

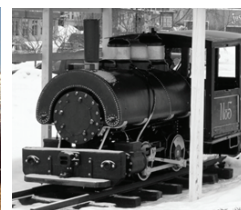


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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Grantee Updates

The **Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation** hosted six community hikes this summer. Over 100 people participated in the hikes to explore new areas, make new friends, enjoy our public lands, and participate in one of the healthiest and oldest forms of exercise in the world, going for a walk!

Visit Palmer has been busy readying their new website for those planning to visit Alaska next summer. The site, visitpalmer.com, is up and organizers are soliciting writers for current content.

The **Mat-Su Community Chorus** ordered their new risers, which will arrive in time for fall performances!



Regarding the **A-Moose-Ment Park** project, much progress was made in May and July. Volunteer groups, including Palmer Rotary and faith-based groups, joined forces with **United Way of Mat-Su** and the City of Palmer to enhance and improve the park in Palmer. Many hours of service and prep were provided to improve sight lines and visibility, natural light, access to the park, and enjoyment by those frequenting the park. Currently, the City of Palmer is going through an open bidding process to determine a vendor who will provide the electrical work needed for the light poles, lights, and security cameras to be installed. We anticipate this work to begin late September-early October.

Donor Highlight: Dana Cruz



You probably recognize Dana Cruz. Like her mother, Dana was born in Palmer. Her grandparents came to Palmer in 1929 – well before even the colonists arrived. Dana has lived in Alaska her entire life. Marrying, establishing a business in Palmer, and raising her family here. She has seen Palmer change and grow over decades.

When Dana heard about the Palmer Community Foundation she was intrigued. Upon further investigation she discovered its affiliation with both The Alaska Community Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation. She values the proactive efforts of these foundations to promote a better life for all Alaskans and believes Palmer Community Foundation is a great way to give back to her community.

Why is Dana such a strong supporter of PCF? “I love that my contribution stays in the Greater Palmer area.” She also appreciates that the community foundation is governed by a local advisory board. As she put it, “Who else knows best?”

Did you know your donations to our foundation can continue in perpetuity?

By supporting the PCF endowment fund, you have the opportunity to create a legacy of philanthropy that will positively impact our community long after your lifetime.

Palmer Community Foundation Welcomes Your Gifts

You don't need extraordinary wealth to make a planned charitable gift. Even a small contribution can have a large impact over time. There's no need to choose between leaving a gift to your family OR to charity. You can do both!

The most common type of planned gift is a charitable bequest, a gift made in someone's will. It is easy and costs nothing during the donor's lifetime. It can be included in a new will or added to an existing will or living trust through a simple amendment – often without hiring an attorney. Usually, a bequest is a set dollar amount or percentage of an estate that goes to the foundation after the donor's death.

The Palmer Community Foundation, offers each donor a unique giving experience, tailored to suit your situation and goals. Our experts work with you to help you invest in your community. Whether your goal is to give generally to the community's most pressing needs, focus on a particular cause, or provide support for a specific nonprofit, Palmer Community Foundation can help.

Make a contribution to an existing fund with a check, credit card, stocks, or other assets in person, by mail or online at www.palmercf.org. To establish a special fund in your name, contact the Palmer Community Foundation in person, by phone or email.

Consider the timing of your gift. Gifts made during your lifetime can be initiated at any time and you can see the immediate results of your gifts. Bequests occur at a future date. Tax benefits apply to the year your gift is received.

Generous friends like you are the reason Palmer Community Foundation continues to deliver support to the organizations you care about. Through Planned Giving you can support the health of the community while still meeting your financial goals. Thank you for helping us plant seeds today that will bear fruit for future members of our community.

To learn more about the endowment fund and how your legacy can support its mission, please contact: palmer@alaskacf.org.



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