



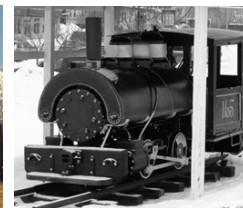
Palmer Community Foundation

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Celebrate!

On April 26, 2019, the Palmer Community Foundation (PCF) hosted its second annual Community Celebration and Grants Announcement. What did we celebrate?

- PCF grants that help four local nonprofits continue their exceptional work in our community
- 50+ attendees who care about Palmer's future, from donors to business owners to community members
- The growth of our endowment, supported by YOU
- Philanthropy and the passionate people that are making good things happen in Palmer

Established in 2017, the Palmer Community Foundation provides ongoing grant support to nonprofits engaged in community-building projects throughout the greater Palmer area. The endowment supports organizations and projects that serve Palmer, Butte, Sutton, Chickaloon, and Glacier View. PCF reviews grant applications yearly and selects those applications that meet the grant program criteria and have great potential for positive impact on the quality of life in the greater Palmer area now and in the future. To learn more, go to palmercf.org or facebook.com/palmercommunityfoundation.

Congratulations to PCF's 2019 Grantees

Visit Palmer believes our community has everything: wildlife, good food, mountains, interesting history, lakes, rivers, and trails. With the award of \$1000 from the Palmer Community Foundation, this coalition of Palmer visitor meccas will work with a designer to create a recognizable logo. Here's to a thriving visitor economy! Speaking of trails, **Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation** will use their \$500 PCF award to publish a booklet of local trails for all levels of outdoors enthusiasts. You can pick up your copy at Active Soles in Palmer.

Always looking for ways to improve the community, the **United Way of Mat-Su** is sponsoring an initiative to light up Palmer's A-Moose-Ment Park. \$2500 from the Palmer Community Foundation will help provide the equipment necessary to extend the hours and enhance the safety of this family entertainment center.

The **Mat-Su Community Chorus** will elevate their group of talented performers with new risers. PCF's \$2500 contribution will help purchase this easy-to-move equipment and ensure the safety of the members.

The Palmer Community Foundation is delighted to support local organizations as they go about their good works. Your donation helps to build our endowment so we can guarantee grant awards in the future. Thanks for donating!

Fill the Tank Campaign

You don't need Bill Gates-style net worth to make a donation that has a dramatic impact on our community. The Fill The Tank Campaign is made up of gifts from many donors. Thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska Community Foundation, your gift – of any size – will be matched dollar-for-dollar and will have a BIG impact.

22 Donors have given over \$16,000 toward this year's goal of \$30,000. This is what happens when communities unite around philanthropy, through gifts large and small.

The Palmer area has over 240 nonprofits to serve the thousands of residents that live, work, and play here. Each nonprofit strives to make Palmer the best little city in all of Alaska! It is the goal of our Community Foundation to assist in supporting their work.

Help us provide the support they need. Our success lies in our ability to leverage the giving of many to make the greatest possible impact. Together we can be a huge success.

To donate gifts of real or tangible personal property or stock, or to discuss planned-giving options, please contact us at: palmer@alaskacf.org or call 1-855-336-6701



Members of the Mat-Su Community Chorus accepting their grant

PCF's Advisory Board is comprised of local volunteers who live, work and play in Palmer.

Advisory Board

Mike Liebing, Chair
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Debby Retherford
Dan Harter

Program Manager

Erin Dwyer

**I Am Not Bill Gates,
How Can I Help?**

- Donate, either once each year or through monthly sustainable giving
- Host a "friend-raiser" with help from a board member so you can invite your friends to learn more about PCF
- Spread the word about PCF... who we are, what do we do, and how anyone can help
- Make a memorial gift in the name of a loved one
- Include PCF in your will
- Give land, stock, or other valuables

Contact an Advisory Board member, go online, or contact Program Manager, Erin Dwyer at edwyer@alaskacf.org or 1-855-336-6701



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