# Petersburg Community Foundation

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# **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

#### What is the Petersburg Community Foundation?

The answer is the Petersburg Community Foundation (PCF) is you. It's me. *It's all of us working together to make a lasting impact.* Together, we make a greater impact with our charitable dollars than we could individually.

In simple terms, the PCF provides a vehicle for our community to have a lasting endowment, a permanent fund if you will, to financially support worthy programs and projects. Community members give financial gifts to the foundation, and these funds are invested through the Alaska Community Foundation. Each year the PCF grants out a small portion of this investment to our wonderful local organizations, all the while ensuring the main body of the fund remains intact. Since its inception, the PCF has awarded over \$270,000 right here in our community.

The PCF also acts as a community catalyst: it's the first contributor to a new group or project, an amplifier of an emerging need within our community, a harnesser of community creativity to tackle some of our toughest issues, and a convenor of key people to share information, ideas, and solutions.

Most importantly, though, we serve our community because we are led by our community. It is your community foundation. Join us!

#### PCF Awards Over \$28K in 2023

This year \$28,338 was awarded to local non-profits, with over \$270,000 awarded to date! Your donations helped fund these local projects in PCF's 2023 Grant Cycle:

Petersburg Medical Center Humanity in Progress Girl Scouts of Alaska Narrows Broadcasting Corp. (KFSK) Petersburg Marine Mammal Center Petersburg Rainforest Festival Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall Petersburg Arts Council Training community members to support youth mental health Food and financial support for community members in need 5-day Summer Camp in 2023 Building and grounds upkeep Equipment enabling livestream of Science Series presentations Self-guided audio walking tour of Petersburg Replacing sprinkler heads and relocating fire pulls Small venue lights and sound equipment



"If you want change, or to increase awareness, you have to be a part of that change."

#### Jeannette Ness: PCF's 2023 Volunteer of the Year

Jeanette is a lifelong resident of Petersburg, Alaska. As a level-headed thinker and agent of change, she has participated in and assumed leadership roles in numerous non-profits and other organizations focusing on the needs of Petersburg residents. In addition to her passion for positive change, Jeannette contributes her considerable baking talent to meetings, gatherings, and fundraisers. In recognition of Jeannette's service, PCF awarded her with the opportunity to grant \$1,000 to the nonprofit of her choice, the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee, which is under the umbrella of the Petersburg Arts Council. Thank you, Jeannette!

### Grantee Corner: Devil's Thumb Shooters

The Petersburg Community Foundation awarded Devil's Thumb Shooters a grant for the first time in 2022. Devil's Thumb Shooters is a youth shotgun marksmanship program. The program focuses on gun safety and firearm maintenance for children ages 11-18. The grant was used to build a covered shelter at the public gun range, which has been utilized extensively by the club as well as the general public, allowing the children to attend practice even during inclement weather.





Petersburg Community Foundation Legacy Donors

> Karen Hofstad Bob and Patty Nelson Kris Norosz Jim & Robin Roberts Julianne Thompson Glorianne Wollen

## **Planned Giving**

Gifts to the Petersburg Community Foundation are long-term investments in our hometown. Your donation to PCF continues to benefit our community now and into the future, as endowment funds are structured to last forever. Your friends, families, and neighbors all benefit from your gifts to the Petersburg Community Foundation.

If you are ready to make a bequest, or if you plan to leave a gift to Petersburg Community Foundation in your will, we invite you to let us know so we can include you in our Legacy Society of Alaska. When you fill out a non-binding Legacy Society Declaration of Intent Affiliate form, you can let us know the exact intent of your gift. Let us acknowledge you now either by name or anonymously.

#### Donor Highlight: Glorianne Wollen Legacy Donor & PCF Board Member

I remember the day that Sharla Coon took me aside and presented the opportunity to become involved with the newly formed Petersburg Community Foundation. It touched a nerve and I quickly understood the benefits of an organized approach to creating lasting financial support for local non-profits. Those early conversations that centered around prioritizing the financial security of so many organizations I love felt like opening a door to

freedom. I am extremely thankful for having been afforded the opportunity to serve on the PCF Board and continue to be proud of our community who has embraced the philanthropic traditions championed by the Alaska Community Foundation and Rasmuson Foundation.



#### Why did you become a PCF legacy donor?

We made the legacy gift to PCF as a strong statement of support to the philanthropic movement envisioned by a group of local citizens committed to supporting the good works of Petersburg nonprofit organizations.

# Join us in feeling good...

...about our donated dollars at work. PCF's 2023 fundraising goal is \$40,000, and Rasmuson will match up to \$25,000. This adds up to \$65,000 for our endowment funds. Let's do it!



Planned Giving: Make Your Legacy a Reality Most donors make their largest charitable contribution through planned gifts, leaving a legacy that impacts their communities after they are gone. Bequests, gifts of retirement assets, gifts of life insurance, and gifts of property to the PCF grant-making endowment fund or the PCF operating endowment fund will

be gifts that live on for

generations.

Petersburg Community Foundation Endowment Fund

Gifts to the PCF endowment fund build the "community permanent fund" for the future of Petersburg residents. Let's realize our dreams! The grants are funded by the earned interest of this fund. We are currently awarding \$30,000 in grants annually, so think of the possibilities with a growing endowment! Petersburg Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund Help us reach our \$250,000 goal by 2026! Gifts to the PCF operating endowment fund ensure the sustainability of our local foundation in perpetuity. The clock is ticking on our fiveyear timeline to become selfsustaining. Grant-making will continue; however, the operating endowment fund is the current focus for the PCF advisory board for the short-term.

Donate online www.petersburgcf.org/donate

### Enclosed is my gift to the Petersburg Community Foundation

Please make checks payable to ACF or Alaska Community Foundation, with PCF and fund on the memo line.

I will donate \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Petersburg Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (earned interest to cover business expenses and reach sustainability goal of 2026).

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## Strengthening Petersburg through the projects of our nonprofits



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