

Tuesday, January 17 | Anchorage Museum | 6:00 – 9:00 pm





Sue Perles, Special Olympics Alaska

We wish you fun, fishing and good friends. Hugs and best wishes.





"Thank you" are not big enough words for our gratitude towards you here at the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council! We hope your future is filled with chasing grizzlies on a 4-wheeler, good wine, and lots and lots of beauty!





Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, OPT IN Kiana Youth Group

A life dedicated to service is a hallmark of a true Alaskan! Thank you for helping Rasmuson be a friend to nonprofits in Alaska.



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All our best to Diane, with thanks for all she has done!





Jenny Forner, Anchorage re:MADE

Anchorage re:MADE has SO appreciated all that Daine and Rasmuson Foundation has contributed to the success of our non-profit... creating purpose through repurposing.





As a lifelong Alaskan I am profoundly grateful for Diane's efforts and legacy she has created in her community.



Valerie Koivunen, Pillows for Kids Foundation

As a non-profit we appreciate the good work you've been doing and modeling.

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Best wishes to Diane!

Pick.Click.Give



Mark Lackey

CCS Early Learning (and Mark Lackey!) are so appreciative for your leadership in Alaska! Specifically, you have had a tremendous impact on children under the age of 5 - and the adults that raise them up! Thank you so very much for supporting these youngest Alaskans!

Pick.Click.Give.



Celebrating Diane is definitely necessary... There's no one that has earned it more.











Congrats on your accomplishments and your richly deserved celebration!





Congratulations Diane for all the work you did and supported through the Rasmuson Foundation.





Congratulations Diane on a successful retirement, you will be missed!



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Congratulations to Diane on her next big adventure! Can't wait to see what she does next.



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Cindi Lagoudakis, Clausen Memorial Museum

Congratulations to Diane! She will be missed, but her good works have enriched Alaska.





Jacqueline and Shawn Carr

Congratulations, Diane, and best wishes.



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Leslie Ridle, Girl Scouts of Alaska

Diane has always been a strong supporter of Girl Scouts of Alaska. In 2020 when the pandemic hit, Diane reached out to ask how things were going at Girl Scouts. I let her know we were sitting on over 145,000 boxes of cookies because girls couldn't get out and sell. We were slightly panicked! The very next day, we got a call from a staff person at Rasmuson Foundation who let us know that Ed Rasmuson wanted to purchase \$25,000 worth of cookies for us to donate to foodbanks across the state. We were floored by his generosity--and I knew he heard our story from Diane.





Leslie Fried, Alaska Jewish Museum

Diane has been a friend to the Alaska Jewish Museum for many years!





Rev. Dr. Keith Hamilton Alaska Christian College

Diane has been a great friend of Alaska Christian College since our inception in 2000. Her latest visit to ACC with all the Foundation staff was a highlight of our partnership over all these years.







Keren Kelly, Homer Senior Citizens, Inc.

Diane has been very supportive of the seniors in our community. Her dedication to our Senior Center and Housing programs has been very significant in keeping our seniors in our community.





Nick Tedesco, National Center for Family Philanthropy

Diane is an exemplary leader in family philanthropy. Her passion for social impact and the people of Alaska is evident and it has been a pleasure to get to know her over the years. The National Center for Family Philanthropy wishes her all the best in her future endeavors!





Rebecca Meiers, KCAW Sitka

Diane is worth celebrating!

ANCHORAGE is a rich and vibrant community thanks to the diversity of our residents.

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Cherie Northon, Anchorage Waterways Council

Diane Kaplan and her leadership at the **Rasmuson** Foundation have made a wonderful difference to the Anchorage Waterways Council.







Diane knows I love her and wish I could be with her and all of her friends.





Eliza and Ted Eller

Diane really "saw" our efforts at Ionia, unusual though they might be, and was instrumental in the award of several Rasmuson Foundation grants that allowed us to build, by hand, two huge natural community buildings: the Ionia Longhouse and the Barn. Many many struggling Alaskans have found wholesome company, peer support, and simple seasonal activities at these centers.

Diane still visits sometimes with her staff or family. She is always welcome.





Hannah Hill, Bread Line

Diane took me aside and, with a warmth I will never forget, told me that she believed in the importance of Bread Line's work. It was just a few words, but the fact that someone like Diane would take the time to visit our soup kitchen and help center, I knew then that she was more than just an ally to our work. Diane is a maker, someone who lifts others and makes dreams possible.





Dixie Clough, Museums Alaska

I am new to Alaska—I moved here in 2021 for the position at Museums Alaska—but before I even set foot in the state, I saw evidence of the tremendous impact of Diane's—and through her—Rasmuson Foundation's support for nonprofits in Alaska. My own position is greatly supported by Rasmuson Foundation as we work to grow and professionalize. I would not be in Alaska if it were not for Diane's and Rasmuson Foundation's belief in our organization, so I have also personally benefited from their vision and generosity! Thank you!





Lisa Busch, Sitka Sound Science Center

Diane was head of Alaska Public Radio Network when I first moved to Alaska as a pup reporter at KCAW in Sitka. She changed the landscape of public broadcasting in Alaska and she made it possible for small communities like ours to have local news. Since that era, I have watched in awe as she has influenced the State in her work at the Rasmuson Foundation.



Alysyn Thibault, Anchorage Youth Court

Diane was warm, supportive, and curious about each young person she spoke with and provided honest, valuable feedback to them all. I deeply appreciated her time and her support of my students and will always remember the time she took to connect with them.





Roberta Eleazer, Gulkana Village Council

Diane, Thank you for all that you have done for tribes and the people of Alaska. You will be missed. Gulkana Village Council



Eric Gurley, Access Alaska, Inc.

Diane, Access Alaska, Inc. is grateful to have been the recipient of multiple efforts of the Rasmuson Foundation, and your team. Examples of your efforts over the years include our Anchorage office's relocation into the vacated and converted Anchorage Community Health Center.





Johnse Ostman, Folk Festival

Diane, cherish your memories! All the best from the Anchorage Folk Festival. Peace.





Diane, you've been a big part of the success of at least three organizations I've had the privilege to help lead and Alaska is much better for your contributions.





Lisa Wade, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council

Diane's impact has been felt all across Alaska. The health and wellbeing of Chickaloon Village has certainly been positively impacted by Diane.





Deborah Hayden, Grow Alaska

Diane's transformative administration of the Rasmuson Foundation has affected a vibrancy in all facets of Alaskan's lives.

Especially as a smaller nonprofit we appreciate the support provided to help us fulfill our Missions!





Eric Gurley, Access Alaska

Glad we are celebrating such a seminal figure in supporting nonprofits and others in the state of Alaska!







Amy Skilbred, Juneau Community Foundation

I am so glad Diane is being well celebrated for all she has done for our state and the people who live here.





I appreciate being able to celebrate Diane and all she has done for Alaska, as well as express my deep appreciation for all of her support over the years.









Sally Clampitt, Alaska Rural Veterinary Outreach, Inc.

I hope you know that you leave behind a trail of many success stories, big and small, that might not have occurred without your hard work and the amazing support.



I wish all the best for Diane as she begins the next exciting chapter! Thank you for all you have done for the nonprofit sector in Alaska. You will be missed but not forgotten.





I wish Diane all the very best as the year and retirement begin!





Anna Stephan, Alaska Community Foundation

It may have felt to her that many issues weren't being addressed, but funding is always limited everywhere. I have valued watching Diane work to understand the needs across the state and have enjoyed observing the differences she made.





Jay Barnhart Videos thanks you for what you do.





Eileen Arnold, Tundra Women's Coalition

Many many thanks to Diane's leadership at Rasmuson for some of the best things in Bethel!





Miranda Weiss - Individual Artist Grant Recipient

Many thanks for all of Diane's work supporting art and good projects in Alaska.





Judith Crotty

My fondest memories of Diane and her legacy in the non-profit and foundation world begin and end at Silver Salmon. Who amongst us did not cherish the invitation to spend three days in one of the most beautiful places in Alaska with colleagues whose mission was to improve the lives of Alaskans across the state.





Justina Wilhelm, Ilisaģvik College

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On behalf of Ilisagvik College, we send our heartfelt appreciation to Diane and all she has done for our state!





Cindy Wright

On behalf of the Fairbanks Drama Association and Fairbanks Children's Theatre board of directors and myself, we send our heartfelt congratulations to Diane on her retirement!

Wayne Stevens, United Way of Southeast Alaska

On behalf of United Way of Southeast Alaska, its Board of Directors, and our 34 partner agencies, I want to offer a heartfelt Thank You! Your service to Alaska, Alaskan nonprofits and the communities and people we serve is truly appreciated. Your leadership of efforts to support the myriad of people and projects across the great state of Alaska has been remarkable. Please know your work has made a difference in the lives of many. We wish you all the best as you begin the chapter of your great adventure.





Sarah Riffer, Armed Services YMCA of Alaska

Sending so much gratitude to Diane. She deserves so much happiness as she transitions to retirement.





Thank you Diane for bringing your expansive vision of philanthropy to Alaska!





Thank you for all that you did for Alaska, and honestly, probably will continue to do :)



Greg Meyer, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

Thank you for all the incredible work you have done for our state and for the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. We are a better organization because of your dedication. Blessings on a fun filled retirement.



Brian Green, Christian Health Associates

When I reflect on Diane Kaplan, words like advocate, partner, friend, competent, insightful, caring, big picture come to mind. For nearly thirty years the Rasmuson Foundation, Diane at the helm, has been a powerful partner with Christian Health Associates in our growth and ability to serve Anchorage and Alaska. Most recently, Diane's insights, care and timely advocacy were critical in helping us move into a newly remodeled building with far greater capacity to provide "help along the way". I am grateful to call Diane my friend and, for me personally, she will be sorely missed.



Thank you for all the time, energy, and heart you've put into our community.



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Thank you for all you have done for the communities and non-profits of Alaska.





Thank you for this wonderful opportunity and the work Diane has done in our community and state.





Corinne Smith, KTNA Talkeetna

Thank you, Diane, for all that you've done to support non-profits in Alaska, including public media. Congratulations on your appointment to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting!





Stephanie Berglund, thread

Thank you, Diane, for your incredible vision and leadership and more for your support of me, thread and child care. You are a champion for important work and have made a big difference at the Rasmuson Foundation – thank you





Steven Stone Sr., Native Artist

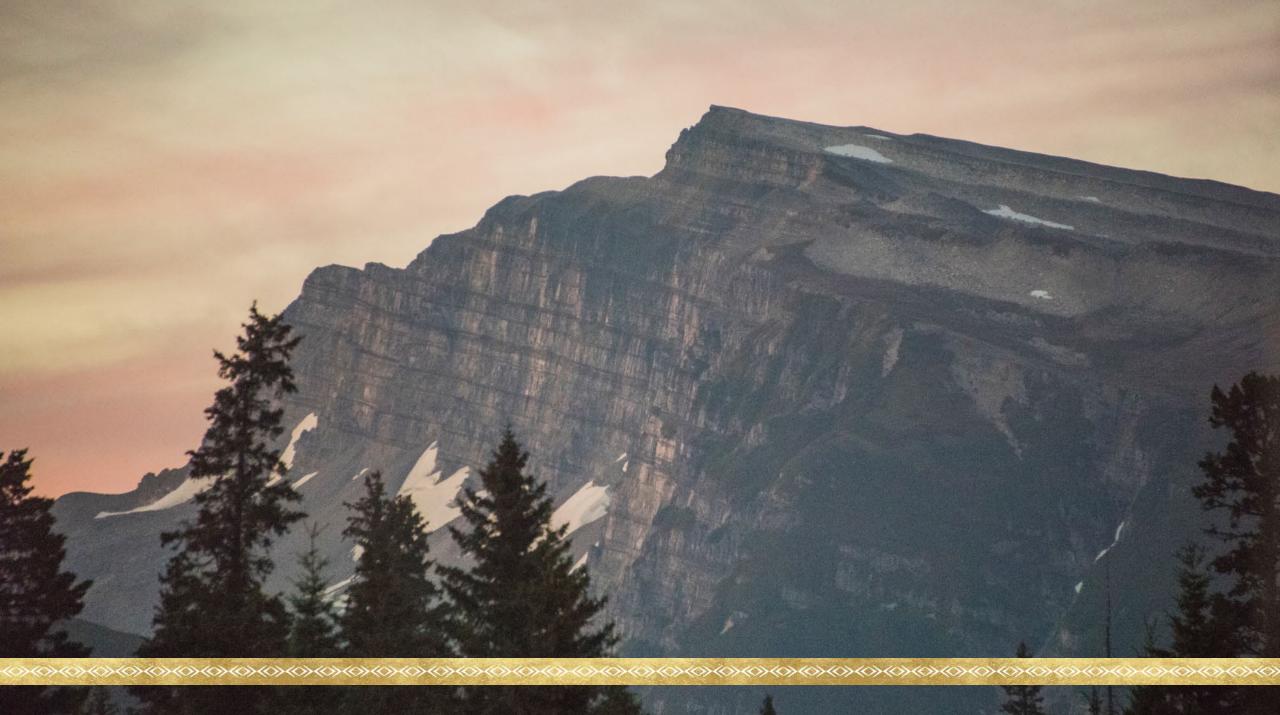
Thanks for your service to Rasmuson Foundation for the past few years, sending you prosperous years for your retirement.





Tony and Susan Knowles

Thanks to Diane for the many contributions she has made to make our state and city a better place for all!





Griffin Hagle, Taġiuġmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority

Thanks to the Rasmuson Foundation under Diane's leadership, the capstone of our agency's \$3.5 million project to renovate and preserve the largest affordable multifamily complex in Utgiagvik well into the middle of this century will be the hiring of an Inupiaq artist to beautify the common areas with a vibrant design thematically connected to the place and its people.





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The Anchorage Community Concert Band has flourished with the help of the Rasumson Foundation.



James Casement, The Grand Igloo Foundation and The Pioneers of Alaska

The Grand Igloo Foundation and the Pioneers of Alaska wish to thank you for all you have done for the preservation of Alaska history. The support you have given to the saving of our history all over this state has been extraordinary and much appreciated. Your retirement from the Rasmuson Foundation does not mean that you raise your sails. That old rocking chair isn't going anywhere. The sea will still carry you on to a new adventure in life. Enjoy the new adventure.





The new Prince William Sound Science Center campus will serve Alaska and beyond for decades to come. Thank you, Diane, for ensuring that the Rasmuson Foundation played a role in our success.



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Julia Luey, VOA Alaska

VOA Alaska would like to express our sincere appreciation for Diane Kaplan and the Rasmuson team in their relentless support of behavioral health services and supports to our young people in Alaska. The support has been invaluable in helping us make a difference in so many young lives and their families.





Andrew Thoms, Sitka Conservation Society

We are so grateful for everything that Diane has done. We can see the impact of all her work with Rasmuson all over Sitka and all over the great state of Alaska.





Charlene Huhndorf

We have treasured your friendship over many years and are so proud of and awed by your accomplishments. Your shoes will be hard to fill at the Foundation and we know you have a great future and look forward to spending more time with you.





We wish Diane well from Homer as she embarks on her next chapter.





We wish you the best of everything going forward.





Teresa Pond, Cyrano's Theatre Company

What comes to mind when I think of Diane is what I have heard and seen from her in almost every interaction we have shared:

How can I help?

Thank you for your generous heart and fierce spirit.





Tod Burnett, University of Alaska Foundation

Your leadership as president and CEO of the Rasmuson Foundation and partnership with the University of Alaska system have enabled many thousands of Alaskans to pursue their education and training goals and career aspirations.



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Quyana Diane, for your dedication and what you have done for the arts and the broader community of Alaska!





Best wishes to Diane & her a wonderful retirement on behalf of Alaska Peace Officers Association.



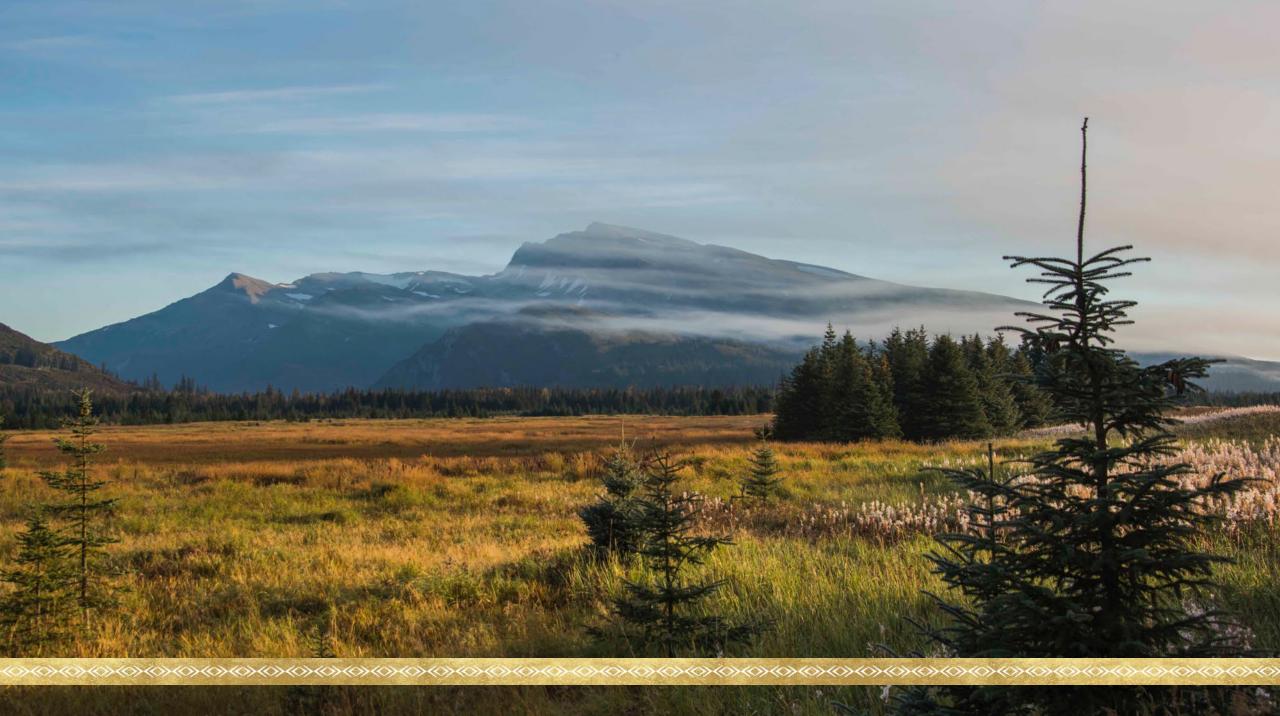


Congratulations and undying respect for Diane.



Heather Ireland, Anchorage School Based Health Centers

Access to care, and in turn their ability to play sports, would not have been possible without funding from the Rasmuson Foundation. Diane understands that helping students access healthcare supports their success in school and in life. Thank you for all you have done for Anchorage and Alaska!





Pamela Miller, AK Action

I join in the celebration to honor the incredible, important work that Diane has led and inspired in Alaska.





Enlaces is thankful for the continuous support that the Rasmuson Foundation has provided us every year.





Diane's leadership at Rasmuson helped SOV maintain the integrity of our fellowship hall where we feed hundreds of neighborhood youth through the summer. You also helped make space for students during the pandemic to have reliable food, internet and supervision.



Darlene Supplee, North Star Council on Aging

Thank you Diane for impacting my life, and those I serve, in such a profound and everlasting way!



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Kathy Turco

Thank you Diane for your tireless work to support Alaskan artists. It has meant so much to so many. Your giving has mattered and without a doubt will benefit future generations all over the state.





Laurie Evans-Dinneen, Alaska Pacific University

Diane has been an amazing inspiration to all of us in the field of philanthropy.





Sandy and Marc Langland

We wish Diane well in her retirement or new venture and thank her for her service to the state of Alaska through the Rasmuson Foundation.





Please extend my warm wishes and a celebratory brava to Diane!





Gretchen Cuddy

Thank you, Diane, for your absolutely wonderful dedication to the state of Alaska.



Tara Christiansen-Stiller, Alaska Children's Trust

Quyanaa, Diane! You are an inspiration to me and so many working to help others! Thank you for being you and for all that you do!



Nancy Dryden, Alpine Historical Society

Diane's guidance to the Rasmuson Foundation have been extremely helpful to the Alpine Historical Society. We wish Diane well and will miss her. We are extremely grateful for the guidance she provided to the Foundation.



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Asia Freeman, Bunnell Street Arts Center and Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation

Diane has led so much more at Rasmuson Foundation than extraordinary grant making and fiscal infrastructure for Alaska. She values people and relationships so deeply that she has fostered networks and communities through listening, visioning, and working together toward giant shared goals. Alaskans think bigger, work harder and achieve more because of her. Diane's legacy is lasting—it's imagination, cooperation and capacity. It's the very best gift. It's within us and guides us forward.

Belle Mickelson, Dancing with the Spirit

Dancing with the Spirit, a village school music program that connects youth with elders through music--wants to thank the Rasmuson Foundation and Diane Kaplan for your support for our virtual music curriculum. Our song videos with guitar and fiddle make it possible for students all over the state to learn to play music. In the past 16 years, we have traveled to 55 villages--most of them many times. Mahsi' choh, Baasee', Quyanaq, Quyana, Gunalcheesh, Haw'aa, AwA'ahdah, and Thank You!!



Anne Dennis – Choi, AK Child & Family

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."" - Jane Goodall

Diane, we are AK Child & Family are extremely grateful for your visionary, inspirational, strategic and innovative leadership. You have made such a positive difference in so many lives through your tireless efforts and work at the Rasmuson Foundation. You have indeed made Alaska a better place for everyone! "



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Barbara and Larry Cash

"Diane, We love you, are so very proud for you and your enormous impacts on Alaska through the Rasmuson Foundation, and know you'll bring fresh insights to your time with the CPB Board. Congratulations!"





Jerome Hertel, Alaska State Fair

The Alaska State Fair staff and Board would like to add their most sincere thanks and gratitude to Diane for her extraordinary leadership and stewardship of the Rasmuson Foundation, the results of which permeate throughout the entire state of Alaska. We consider Diana a very special friend of the Fair ... she, and the Rasmuson Foundation are part of the Fair's fabric and legacy and will be for decades in the future.



Belle Mickelson, Cordova 4H Camp

Thanks so much to the Rasmuson Foundation under Diane Kaplan's leadership for donating funds for Cordova 4H musical instruments that have been used by hundreds of students for over 20 years--including recent donations to help us get through the pandemic isolation. We are also grateful for funds for our virtual curriculum: support for our Bluegrass and Hawaiian Music summer camps--and Bands in a Bag that were sent out to all the youth in Cordova, Yakutat, Chenega and Tatitlek in 2021.



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Jamar Hill, Gamers/RBI Alaska

Diane Kaplan, while with the Rasmuson Foundation, approved our first grant from a non sport related foundation. The grant was for technology to better communicate with youth athletes and organization stakeholders. While this may seem like a small gesture of support, this approval was the first step that allowed us to build the relationships needed to execute a capital campaign for an indoor practice facility in the Mountain View neighborhood of Anchorage Alaska.

Mollie Kabler, CoastAlaska, Inc.

A hearty Alaskan thanks for your tremendous support of public media entities beginning with APRN and continuing at the Rasmuson Foundation. Your leadership in support of public media has made a world of difference. Your commitment continues with your new role on the CPB board. Congratulations and much appreciation.



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Thank you so very much for all that you have done for our Haines Community!!



Lina Mariscal, Sol de Medianoche News

During her tenure at the Rasmuson Foundation, we have all been touched by her leadership; no matter how small or unprecedented a project is, if it makes a difference in people's lives, Diane will likely find a way to support it. So let's keep her vision alive by continuing to advocate for all of us in our community.

Cheryl and Marty Metiva, Rotary Alaska (District 5010)

Diane became a dedicated Rotarian in 1990. Her selfless service, and "roll up her sleeves" attitude has contributed to the success of the Anchorage Rotary Club and the greater community. As a guest speaker at Rotary Clubs across the state of Alaska, she has shared a compassionate, broad vision of "Service Above Self", the motto of Rotary International.





Rev. Belle Mickelson, Red Dragon Historic District

We are so grateful for the Rasmuson Foundation and Diane Kaplan's help! The Rasmuson Foundation donated to the new roofs for both the Red Dragon and St. George's Episcopal Church. In our rainy climate-roofs and places to meet are very valuable. The Red Dragon has always been the town's living room, in addition to the parish hall. During the pandemic, the Red Dragon has been used continually for quarantining, housing for the homeless and those in recovery. St. George's church has been used for weekly church services and to house Cordova 4H Instruments, music lessons, and community meetings. We're so happy to have these historic buildings in our community. Thank you Diane!!

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Elizabeth Milliken, Rural Alaska Community Actions Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP)

The RurAL CAP team thanks Diane for her tireless advocacy, support, and collaboration in serving lowincome individuals and families across Alaska. Diane's passion and leadership stand as a pillar of timeless inspiration to our community.



Joan O'Keefe, United Human Services of SE Alaska (UHS)

Teal Street Center has been a dream of Juneau's social service nonprofits for well over a decade - a hub that brings together the many agencies that serve elders, youth, people with disabilities, and many more. Diane has been an unwavering champion, supporter and advisor every step of the way. Diane never failed to make time to listen, brainstorm, suggest new funding sources and promote Teal Street Center to prospective funders. She opened doors we didn't even know existed. We are in the final stages of construction and fundraising, and very close to opening our doors to the public this spring. Thank You Diane!





Rebecca Parker, Anchorage Senior Activity Center

"Diane Kaplan is an Alaskan and a National legend in Philanthropy. She is a heartfelt humanitarian; and a visionary, and she leads with courage and compassion. She especially has been supportive of our senior population across Alaska and at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center which impacts thousands of seniors annually."





Margaret Rich, Golden Heart Community Foundation

Meeting Diane at ACF affiliate events in Anchorage, visiting with her at the Harding Lake event in 2016, and having dinner with Diane, Nina, and Leland in 2018 at the Olympics in South Korea are wonderful memories for me. I always admired Diane for her work and dedication to the Rasmuson Foundation and to the entire state of Alaska. She made a positive difference to both. Alaska is better because of Diane. It has been an honor and privilege for me to know her. Wishing Diane the very best on the next adventure.



Herbert Schroeder, ANSEP

Diane, you are the truest friend a person could ever have.



Catherine Stevens

These photos highlight Diane's stellar career in Public Broadcasting in Alaska. We celebrate her return to that world as a prestigious board member of CPB!







Tara Sweeney

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I am so thankful for the opportunity to work along side of you all these years! I remember when we first met in Juneau, special session and I was still in college! I appreciate all that you have done throughout Alaska, quyanaqpak. I wish you only the best in this next chapter.

