, and many other community contributions which help immensely. Along with these generous donations, food purchases still exceed half of the yearly HCFP expenditures. Scores of volunteers help prepare and distribute the food each week. Many individuals, businesses, and various fundraisers provide funds to allow HCFP to meet the rising need in our community including a City of Homer Grant managed by the Homer Foundation.

However, while food is an obvious and tangible need, behind the scenes, the HCFP also provides emergency assistance to those having trouble paying rent, utilities, or medical expenses. Our volunteers interact with other local nonprofits to leverage assistance. The Homer Foundation manages the Homer Community Chest fund, whose grants directly go to help the HCFP emergency non-food assistance program. There are many people in our community who skip meals, decide what bills they can and cannot pay, forgo medical treatment, and are homeless or on the edge of homelessness. The Homer Foundation is a compassionate partner with the HCFP in helping address this need.

The Homer Community Food Pantry (HCFP)

*Last year the Homer Foundation distributed **\$24,463.48** to the Homer Community Food Pantry.*



Grant Recipient Highlights: Fireweed Frescos

TTrue to its goal of connecting generosity to community need, the Homer Foundation has given an enthusiastic boost of confidence and monetary support to the Fireweed Frescoes, the new instrumental music program in the kindergarten to second grades at Fireweed Academy. There is a rising tide of youth music happening in Homer right now, partially thanks to grants awarded by the Homer Foundation, which allowed us to purchase enough violins so that each of our students has an instrument to play.

This is the latest addition to youth music programs in the Homer area. Recognizing the need to provide more opportunities for young musicians to play and perform and to help raise up new musicians who might go on to participate in the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra—the late Sally Kabisch and Lisa Whip began Homer’s first youth ensemble music program, the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club (HYSOC). For more than a decade, volunteers have led the group, which began with rehearsals at the Homer Middle School.

Because of this vision, youth music has grown exponentially among young people aged 5 to 18.

- ❖ HYSOC has grown to include three ensembles, based upon age and experience, with frequent collaborations among the musicians and scholarships available for participants in need.

- ❖ The Preludes program at Paul Banks Elementary School provides group violin instruction to all kindergarten and first graders during school and second grade students afterschool.

- ❖ The Frescoes program at Fireweed Academy provides all kindergarten through second grade students with violin instruction during school hours.

Together, these programs provide instruction, ensemble experience, and performance opportunities to nearly 250 young people annually. The music ripples out across the community.

From the beginning, the goal of these programs has not been to produce professional musicians but to help young people become better learners and better citizens. Research shows music instruction builds new pathways in the brain. Younger people develop executive skills like concentration and perseverance. Experience with ensemble playing and performance builds cooperation and empathy, helping us listen to others as we move about the world.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming ways to help, through the Prelude Program Spaghetti Feed, HYSOC’s Practice-a-thon, and house concerts offered by Fireweed Frescoes. The program will forever be grateful for the generous support from the Homer Foundation.

Fireweed Frescoes

2019 Donations by Fund Type

Unrestricted Fund

Adam Porter
In honor of Alice Porter

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IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to help charities like the Homer Foundation and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a charity, without having to pay income taxes on the contribution. This can be accomplished with an IRA Charitable Rollover gift.



At some point, you have to withdraw money from your IRA. Once you turn 70½, you must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) each year from your IRA, and the RMD amount increases with your age. You are taxed on the RMD at ordinary income tax rates, as opposed to lower capital gains tax rates. And if you do not take your full RMD, you may be subject to a tax penalty.



How do you make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift? The process is simple. All you need to do is instruct your IRA custodian to make a distribution from your IRA directly to the charity or charities of your choosing. Your IRA custodian should include your name and address, as well as any specific instructions you have for the use of the gift, along with the payment. We are happy to prepare a letter of instruction for you to send to your IRA custodian.



The Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover gift. An IRA Charitable Rollover gift offers several benefits. Because the transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. This is especially relevant beginning this year, since the standard deductions have been increased, making itemized deductions less appealing.



What is an IRA Charitable Rollover gift? An IRA Charitable Rollover gift is a distribution from your IRA that is paid directly to a charity of your choice. You cannot claim an itemized charitable deduction for this gift, but it is not included in your income and you pay no income taxes on it.

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What Homer Foundation Offers Our Donors

The Homer Foundation helps connect your generosity with community needs you care about. Whether you're giving to one of our many established funds or creating a fund to steward what you are passionate about, your gift creates a legacy of impact for generations to come.

We offer:

- ❖ Flexibility and Focus – You decide how, when and where to spend your money. The HF helps you transform your passions into action.
- ❖ Efficiency – Giving through HF reduces or eliminates the overhead, time and expense of running a private foundation.
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- ❖ Support and Leadership – HF staff and board help identify local needs, so your donations can make the greatest difference.

Through your generosity, we are building permanent philanthropic assets for our community.



2019 Halibut Cove Live

Calling all Halibut Cove Live fans! You did not miss the dates for summer 2019 events. The marvelous venue, Quiet Place Lodge, underwent a re-decking this summer and could not host any events in 2019. Your hosts, Pauli and Harmon Hall, are excited for the coming year and cannot wait to show you what they've been up to! We are so grateful for their continued support.

Hold the Date

Mark your calendars for July 25th and 26th, 2020. Due to the timing of the tides and Alaska weather typical of later summer dates, we will be looking to host only one weekend of Halibut Cove Live next summer. Our hosts and staff are already planning next year's events. We want to ensure we

maintain the special experience of these events, and are creatively brainstorming ways to make this another memorable Halibut Cove weekend.

Halibut Cove Live continues to be our most important fundraiser and outreach activity. We look forward to presenting the 10th year of this unique event next summer.

Be sure to check halibutcovelive.com for further details.



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