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#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 28, 2017

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, purchases musical instruments for public schools, awards tuition to youth summer camps and helps support Miss Indian National competitions. Community events include: Hosting local, regional, state, national and international performers in concert. BCA has hosted Leo Kottke, John Gorka, Martha Redbone, Women of the World and many more. Additionally, events include local musicians, story tellers and comedians at the Just Desserts concert each fall, Camai Dance Festival featuring traditional Native dancing each spring, 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-day Camai 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 concert and assists with Bethel LIVE and other performances, plays and concerts. 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 Camai 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, behavioral health, and dental services to the people of YK Delta region. We recently added a substance abuse counselor to address issues such as opioid abuse, substance abuse, bullying, and suicide prevention. 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 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, behavioral health, and substance abuse services. So far this year, we have served 3,792 patients with 5,328 visits.
- We travel to the surrounding villages in the spring and fall to do sport physicals and well-child exams for 2,532 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



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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 three women who wished to change the fate of dogs left at 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.

Mission

Bethel Friends of Canines is a volunteer-run organization that works in conjunction with 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 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

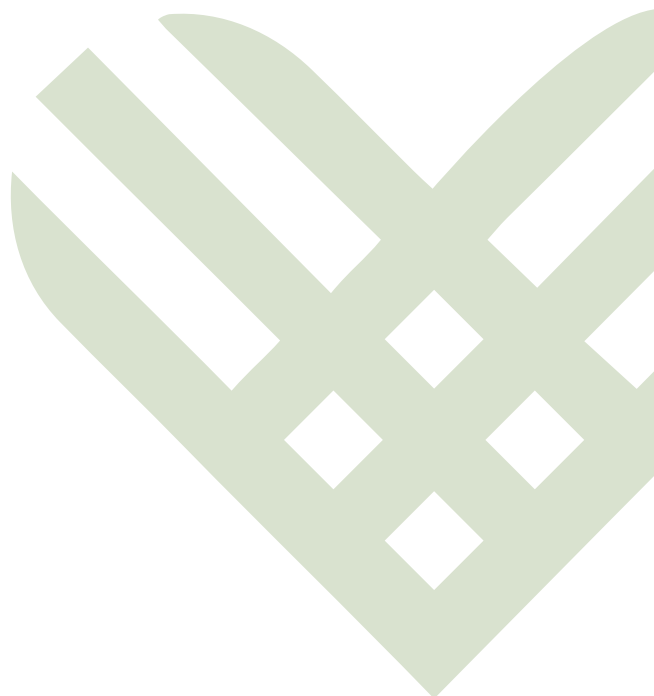
Bethel Search and Rescue conducts search and rescue missions in Bethel and the surrounding villages in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, Bethel Police, Village Public Safety Officers, and other SAR teams from area villages.

Contact

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Wish Book Requests

- Drone with thermal imaging camera
- 6-inch and 10-inch ice augers
- Ice drilling and measuring equipment: 2-inch ice auger and plastic yard sticks
- Heavy weather parkas
- High visibility, professional grade float coats



Bethel Winter House Shelter Lions Club

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 who 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.

Fast Facts

This is our 5th 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. In 2016-2017, we served 1,680 people, averaging 14 people/night. On our highest census night, we served 25 people.

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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You can also reach us through our Facebook page at 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

Kuskokwim Consortium Library Foundation



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Community Impact

The Kuskokwim Consortium Library serves the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus and residents of Bethel. We offer a collection of over 61,000 print and media resources and free access to computers and Wi-Fi. We seek to support literacy and freedom of information to the community. We support literacy and community building through our regularly scheduled programs, including story times, toddler time, Lego Club, basic computer skills classes, adult coloring, and movie nights. We connect the community to programming and trainings throughout the state through our Online With Libraries videoconferencing software.

Fast Facts

The library had approximately 46,000 visitors last year and 1,060 library card holders. According to the ALA Library Value Calculator, the value of the KUC library to our community is \$278,269.25 per year, or \$262.52 per library card holder. Last year we helped 8,720 people find digital information, apply for jobs and the PFD, and keep in touch with family and friends on library computers. Last year, we also introduced 1,475 children to the wonders of reading, science and technology through children's programs and brought 500 adults together through community events.

Mission

The mission of the Kuskokwim Consortium Library is to meet the educational, cultural, and information needs of the University of Alaska's Kuskokwim Campus and the community of Bethel.

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Wish Book Requests

- Monetary donations to fund the supplies needed to provide library programs
- Monetary donations to fund the annual fee for the library's AmeriCorps Jesuit Volunteer
- Donations of Legos, craft supplies, prizes, and children's and young adult books for programs and book give-aways





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

- 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.
- KYUK 640 AM began broadcasting AM radio in 1971 and television in 1972.
- KYUK's Yupik News is the only Native language news in the United States.
- Last year KYUK's website 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-Kuskokwim 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.

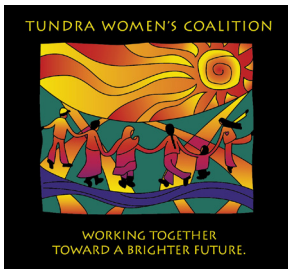
Contact

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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 toward our building renovation, new microphones for the radio department, technical equipment for the news department and many other financial needs
- Monetary donations to sponsor the digitization of televised episodes of historical local game show, Ask An Alaskan

Tundra Women's Coalition



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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

Tundra Women's Coalition was officially incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1978. In 2009, construction for a state-of-the-art shelter and administrative building for TWC was completed. An addition for the Children's Advocacy Center was completed in 2011. In FY2017, TWC provided shelter for 207 adults and 214 children, for a total of 8,982 shelter nights, and answered 804 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.

Contact

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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 2018 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



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Community Impact

For 25 years, the YK Lifesavers have led the effort to get a pool/fitness center built. Now that Phase I is completed, efforts will continue to pursue funding for Phase II, a community gym/center. Annual grants from the YK Lifesavers Endowment Fund enable hundreds of youth and adults to enjoy half price fees to the Yukon Kuskokwim Fitness Center on weekends. The Lifesavers sponsor 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 held year round. Half of funds raised go to support Endowment Fund growth and half supports swim programs.

Fast Facts

- Since the YK Fitness Center opened in 2014, the YK Lifesaver Endowment fund has contributed more than \$50,000 in grants to the YK Fitness center facility.
- Lifesaver Grants sponsors youth in Aquatic Programs (beginning swim lessons)
- Lifesavers Grants sponsors half price swim on weekends. This enables large families and low-income residents of the region to enjoy the pool.

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
- Sponsor individual swim lessons for youth
- Support the Bethel Regional High School Warrior Swim Team
- Sponsor a free swim day
- Clean used bathing attire for children or adults
- New swim attire for children and adults
- Arm floaties, pool noodles and other recreational equipment
- Fund Phase II for a community multi-purpose gym facility

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.

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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 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.

Cama-i Dance Festival Fund: This endowed fund supports the Cama-i Dance Festival, a three-day festival of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, good food and sharing that brings people from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta together with groups from across Alaska and international communities in the common language of dance and song.

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.

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