



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



## 2017 Fundraising Recap – Match Made!

Thanks to the support of generous donors, Kodiak Community Foundation (KCF) successfully met its \$25,000 endowment fundraising goal for 2017.

Donations came in as one-time gifts, monthly recurring donations, and through generous anonymous donors. Pick.Click.Give. generated \$675 for KCF through individuals thoughtfully sharing a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend.

A number of community members made donations to KCF in memory of the Honorable Judge Roy H. Madsen, who passed away in December 2017. These memorial gifts, in honor of Judge Madsen, will help continue his legacy by supporting local nonprofits and charitable projects.

Making the \$25,000 fundraising goal was especially important in 2017, as The Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation matched donations raised for the KCF endowment, up to \$25,000. Because KCF met this goal, all donations will be doubled, adding \$50,000 to the endowment and helping build a sustainable source of revenue for Kodiak's nonprofit organizations.

For everyone who donated in 2017, thank you! Your donations help build the KCF endowment, which generates annual interest that is then granted out into the Kodiak community. Because of donors like you, KCF was able to provide \$30,000 in grants to 11 organizations, a record for KCF.

2018 fundraising has already kicked off, and KCF is excited to announce that the same matching funds are available if KCF raises an additional \$25,000 this year. It's never too early to make your donation to KCF and help the organization double your impact again in 2018.

If you have any questions about charitable giving, including bequests, in-kind donations, or making a donation in memory of someone, please don't hesitate to contact KCF's Program Manager, Brianna Gibbs, at [bgibbs@alaskacf.org](mailto:bgibbs@alaskacf.org).

A full list of KCF's 2017 donors is available in this newsletter, but a special thank you is in order for Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), which was instrumental in making KCF's 2017 fundraising goal.



# Meet Our New Board Chair, Craig Johnson

Both my parents and grandparents have a history of community service in Kodiak. Starting before WWII with grandparents, Dr. A. Holmes & Frostie Johnson, this service extends to the present day. Kodiak's original library was founded through the efforts of Grampa and our first librarian was Frostie. They were also active in Kodiak Rotary and Eastern Star, among a long list of other service organizations. In a similar manner, Dr. Bob (Dad) was instrumental in helping to form the Kodiak Historical Society in the 1950's. Then Marian (Mom) was the director for 25 years until she retired in the late 1990's. Following in my father's footsteps, I joined Noon Rotary and we continue to attend together. With past service on the Board, we're proud of Rotary's work to make Kodiak a better place to live.



Incoming Board Chair,  
Craig Johnson

When Ed Rasmuson visited Kodiak to promote the idea of a community foundation, I attended and was immediately interested. With many of our present KCF Board members, we officially became an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation in 2013. With five years under our belt I feel the heavy lifting is over. Our KCF endowment fund is more than \$312,000 and we gave \$30,000 last year to Kodiak. Our total giving is well above that, and many worthwhile endeavors have benefited from our grants, including Senior Citizens, Hospice of Kodiak, our local museums, and other good works. This is done without government funding and is instead made possible through philanthropy and the generosity of our donors.

My personal involvement stems from seeing many people benefit from Kodiak through career and business. Often, people leave during their later years and other places benefit from what Kodiak gave them. Naturally, people will choose to move away in many cases, yet KCF offers a way to give back with a 'gift that keeps on giving.' KCF is a permanent endowment fund. Our principal isn't spent, it's preserved for growth and future giving year after year. I definitely feel like I'm on the ground floor of building something that will last well beyond my lifetime. My parents and grandparents had a 'missionary spirit' of giving to make Kodiak a better place to live, and KCF is a work of faith and commitment where I feel I'm following in their footsteps.

When I say the heavy lifting is over this is also true of our present KCF Board. Each Board member brings a talent and shared responsibility that makes us bigger than the sum of our parts. This is particularly exciting to me as we look to the year ahead. One top priority this year for me as Board Chair is getting our donor wall up in the downtown Convention Center. Our future is bright, CAVU, clear and visibility unlimited.

## A Note from Our Outgoing Board Chair



It has been an honor for me to serve as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Kodiak Community Foundation for the last two and a half years. I can't say enough about the support I received from individual Board members, as well as from The Alaska Community Foundation during my tenure. As a Board, we have managed to build an Endowment Fund for KCF to more than \$312,000 in a relatively short time. Connecting the people of the Kodiak Archipelago to philanthropy and granting funds to local nonprofits every year is now a reality. As a Board Member for the last six years, I have seen KCF grow from just a few interested Kodiak citizens to a hardworking, viable Advisory Board. Our relationship with The Alaska Community Foundation is phenomenal. They offer training, counsel, accounting, and a myriad of other services to all of us on the Advisory Board. I appreciate them standing behind us in all that we do. Volunteer, it's a great thing to do for yourself and Kodiak.”

Ginny Austerman has served  
KCF since it began in 2013

## Save The Date

The Kodiak Community Foundation Advisory Board is gearing up for its 2018 Grant Cycle! Applications opened May 1 and will run through June 19, with grantees announced later in the summer.

Applications and more information can be found at [www.kodiakcf.org](http://www.kodiakcf.org), or by contacting Program Manager, Brianna Gibbs, at [bgibbs@alaskacf.org](mailto:bgibbs@alaskacf.org).

## Grantee Highlight Kodiak Arts Council

In 2017, Kodiak Community Foundation provided grant funds to the Kodiak Arts Council (KAC) for a community theater production. According to Kodiak Arts Council Director, Katie Oliver, the Kodiak Arts Council's Community Theatre program provides arts opportunities for the people of Kodiak that are both direct and indirect. Opportunities to engage in the arts include performing as actors, singers, dancers, designing, fabricating, painting sets and props, lighting and sound design. Indirect opportunities include audience members experiencing the performance.



Volunteers Paint the set of *It Happens Every Summer*.

Because of funds from Kodiak Community Foundation, KAC was able to host a fall production in 2017, *It Happens Every Summer*. This romantic comedy was set in 1960s Manhattan, and Oliver said it was an opportunity to showcase comedic talent on the island, and a chance to experiment with new approaches to theater set design. The show included 25 actors, 32 production team members, and more than 620 audience members over the three performances held in November.

It was a busy fall for KAC, and in September they also hosted a set design artist residency with Brian Saylor and Anda Saylor of Anchorage Community Theatre. According to Oliver, the Saylor's led a four-hour workshop on the principals and processes of set design and worked eight hours a day with various teams of volunteers designing and constructing the set for the fall production.

“In doing so, KAC significantly increased its human resource capacity for set design and fabrication,” said Oliver. “Those skills were also put to use in building elaborate sets for KAC’s spring musical, *Mary Poppins*.”

## Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

The Kodiak Community Foundation is a permanent charitable fund for Kodiak Island. Your gifts will be part of a long-term endowment, allowing you to invest in our community’s future and contribute to our quality of life. These charitable contributions will connect donors with causes they care about and catalyze community planning between individuals, organizations, and governments.

Locally advised, the Kodiak Community Foundation is focused on the needs of the area through a permanent endowment that makes annual grants to nonprofit groups serving the community.

## Grantee Highlight — Threshold Services, Inc.

Threshold Services, Inc. was a 2017 grant recipient of Kodiak Community Foundation and utilized those funds to repair an existing baler. According to Chris Lynch, the President of Threshold's Board of Directors, the baler is an important part of Threshold's operation.

“When plastics, paper, and aluminum are brought to the facility and sorted, they must be baled to go into a 40-foot van for shipping to maximize space in the van,” said Lynch.

Lynch said the sorted product is dumped into a bin and fed into a conveyor that carries the product to the baler hopper, where it is compressed into a cube and wrapped in baling wire. Lynch notes this is an integral part of the process, and also the part of the baler that needed repair. It was the portion of the baler that holds the materials in place that broke.

Lynch said the grant enabled Threshold to buy the necessary parts and install them to get the baler operational again. Because of the funds from Kodiak Community Foundation, the organization was able to continue working and shipping products efficiently off the island for recycling.

In addition to its environmental focus, Threshold provides jobs to people with barriers to employment through their core program – recycling.



New Bailer Machine

## KCF Hosts Foraker Group Training for Kodiak Nonprofits

On a quiet Friday morning in January, more than 30 nonprofit organization board members and employees packed the multipurpose room of the Kodiak Public Library for a board development training hosted by Kodiak Community Foundation and led by The Foraker Group.

Mike Walsh, Vice President and Director of Public Policy for The Foraker Group, facilitated the January 12 training aimed at increasing competency and performance of board members working with nonprofit organizations. The morning focused on essentials of good governance – reviewing common board member roles and responsibilities and offering discussion and instruction on how to improve. The afternoon was spent discussing recruitment and retention of board members, as well as how to operate effectively on a regular basis. The topics included board meetings, agendas, and effective means to reach consensus on items brought to a board.

According to Kodiak Community Foundation Advisory Board Chair, Craig Johnson, the training “exceeded expectations” and was well received by local nonprofit groups.

Lunch for the training attendees was generously provided by Big Al's.

### **KCF Advisory Board**

Craig Johnson – Board Chair

Mark Anderson – Vice Chair

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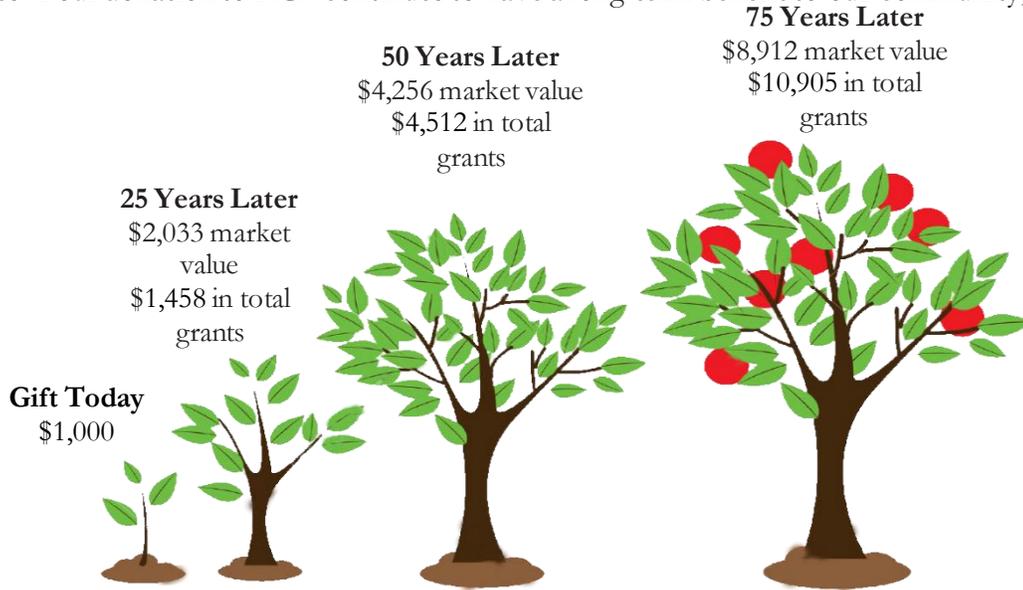
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### **Program Manager**

Brianna Gibbs

# Thanks to you,

The Kodiak Community Foundation's endowment fund has grown to more than \$312,000. This endowment's principal is not spent, but interest earned on the fund comes back to the community through grants to local charitable causes. Your donation to KCF continues to have a long-term benefit to our community, far into the future.



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## 2017 Grant Awards

Grantee	Project Name	Amount
Brother Francis Shelter Kodiak	Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing Program	\$3,000
Hope Community Resources	Little Bears Summer and After School Program	\$1,500
Hospice and Palliative Care of Kodiak	Annual Volunteer Training	\$2,500
Humane Society of Kodiak	HSK Borough Spay/Neuter Program	\$2,500
Kodiak Area Mentor Program	Kodiak Area Mentor Program	\$2,500
Kodiak Arts Council	Community Theatre Production of "It Happens Every Summer"	\$3,000
Kodiak Historical Society	Establishing Museum Security	\$3,000
Rural Alaska Community Action Program	Kodiak Head Start Creative Curriculum for Preschool	\$1,500
Senior Citizens of Kodiak	Invacare Reliant Stand Up Lift for Island Cove Adult Day Program Participants	\$3,000
St. Mary's Catholic School	Community Talent Shows and Expanded Kodiak Stage Opportunities	\$4,500
Threshold Services	Replacement of the Platen (Press)	\$3,000

# Pick.Click.Give.

## Kick Off 2018 with an Impact

Make an impact in our community when you donate directly through Pick.Click.Give. Support a cause that is important to you when you make a pledge of \$25 or more. The deadline to apply for your PFD was March 31, but you can add or adjust your Pick.Click.Give. pledge all the way through August 31. Want to give, but not sure to whom? Use the new Pick Tool at [www.pickclickgive.org](http://www.pickclickgive.org) to find your new favorite nonprofit.

### Local Pick.Click.Give. Nonprofits

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council
- Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository
- American Red Cross of Alaska
- Baranov Museum
- Brother Francis Shelter Kodiak
- Hope Community Resources
- Hospice of Kodiak
- Humane Society of Kodiak
- Islands Trails Network
- KMXT
- Kodiak Arts Council
- Kodiak Community Foundation ACF
- Kodiak Island Food Bank
- Kodiak Maritime Museum
- Kodiak Public Library Association
- Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center
- Koniag Education Foundation
- Providence Alaska Foundation
- Senior Citizens of Kodiak
- St Mary's Catholic School
- The Salvation Army
- Threshold Services

### Thank You to Our Donors!

#### 2017 Donors

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#### Anonymous Donors

It isn't uncommon for donations to be made to Kodiak Community Foundation anonymously, with identities kept both from publication and our Advisory Board. While we respect the anonymity of those donors, we want to express our sincere gratitude for their financial gifts, as we aren't able to send our typical thank you notes or follow up in person.

Each donation made to the Kodiak Community Foundation is highly valued and helps play a role in the future of our community. So, to those who we aren't able to thank in person, the donors whose names may never be known, thank you. Your gift is truly meaningful and greatly appreciated!