



## New Board Member Orientation & Refresher Session - NOTES

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### About ACF (Established in 1995)

Mission: Inspiring the spirit of giving and connecting people, organizations, and causes to strengthen Alaska's communities now and forever.

Vision: ACF envisions an Alaska where communities come together and have resources to thrive.

### What We Do (Three Legs of the Community Foundation Stool)

- Grantmaker: Support the charitable work of other nonprofits through grantmaking.
- Vehicle for Philanthropy: Fulfill charitable goals through flexible giving options, creating endowment funds to sustain charitable organizations and provide philanthropic advising.
- Community Leadership: Bring people and resources together to address community issues and needs.

### What We Manage

210M Assets; 2,250 Funds

\$200M in Grants since inception

\$3M in Scholarships since 2019

### 2023 Key Activities & Highlights

Donors contributed over 2.3M in gifts to Affiliates.

Affiliates awarded nearly \$500,000 in grants to local nonprofits.

Advisory Board Members volunteered nearly 9,000 hours to their local community foundation.

### Affiliate Philosophy

People want to give back to the places they love.

Communities in Alaska will invest in their future.

Local people make local decisions for their communities.

### What Affiliate Advisory Boards and Their Members Do

Affiliates are local community volunteers who lead local philanthropic activities while operating under ACF's umbrella EIN.

Connect with Donors

- Stewardship
- Create and host engagement activities.
- Promote and recognize legacy giving.

Grantmaking and Connecting

- Meet emergent community needs.
- Run an annual grant cycle.
- Connect local nonprofits to other sources of funding.

Community Leadership

- Convene nonprofits & stakeholders to address community needs.
- Provide trainings and workshops and networking opportunities for nonprofits.

#### Legacy Giving

- Bequests and Estate Plan Gifts
- Possible tax advantages to donors/heirs
- Sustainable funding for your local community

#### **“Legacy 101 Training for Affiliate Advisory Boards”**

<https://youtu.be/w7OB28d4nAo>

This presentation features Chilkat Valley CF board member Ann Myren who shares the CVCF legacy campaign and includes suggestions on how to increase affiliate legacy commitments.

#### ACF Affiliate Strategic Review: Where We Are

Affiliates are central to the heart of ACF’s work. Since 2008, we have achieved significant milestones together. The staff at The Alaska Community Foundation have committed to the following Affiliate-support priorities through 2026:

- Make the case for the Affiliates to statewide and regional funders.
- Support localized Affiliate operating endowment fundraising targets.
- Support Affiliates in growing legacy commitments.
- Support Affiliates in expanding community involvement.

#### We’re In This Together

ACF and the Local Community Foundations are interdependent:

ACF relies on its Affiliates to meet a core value proposition: locally led decision making rooted in local experience and knowledge.

The Affiliates rely on ACF to provide core support services, including staff support, financial and investment services and more.

#### Core Support Services

Organizational Status and Compliance  
 Complex Gift Transactions  
 Investment & Financial Management  
 Donor Services  
 Systems/Technical Platforms  
 HR Support Services

#### Affiliate Foundations

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation  
 Cordova Community Foundation  
 Golden Heart Community Foundation  
 Jessica Stevens Community Foundation  
 Kenai Peninsula Community Foundation  
 Ketchikan Community Foundation  
 Kodiak Community Foundation  
 Palmer Community Foundation  
 Petersburg Community Foundation  
 Seward Community Foundation  
 Sitka Legacy Foundation