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**Foundation to host seminar on fundraising 101**

The Jessica Stevens Community Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF), is offering a free seminar on grant-writing and successful fundraising for Northern Susitna-region nonprofit organizations on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Northern Susitna Institute. Regional funders will discuss what makes a project attractive to their organizations and will attempt to ease some of the discomfort associated with requesting funding.

The seminar will begin with a review of grant writing essentials with Anne Remick, program officer for The Alaska Community Foundation, and a lunch roundtable discussion on “Strategies for Success” with Sondra Porter, president of the Talkeetna-based Jessica Stevens Community Foundation advisory board. Aleesha Towns-Bain, senior program associate at the Rasmuson Foundation, and Sharon Scott, program officer of Mat-Su Health Foundation, will provide an overview of grant opportunities through their respective foundations. Nonprofit board, staff and volunteer leadership are welcome to attend this free seminar. Leaders should be prepared to discuss their organization’s overall mission and current activities. Lunch will be provided.

For more information and to register for the seminar, contact [Name] at

(907) 733-2388 or [name@alaskacf.org](mailto:name@alaskacf.org).

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**About the Jessica Stevens Community Foundation**

The Jessica Stevens Community Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation, is a permanent fund dedicated to building healthy communities in the Northern Susitna Valley by raising a perpetual endowment to address community needs now and into the future. Over 120 families, business, individuals and foundations have contributed to create the permanent endowment at JSCF. Earnings from the fund are distributed annually through grants to local nonprofits. More information is available at [www.jessicastevenscf.org](http://www.jessicastevenscf.org).

**About The Alaska Community Foundation**

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