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# Thank you for investing in your local community!



#BethelGives is a campaign sponsored by the Bethel Community Services Foundation and implemented by BCSF and local nonprofit agencies. The aim of #BethelGives is to offer the Bethel and YK Delta community increased opportunities to support local organizations as we all prepare for winter and the holiday season - a time of great generosity and great need.

#BethelGives is a local extension of a national and international campaign - #GivingTuesday - which encourages people all over the world to follow the shopping mayhem of Black Friday and Cyber Monday with generosity that changes lives in their own local communities. On #GivingTuesday, people around the U.S.A. and world will share their time, talents and treasure with their neighbors in need, often through local organizations who step up to help meet these needs.

This Wish Book is one component of the #Bethel Gives campaign. Here in Bethel, AK, we are thrilled to partner with amazing organizations that are part of the fabric of our local community. We encourage you and your family to help improve our community by considering donating - either tangible items or cash gifts - to one or more of the organizations listed in this book. If you would like to support the organizations listed in this Wish Book, please use the contact information provided by the organization on their Wish Book page.

You have the power to strengthen and enliven our community with your generosity.

## About Bethel Community Services Foundation

Bethel Community Services Foundation is the local independent community foundation that specifically serves Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region. BCSF is dedicated to the development, growth, continuance and

enhancement of community based programs and services and as part of this mission, provides funding to local efforts and organizations, devotes staff time to community leadership and capacity building activities, and enriches our community through development of short-term and long term funds that build community wealth and local long-term (and short-term) funding streams.

BCSF obtained its initial assets through a conversion from another nonprofit organization, Bethel Community Services. The Foundation was created in 1992 to manage the assets of, and contribute financial support for, the program of BCS. BCS was founded in 1969 and introduced many human service programs to the Bethel community and the region. Over the years as Bethel grew and developed, organizations and the programs and services they offered grew and evolved. In 2004, BCS elected to transfer its programs to another Bethel-based nonprofit organization. As part of the dissolution process, BCS transferred cash and real estate assets to the Foundation, which amended its articles of incorporation and bylaws to form a community foundation.

Since 2004, BCSF has embraced its wider role in the community through the development of a number of funds- including agency endowments, area of interest funds, donor-advised funds, disaster/relief funds, special project funds, providing the host organization for the first formal women's giving circle, and other creative endeavors designed to meet the community and region's needs. Additionally, BCSF has dedicated the resource of staff time to assist with projects that benefit the community, such as the development of the swimming pool and fitness center, the efforts to create the sobering center, fund administration for parks and art installation projects, and leadership on efforts that affect the nonprofit sector. Examples of these efforts include leadership and coordination related to city sales tax and associated municipal code as it relates to the nonprofit sector and the development of local campaigns to promote philanthropy, including local Pick.Click. Give. promotions and the associated Give+Get Drawing and the #BethelGives collaboration.

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**November 29, 2016**

# Bethel Council on the Arts



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## Community Impact

Bethel Council on the Arts awards scholarships to local youth and adults provides materials and supplies for community arts classes, purchase of musical instruments for public schools, awards tuition to youth summer camps and Miss Indian National competitions. Community events including: Local, regional, state and nationally known performers in concert, Just Desserts local musicians concert, Camaii Dance Festival traditional Native dance, Arts and Crafts sale venues, Mr. & Miss Camai, Up close and personal with dance groups, Fur fashion show, Storytelling nights, Place of memory-suicide memorial and Christmas Choir Concert. Bethel Council on the Arts is the main organization for all live performances in Bethel and the region.

## Fast Facts

BCA brings live performing artists to Bethel and southwestern Alaska as a member of the Alaskan Touring Consortium. BCA sponsors the three days Camaii Dance Festival each spring which celebrates Yup'ik dance heritage and indigenous dance worldwide. BCA encourages local musicians and entertainers to perform by sponsoring the annual Just Desserts concerts each fall. Visual artists receive financial support and/or scholarships covering supplies and registration fees.

## Mission

To preserve and promote knowledge of all cultural activities within the Yukon-Kuskokwim area, and to stimulate and nurture creative expression through entertainment, art programs, and educational activities pertaining to the arts.

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Co-Sponsorship for live performances for traveling artists/entertainers
  - Lodging for performers
  - Sponsor a “meet and greet” dinner, cocktail party, or similar
  - Shipping costs for music equipment
- ☐ Co-Sponsorship for Camaii Dance festival
  - Native food donations for community potluck
  - Lodging for visiting dance teams
  - Transportation for visiting dance teams
  - Volunteers to help at the festival
  - Paper products and plastic utensils
  - Coffee, tea, juice
- ☐ Donations of fancy desserts, coffee, paper products for Just Desserts Concert
- ☐ Printing costs for event fliers

# Bethel Family Clinic



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## Community Impact

Bethel Family Clinic offers integrated medical and behavioral health services and recently added dental services at another site to the people of the YK Delta region. We strive to make our services available to the whole community regardless of their ability to pay. We offer a sliding fee scale that is based on income to patients below the 200% poverty level and who are uninsured or underinsured. We are a Patient Centered Medical Home and recently received a Level 3 Recognition by National Committee for Quality Assurance. We appreciate the opportunity to work with other community non-profits to increase overall well-being of the community. We recently received partial funding for a new 4,500 square foot facility that will allow us to increase the services we offer and decrease patient wait times.

## Fast Facts

Bethel Family Clinic offers medical, dental, and behavioral health services. This year so far we have served 3,950 patients. We travel to the surrounding villages in the spring and fall to do sport physicals and well-child exams for 3,000 school aged kids in the YK Delta.

## Mission

Bethel Family Clinic provides integrated health care and promotes wellness for all people within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Donations targeted at helping us fund our new facility
- ☐ Donations targeted at helping us increase the services we offer in the YK Delta
- ☐ Children's books that can be given away to pediatric patients



# Bethel Friends of Canines



## Community Impact

BFK9 has made a significant impact in reducing the number of loose dogs in Bethel. We have also begun rescuing dogs in the villages and have seen our rescue numbers grow. Spaying and neutering dogs and cats is a major goal for us and we are seeing those numbers climb as well. Another goal is to get dogs and cats vaccinated against common diseases as well as rabies.

## Fast Facts

BFK9 was started in 2011 by 3 women who wished to change the fate of dogs left in the pound or loose on the streets of Bethel. They soon included cats in their rescue efforts. To help with reducing the loose dog population, they began offering financial assistance to families who couldn't afford to spay or neuter their pets. Dog houses and straw are provided as well. To date, we have rescued over 1,300 animals since our beginning.

## Mission

Bethel Friends of Canines is a volunteer run organization that works in conjunction with the local animal care officers to find permanent homes for abandoned or neglected dogs and puppies in our community. Our mission as a service organization is to increase the canine well-being through education, advocacy, and a network of foster and adoptive homes.

## Contact

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Monetary donations to support the construction of a kennel for our rescue dogs and cats
- ☐ Monetary donations for vaccines
- ☐ Monetary donations to support spays and neuters
- ☐ Puppy pads
- ☐ Natural balance dog food
- ☐ Purina puppy chow
- ☐ Wellness canned puppy food
- ☐ Airline kennels, all sizes
- ☐ Wire kennels
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Bleach
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Dogs treats
- ☐ Dog toys
- ☐ Rawhides & other chew treats
- ☐ Training treats
- ☐ Leashes
- ☐ Collars
- ☐ Bedding (used towels and sheets work great!)
- ☐ Straw
- ☐ Volunteers are also very welcome; we always need help with walking dogs, cleaning airline crates, foster homes, and myriad other chores - to volunteer, please contact Kelsey Webber, kelseywebber93@gmail.com 907-545-1022

# Bethel Search and Rescue



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## Community Impact

The Bethel Search and Rescue team is an all-volunteer group of men and women who respond to calls for help for missing persons in the Bethel area. BSAR also provides assistance when requested by the Alaska State Troopers, Civil Air Patrol, City of Bethel Police, Village Police Safety Officers, and other SAR teams in villages surrounding Bethel. Searches are conducted as long as possible and in any type of weather, unless weather conditions are considered too severe even for SAR work. BSAR is dedicated to search and rescue missions because we are one big family in the YK Delta. Sometimes, searches result in finding the remains of lost victims and we deeply share in the sorrow of the affected families.

## Fast Facts

BSAR is made up of 50 - 60 dedicated members. In summer, search and rescue missions are conducted on foot or by boat or aircraft. In winter, searches are done on snowmachines and aircraft. In addition to searching for missing persons, BSAR puts a lot of effort into preventative work, including marking trails, measuring ice and informing the public about potential dangers.

## Mission

Bethel Search and Rescue conducts search and rescue missions in Bethel and the surrounding villages in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, Bethel Police, Village Public Safety Officers, and other SAR teams from area villages.

## Contact

Sam Samuelson 907-545-6555 or  
Mike Riley 907-545-4502

## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Drone with thermal imaging camera
- ☐ 6" and 10" ice augers
- ☐ Ice drilling and measuring equipment
- ☐ Heavy weather parkas
- ☐ High visibility, professional grade float coats



# Bethel Winter Shelter Lions Club

Bethel Winter House – Uksumi Uqisvik



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## Community Impact

The Bethel Winter House has a positive impact on the community by providing a safe warm shelter for those that are able to care for themselves and a trained staff who can facilitate access to Emergency Services or Temporary Rehabilitation Services for those who are not. In 2016 we served 1,347 people providing 1,188 bed days and 2,376 meals. In that time we assisted 3 clients in getting EMS attention and referred 20 to the Sobering Center.

## Fast Facts

This is our 4th year of operation. In just the one year before we opened there were 6 exposure-related deaths in Bethel. Since we opened that number has been drastically reduced.

## Mission

Our mission is to eliminate death by exposure during the harsh winter months by providing a warm and safe emergency shelter to the homeless population of Bethel.

## Contact

For donations, please contact:

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Jon Cochrane and [jon.c.cochrane@gmail.com](mailto:jon.c.cochrane@gmail.com)

You can also reach us through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bethelwinterhouse](https://www.facebook.com/bethelwinterhouse).

## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ New warm socks
- ☐ New regular or thermal underwear
- ☐ Clean winter gloves
- ☐ Clean winter hats
- ☐ Winter coats
- ☐ Snow pants
- ☐ Backpacks
- ☐ Non-perishable food donations
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Monetary donations are highly encouraged as they allow us to fill the gaps between what is given and what is needed





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## Community Impact

Bethel Broadcasting, Inc. is a Native American owned and operated public broadcasting joint licensee operating radio and television stations located in Bethel, Alaska. KYUK 640 AM provides national, state and local news, local weather, public affairs shows, entertainment programming and high school sports coverage. KYUK is an Alaska Public Radio Network member station and a member station of the Alaska ONE statewide public television network. KYUK radio is a conduit for critical weather and search and rescue information and the primary Emergency Alert System originator for the region.

## Fast Facts

1. KYUK 640 AM serves a population of over 22,000 people and serves as a primary means for local news, weather, safety information and entertainment for many in the region.
2. KYUK 640 AM began broadcasting AM radio in 1971 and television in 1972.
3. KYUK's Yupik News is the only Native language news in the United States.
4. Last year KYUK's website [www.kyuk.org](http://www.kyuk.org) received approximately 1,000,000 unique page views with over 100,000 users.

## Mission

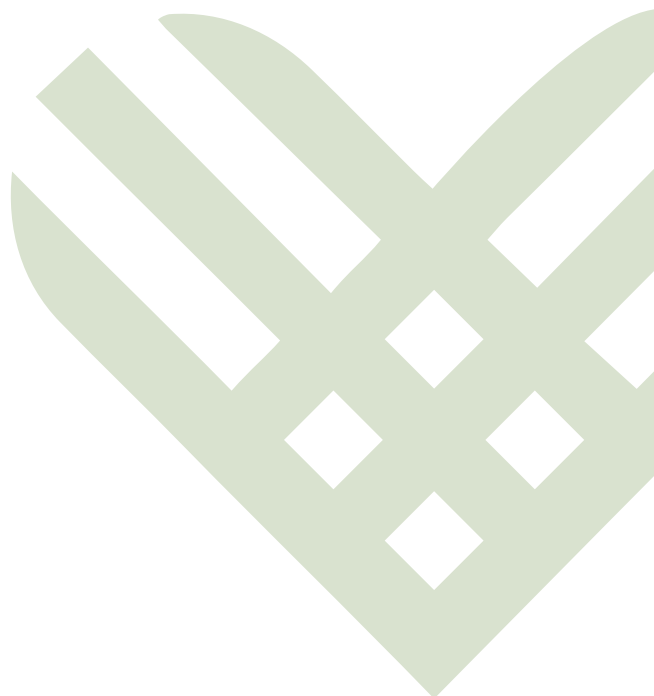
KYUK is dedicated to serving the rural Alaska and Native Alaskan population of our region and responding to issues that affect the people of the Yukon-Kuskowim Delta. Our mission is to educate, stimulate, and inform, as well as, provide cultural enrichment, entertainment, opportunity for public access and language maintenance for cultural survival.

## Contact

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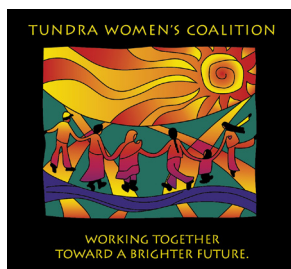
## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Travel and transportation tickets and vouchers
- ☐ Any services or items that can be used in our annual fall fundraiser as prizes
- ☐ Monetary donations that can be used towards our building renovation, the purchase of chairs for our TV studio audience, and many other financial needs





# Tundra Women's Coalition



## Community Impact

Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC) currently includes a 33-bed shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, administrative offices, a Legal Advocacy program, a Community Education Program with a village outreach component, a youth violence-prevention program called Teens Acting Against Violence, a Children's Program, Irniamta Ikayrviat (Children's Advocacy Center), an Engaging Men and Boys Program, a Housing Program with Transitional Houses, and a Thrift Store.

## Fast Facts

TWC was officially incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1978. In 2009, construction for a state-of-the-art shelter and administrative building for Tundra Women's Coalition was completed. An addition for the Children's Advocacy Center was completed in 2011. In FY2016, TWC provided shelter for 212 adults and 172 children, for a total of 11,737 shelter nights, and answered 722 crisis calls.

## Mission

Tundra Women's Coalition provides safe, empowering services for families experiencing domestic or sexual violence. We seek to promote violence-free communities through culturally appropriate outreach programs and supportive services.

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Monetary donations for emergent, unforeseen needs
- ☐ Monetary donations or donations of Alaska Airlines miles for TAAV to attend the 2017 Outward Bound Trip
- ☐ New, unwrapped Christmas presents for women and children of all ages
- ☐ Crafting supplies (preferably NOT writing implements, to save the walls) and rainy day activities for children and teens
- ☐ New winter hats and gloves for teens
- ☐ Small, travel-style toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap)
- ☐ Toothbrushes for adults and children
- ☐ Small travel-style tubes of toothpaste
- ☐ Q-tips
- ☐ Baby bottles
- ☐ Sippy cups
- ☐ Formula for babies
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Space heaters
- ☐ New or gently used La-Z-Boy chair for elders' office
- ☐ Volunteers who would like to help run the thrift store
- ☐ Volunteers who are interested in answering the crisis line
- ☐ Relief advocates to cover for full time staff during vacations, holidays, and unforeseen emergencies

# YK Delta Lifesavers



## Community Impact

Annual grants from the YK Lifesavers Endowment Fund enables hundreds of youth and adults to enjoy free or half price fees to the Yukon Kuskokwim Fitness Center on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Lifesavers sponsored youth to receive free swim lessons, water safety programs and swim attire. To assure fund growth to continue this support donation requests and fundraisers are year round.

## Fast Facts

In 2015, grants made to the YK Fitness center facility were used for the following activities:

- \$2,692.50 sponsored 34 youth in Aquatic Programs (beginning swim lessons)
- \$5,255.68 purchased 1,052 daily passes for both youth and adults
- \$7,236 purchased swimwear for 289 individuals

In July and August of 2016, 800 youth, 368 adults, 26 seniors and 2 military benefited from the Lifesaver sponsored half price grants. The fund sponsored free swim opportunities for children at the TWC shelter, Teens Acting Against Violence, AVCP Head Start and those who show up needing fee support.

## Mission

To raise funds for the operation, & maintenance costs of a community multi-purpose gym and swimming pool facility, to seek funds for the construction of such a facility, to sponsor healthy activities for families with a strong emphasis on Youth, to create awareness for positive parenting & the need for positive mentors/role models for area youth, to establish a volunteer force to enhance and assist youth and family programs already in place.

## Contact

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Monetary donations - monetary donations can be directed to an endowment fund for long-term support, a fund for immediate grantmaking to swim lessons and programs at the YK Fitness Center, or split between the two funds based on donor intent
- ☐ New swimwear for youth and adults
- ☐ New swim caps for youth and adults
- ☐ Swim goggles for youth and adults
- ☐ Arm floaties, pool noodles, other recreational swim equipment

# Yuut Elitnaurviat

The People's Learning Center, Inc.



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## Community Impact

Yuut Elitnaurviat was created in 2002 in response to the collapse of the local salmon fishing industry. As the reality set in that the industry would likely never recover, regional leaders came together in solidarity to establish a jointly governed workforce development consortium. Tasked with ensuring access to regionally driven, employment linked training opportunities, Yuut Elitnaurviat developed a \$35 million dollar 10 acre training campus that hosts ongoing programs like the Regional Adult Basic Education Center, Nursing Pathways, Commercial Driving Programs, Federal Apprenticeships, innovative boarding school hybrid programs for village students, and the groundbreaking Dental Health Aide Therapy Program. Our can-do approach ensures students find pathways to success in careers that strengthen our local economy as well as the communities in our incredibly unique region.

## Fast Facts

Yuut Elitnaurviat is the only Rural Training Center in Alaska to offset electrical costs with a combined wind and solar alternative energy system. Since we began offering Driver Education Services, Yuut Elitnaurviat staff have proctored 819 Class D road tests and 133 commercial road tests. All of the training and classes that Yuut Elitnaurviat offers lead to employment within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region of Southwest Alaska.

## Mission

Yuut Elitnaurviat's mission is to put local people into local high wage jobs.

## Contact

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## Wish Book Requests

- ☐ Monetary donations to support the Driver's Ed program
- ☐ Driver's Ed vehicle, new or gently used
- ☐ Class B CDL Vehicle



# Bethel Community Services Foundation Fund Listing

## Bethel Community Services Foundation Funds

### **Bethel Community Services Foundation**

**Community Grantmaking Fund:** The Community Grantmaking Fund allows BCSF to fund broad requests from the YK Delta region based on the diverse needs of projects and organizations in our communities or serving our community members.

**AREBT Fund for Health-Related Projects:** This endowed fund will make its first grants in 2017, and will be used to fund projects that impact health in the YK Delta region and the Kotzebue region.

**Best in the West Economic Competition Project:** BCSF is the fiscal agent for the Best in the West economic competition, sponsored each year by the Kuskokwim Campus of UAF. Best in the West funds small business start-ups or expansions through a competitive grant-seeking process that includes business planning educational opportunities. In this role, BCSF manages a project fund for Best in the West.

**Bethel Prematernal Home Fund:** This endowed fund supports the Bethel Prematernal Home, a program housed at the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. The Prematernal Home provides temporary housing to pregnant women from communities throughout the YK Delta who are awaiting delivery at the hospital in Bethel.

**Betty Guy Memorial Nursing Home Fund:** This endowed fund, created through the fundraising efforts of Bethel's Elias Venes, the late Nora Guinn and the late Gladys Jung, makes grants to the local Elders Home. The Elders Home is a nursing home that is operated by the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp.

**John Malone Fund:** The John Malone Fund was created to honor the legacy of the late John Malone, who created the organization that preceded BCSF and led the conversion that organization's assets to BCSF and the broadening of the Foundation's mission to a community foundation. This endowed funds makes grants that benefit individuals who are living with disabilities and/or mental illness.

**South Sudan Medical Relief Fund:** This endowed fund supports grants to Crosscurrents International Institute on behalf of the SSMR project, which is operated by Dr. Jill Seaman, a longtime Bethel resident and medical provider at Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp. Dr. Seaman works in the South Sudan community of Old Fangak and in Bethel; her work receives international support, including contributions from the YK Delta region.

**Teens Acting Against Violence Fund:** This endowed fund supports TAAV, the violence prevention, early intervention & leadership program operated by Tundra Women's Coalition. TAAV focuses on many areas of resiliency and asset building with teens, including the value of peer education, and has won awards and received evaluation that shows the program's value and effectiveness.

**Tundra Women's Coalition Fund:** This agency endowed fund supports Tundra Women's Coalition, which is the domestic violence/sexual assault provider of emergency shelter, outreach and prevention services. TWC also implements a child advocacy center, an engaging boys and men project, transitional housing and other efforts related to interpersonal violence.

**YK Delta Lifesavers Fund:** This endowed fund was formed through grassroots fundraising to create a swimming pool. Efforts were started by a group of local moms in the 1980s, many of whom continued advocacy efforts until the facility was built with a legislative appropriation in 2014. The fund supports swimming opportunities for all members of our community at Bethel's pool and fitness center.

**YK Delta Women in Philanthropy Giving Circle Fund:** The YK Delta region's first formal giving circle, established as a donor advised fund, supports four areas: creating an endowment for the giving circle itself for future, permanent and local grant making; establishing and contributing to the endowment for the South Sudan Medical Relief (SSMR) project for the next three years; and immediate grant making to SSMR and local, YK Delta-based projects.

Donations can be made at any time to funds held by BCSF by clicking on the "Donate" tab on our website, [www.bcsfoundation.org](http://www.bcsfoundation.org), or by contacting BCSF by phone at 907-543-1812 or by mail at PO Box 2189 Bethel, AK 99559.