

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.

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	Lance Peterson	Joy Steward	Steve Yoshida
Susan Cushing	Ann Keffer	McBride-Morin	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

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	

CITY OF HOMER GRANTS

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

FINANCE

Julia Clymer
Phil Morris

DEVELOPMENT

Terri Spigelmyer

SCHOLARSHIP

Olga Amaral	Katie Gavenus	Jacque Peterson
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Holly Atkins-Martin	Shirley Gribble	Nan Porter
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Emily Berg	Patti Jay	Stephanie Rodriguez
Pat Boone	Nancy Lord	Barb Scalzi
Catie Bursch	Vicki Lowe	Kenneth Schneider
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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	



Year in Review

\$513,391.95 Total in Grants and Scholarships



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.

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

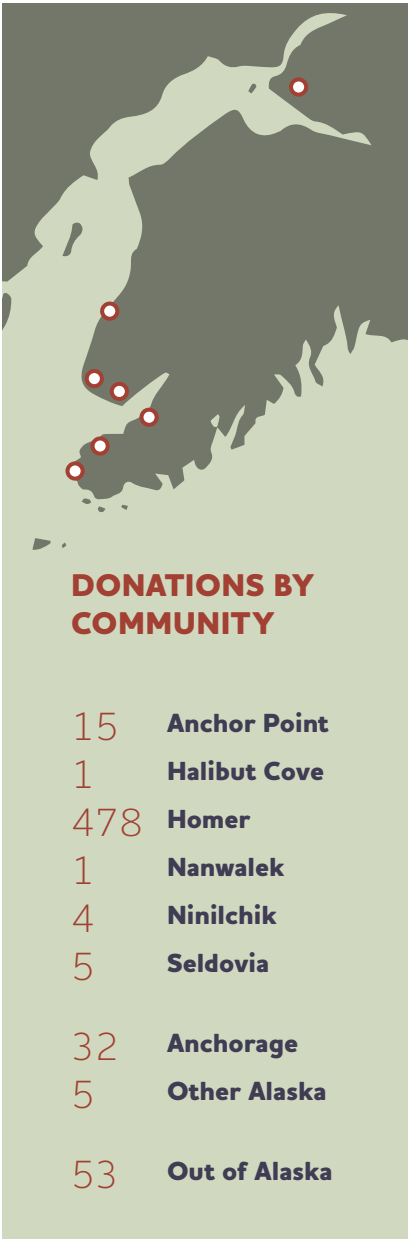
supporting a wide range of causes. It’s easy to contribute to an existing fund or start your own with a gift of \$5,000 or \$10,000. And, there is even an opportunity to start your own Community Cares Fund (CCF) with a gift of just \$2,500 with a match from the Homer Foundation (limited to the first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

Terri Spigelmyer, DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

With gratitude to our event sponsors:

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



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.

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

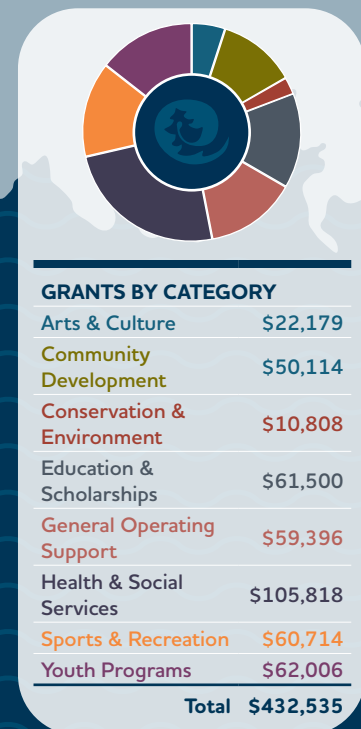
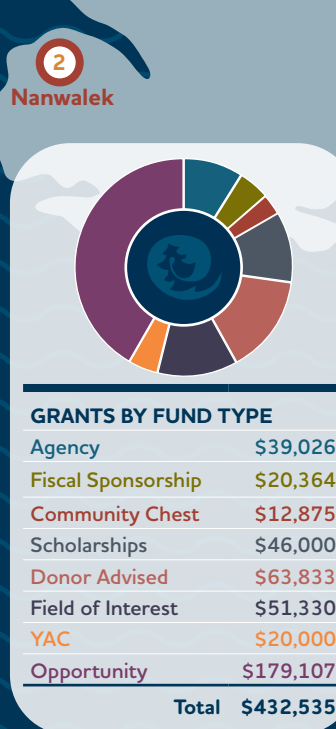
We provide wise stewardship of the gifts entrusted to us in two ways: 1) through professional investment management, and 2) in the strategic grants we make for the southern Kenai Peninsula. The Homer Foundation is accountable to our donors, our Board, and our community; and constantly strives to create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

Spencer Co

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

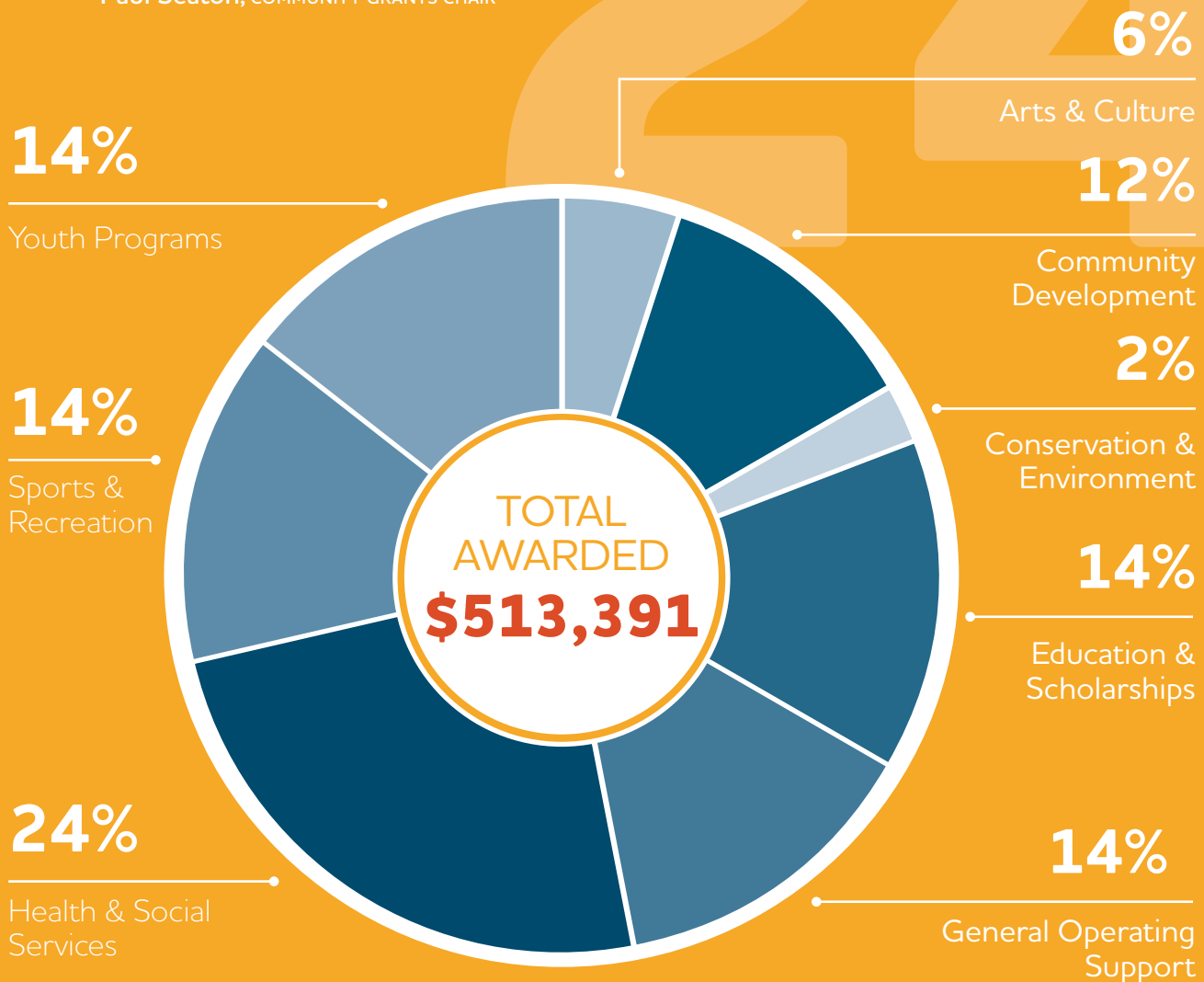


From the Community Grants Committee

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/KPBS.....\$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
General Operating Support

Opportunity Fund
Homer Council
on the Arts.....\$500
People's Choice Award
Homer Community
Food Pantry.....\$1,000
People's Choice Award
Homer Little League.....\$500
Homer Steps Up
Friends of Kachemak
Bay State Parks.....\$200
Homer Steps Up

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES \$105,818

Opportunity Fund
Affinity Films.....\$3,500
My Third Act: by George Faust
Alaska Warrior
Partnership.....\$5,000
Veteran Outreach
& Engagement
Anchor Point
Food Pantry.....\$25,046
Septic System for New Pantry

Opportunity & Gooseberry Funds
Anchor Point
Senior Citizens, Inc.....\$5,000
Building Restoration

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

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

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
Stihl 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

David & Mary Schroer Fund
Homer Mariner
Booster Club.....\$1,000
Team Travel

Homer Mariner
Fastpitch Softball.....\$500
Equipment Upgrades

Homer Middle
School/KPBS.....\$3,000
Sports Uniform

McNeil Canyon
Elementary School.....\$3,000
Reading Program Support

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

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.

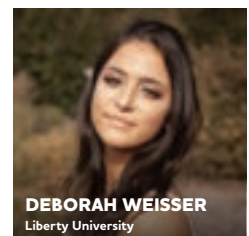
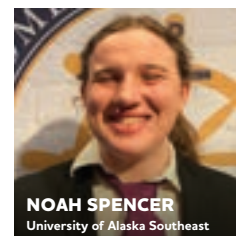
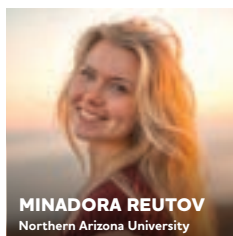
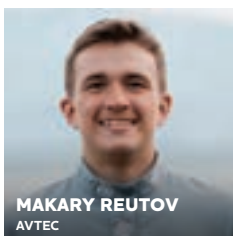
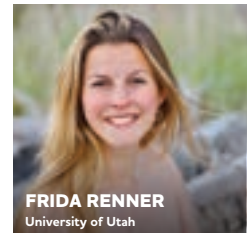
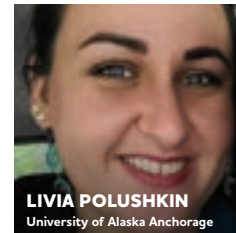
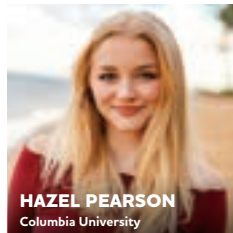
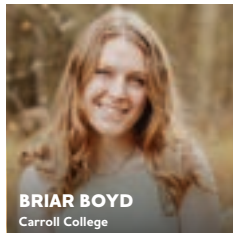
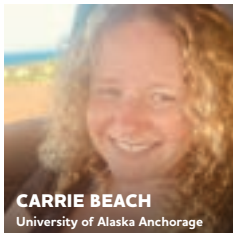
The success of our scholarship program depends on school counselors and front-line staff connecting students with opportunities. It also relies on the dedication of volunteers who serve on our scholarship committees, ensuring a thoughtful selection process that honors donor intent.

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.



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. Gjostund
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 Bailly
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
Beverley 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
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

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
Arenia White
Aurora Gwen
and Tony Neal
Barb and John Angaiak

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 Whitlatch
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
Lavrentii 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.

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 Oberltnr
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
David Orłowski
Dean Epperson
Deanna and Steve Mastre
Debbie and Jack Oudiz
Dolores and Bill Butler
Dots Sherwood
Douglas Fraiman
Duane Hanson

Earl Krygier and
Minaei Mino
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
Lesa A. Osborne
In Honor of Ann Keffer

Lioba S. Menger
Lisa Christopher
Lisa Natanson
Louise Sequela and
Dave Lyons
Patricia McNeill
*In Memory of Marlene
Helminiak*
Marcia Boone
Marcia Kuzmaul 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 Medecy
Paul Story
*In Memory of
Gabriel LeBlanc*

Peter Garay
Preston Simmons
Ralph Brosches 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.

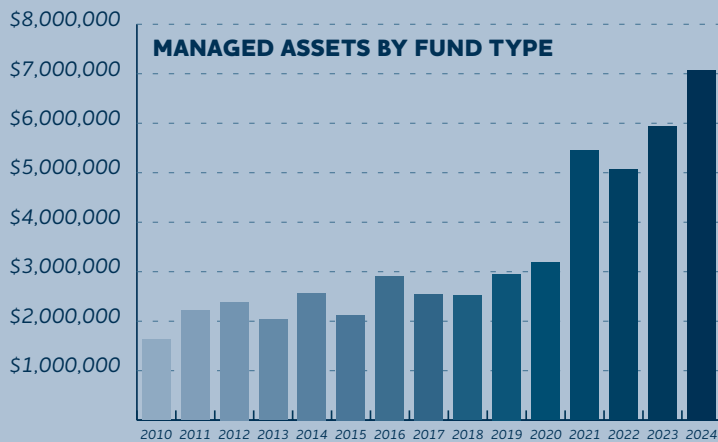
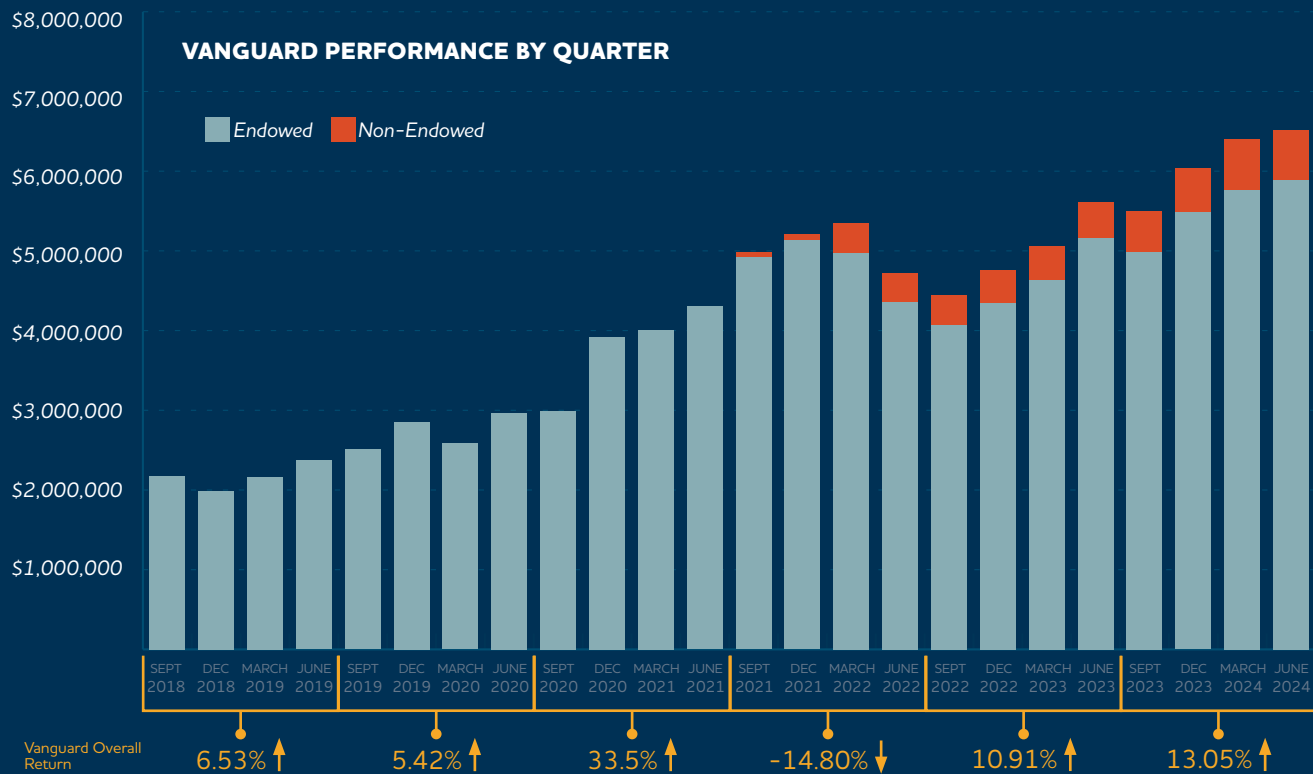
Paula Martin, TREASURER



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

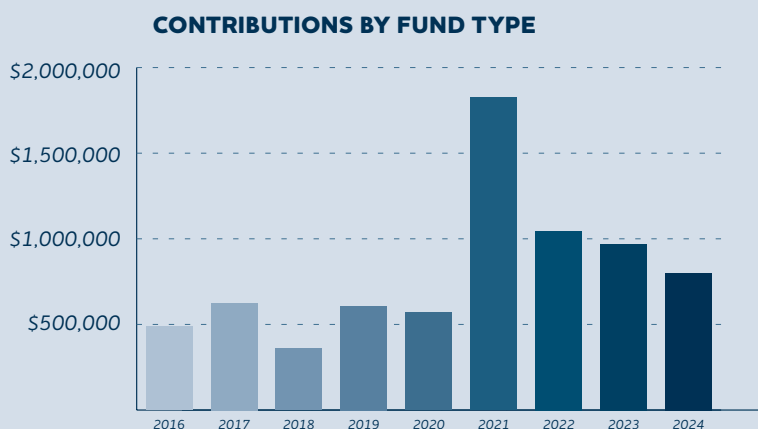
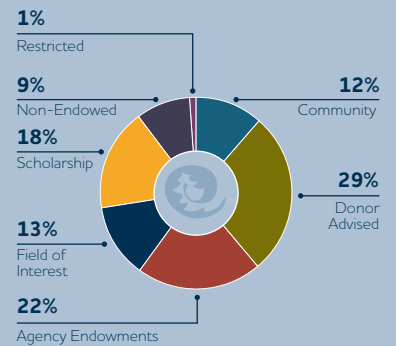
The Homer Foundation's Investments are managed by the Mercer Group. The investment manager works closely with the Finance Committee, chaired by Paula Martin. The Homer Foundation has a full Financial Review conducted by an outside CPA firm. The Financial Review is available upon request, as is our IRS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





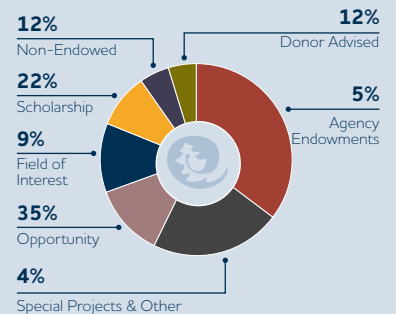
MANAGED ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

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 choose 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:

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

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Make the Homer Foundation a beneficiary of a retirement account or a life insurance policy



Donate cash, stocks and securities



Donate through corporate employee matching fund



Donate a property such as a home, car, art work, etc.



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