dedicated to the development, growth, continuance, and enhancement of community-based programs and services in partnership with other local institutions, foundations, and donors
Here at BCSF, we base our success not only on our accomplishments, but also on the accomplishments of our partner organizations in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta (YK Delta). The year 2017 was an exciting year for our community. We nurtured relationships with state and national philanthropic groups, celebrated the growth of our own local philanthropic organization, and experienced a marked increase in local giving.

BCSF was honored to host members of the Rasmuson Foundation Board and participants in the Rasmuson Foundation Grantmaker Ed tour during 2017. We celebrate opportunities to show funders how critical nonprofits are to our community and region and draw attention to the innovation and creativity that is generated within the YK Delta.

The Foundation has been experiencing significant internal growth. We added two new funds, planned a grant for early 2018 to create access to donor management software tools for four local nonprofits (including our own!), and took on two summer interns and a year-long VISTA volunteer. The addition of new team members allowed the Foundation to branch into new territory and increase engagement with local nonprofits.

In 2018, we have prioritized helping local nonprofits continue to expand their services through fundraising and social media presence via a consultation- and software-based partnership with Network for Good (see page 4). We are also developing our own internal communication strategies to better keep in touch with our donors. In the upcoming year, we plan to expand our services in the area of planned giving. Using the Foundation as a vehicle, we can provide pathways for people who love our community and region to help make a lasting impact at home through their estates.

The people of Bethel and the YK Delta, and those who hold the Delta in their hearts, have shown their generous support for the programs and services that make our town a vibrant and wonderful place to live. We are proud of our community’s involvement in the #BethelGives campaign, the collective giving of YK Delta Women in Philanthropy, the Pick.Click.Give. campaign, the strong support of the YK Delta Lifesavers, and the use of the Kuskokwim Ice Classic as a fundraising tool for youth groups.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the energy and hard work of local nonprofits, the selfless dedication of BCSF staff and volunteers, and the generosity of our community. Here’s to another year of growth and prosperity.

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This year, Bethel Community Services Foundation has partnered with Network for Good to support four local nonprofit organizations. The goal of this partnership is to build the capacity of these nonprofits to strengthen their fundraising and development programs so they become less reliant on grants and government funding. Each nonprofit was matched with a fundraising coach and received access to donor management software and a host of other fundraising resources. We believe that by building capacity among our community partners, we build a stronger and more resilient region.

Participating 2017 Organizations:
Bethel Community Services Foundation
Bethel Family Clinic
Bethel Winter House
Tundra Women’s Coalition

Thanks to our generous community, the 3rd annual Give + Get Drawing was a success! This BCSF-funded campaign encourages community members to donate to local agencies when filing their PFDs. The campaign features local nonprofits, donors, and beneficiaries of nonprofit services. Out of all the donors who give locally, two winners are drawn to receive a monetary prize and the chance to give matching funds from BCSF to their choice of seven nonprofits. The 2017 Give + Get Drawing winners gave a total of $1,500 in BCSF funds to the following organizations: Bethel Family Clinic, KYUK, Tundra Women’s Coalition, Kuimavik (Lifesavers), Yuut Elitnaurviat, Bethel Search & Rescue, and Bethel Friends of Canines.

Remember that you can still add or increase a 2018 Pick.Click.Give. contribution through August 31st! Go to pfd.alaska.gov and click on the green Pick.Click.Give. button.
In June, BCSF hosted the Rasmuson Foundation Board on a tour of eight sites around the YK Delta that have received grant funding from Rasmuson, and those of interest to board members. At a community reception, the CEO of Rasmuson Foundation, Diane Kaplan, gifted the City of Bethel and Bethel Volunteer Emergency Services Association with a grant for $25,000, enough to cap off funds raised for the Medic 6 Ambulance. The Rasmuson Foundation also surprised both KYUK and BCSF with $25,000 grants. While traveling in the Delta, members of Rasmuson’s board were able to meet with leaders and influential members of our community to discuss topics such as the effects of climate change, sparse funding during the current oil-production low, and opportunities for capacity building and resources to improve community programs. Later in the summer, BCSF hosted Rasmuson for a Grantmaker Ed tour, consisting of representatives from several philanthropy groups across the nation. In 2017, BCSF began a partnership with Rasmuson for the Individual Artists Award (IAA). BCSF assists YK Delta artists in applying for IAA grants by providing one-on-one technical assistance with the grant application process as well as offering some ancillary services, such as specialized art photography and application transcription. Earl F. Atchak of Chevak received a Fellowship award from IAA for Folk & Traditional art in 2017.
In our second year hosting the YK Delta Women in Philanthropy (YKDWIP) giving circle, BCSF saw considerable growth in membership, donations, and overall capacity. A giving circle is a group of people who donate their money to a pooled fund and give it to an organization or community project. Half of the funds raised are reserved for the South Sudan Medical Relief Fund operated by Bethel Dr. Jill Seaman. Members vote annually on how to spend the remaining half within the region. In 2017, there was a total of $31,343 in donations.

The Foundation supports the growing group of women—currently at 63 members—through materials, communications, and by celebrating the leadership of the participating women! Working with YKDWIP sparked an interest in women’s giving at the Foundation. BCSF executive director, Michelle DeWitt, program officer, Lisa Whalen, and board member, Melody Hoffman, (all members of YKDWIP) attended a Women’s Philanthropy Institute conference in March 2017. If you would like more information or would like to join YK Delta Women in Philanthropy, visit www.ykdeltawomen.org.
As November 28, #GivingTuesday, approached, the BCSF office was abuzz with preparations for the second annual #BethelGives fundraiser. #BethelGives is the first collaborative fundraising campaign in the region, involving 10 participating nonprofits and drawing support from 17 local business sponsors in 2017. Some sponsor businesses donated cash, others chose to donate based on an incentive. For example, Vitus donated 25 cents per gallon of gas pumped on #GivingTuesday. Volunteers from the participating nonprofits were present at Saturday markets and collected donations at Watson’s corner for the “stocking drive.” New to this year, donors were gifted #BethelGives t-shirts, coffee mugs, and stickers based on their contribution amount. In all, the community of Bethel gave with unprecedented kindness, raising $35,119. Look out for #BethelGives in November 2018, likely starting with bar code-based giving at AC and Swanson’s. Wells Fargo has already signed on as a 2018 corporate sponsor- we look forward to another record-setting year in local giving.

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For more information or to make a contribution to #BethelGives, visit www.bethelgives.org.
Kate McWilliams

Kate, born and raised in Bethel, attends Pomona College and studies Sustainability in the Built Environment. Her internship was sponsored by the AmeriCorps VISTA program. She took on capacity-building projects with local nonprofits: building websites for the Kuskokwim Art Guild, Village of Newtok, and Bethel Winter House. In partnership with the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, Kate organized the Taste of Bethel food festival, a celebration of the many cultures represented in Bethel’s small population. Kate also layed the groundwork for a Community Needs Assessment. Through interviews with locals of different backgrounds, age groups, and trades, she began to build a database of Bethel experiences and opinions that will aid the Board in grant-making priorities. Kate continues to do remote work for the Foundation while she is at school.

Ethan Forbes

Also from Bethel, Ethan is currently pursuing a degree in Business and Sustainability at Western Washington University. During his summer internship, sponsored by First Alaskans Institute, Ethan worked on many projects related to cultural resiliency in the region. He organized a funders trip to Nunalleq, the Archeologic site at Quinhagak, and later invited archeologist Rick Knecht and anthropologist Ann Feinup-Riordan to talk about their research in Alaska in a lecture open to the public. Ethan had conversations with the Cama-i committee about the long-term sustainability of the dance festival, including options for broadcasting. He also researched donor management software and recommended Network for Good, the program that BCSF and three other nonprofits are vetting this year.

Both Ethan and Kate traveled to Newtok with BCSF to explore partnerships with Newtok Village Council on the topic of climate change and relocation.
Announcing Our Newest Funds!

Cama-i Dance Festival Fund

Bethel Council on the Arts has opened an endowed fund dedicated to the Cama-i Dance Festival to ensure the long-term success of this local treasure. The cost of the annual festival adds up to approximately $65,000 – the bulk of the expenses coming from flying in dance groups to perform. All staff are volunteers. Gifts made to the Cama-i Dance Festival Fund will be used to grow the endowment. A portion of the interest earned on these funds will be granted out yearly to the festival to help cover costs as the festival continues to be a touchstone of cultural preservation and celebration in the YK Delta.

Best in the West Endowment Fund

The Best in the West small business competition takes place annually and aids many YK Delta entrepreneurs in enterprising pursuits. Each year, a portion of the funds raised via corporate sponsorship and local donations will be set aside in a reserved fund that will supplement the annual budget. Over time, the fund will collect interest, allowing it to grow and accumulate. The endowment fund is separate from the annual project budget and will provide a reliable, sustainable funding stream for Best in the West in years to come.

Under way in 2018

Further developing our communications plan with donors and supporters through the annual report, biannual newsletters, and more frequent email communications.

Network for Good 2018 Grant! Funding BCSF along with Tundra Women’s Coalition, Bethel Family Clinic, and the Bethel Winter House for more advanced donor management software.

Continuing a community needs assessment to identify beneficial partnerships and essential project areas. If you are interested in being interviewed, contact the BCSF office at 543-1812.

BCSF has taken part in the YK Fitness Center Art Selection Committee. Art created by three Alaskan artists will be featured at the YK Fitness Center facility: a mural by Dillingham artist Apayo Moore, exterior sculpture by Mark Witteveen of Kodiak, and stained glass by Barbara Yawit and Andy Daoust of WEET Design of Anchorage. A local artist residency program will also contribute art to the space.
BCSF encourages those who love our community and its people, organizations, and activities to consider establishing a new fund. Learn how to do this by contacting Michelle at BCSF at michelle@bcsfoundation.org or (907) 543-1812. Please also remember our suite of permanent funds in your estate plan. Contributions of funds, property, stock, and more through your estate will be a lasting gift to help the causes you care about to improve the quality of life in our community for generations to come.

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**Grant Distributions by Category**

*Total $161,600.92*

- **21.3%** Capacity Building
- **18%** Arts & Culture
- **16%** Community Engagement
- **6%** Youth
- **4%** Vulnerable Populations
- **4%** Professional Development
- **.7%** Health and Wellness
- **24%** General Support

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**Donations to BCSF by Fund Type**

*Total $377,675*

- **33%** Nonprofit Endowment
- **28%** Emergency
- **21%** Donor Advised
- **17%** Designated
- **16%** Area of Interest
- **8%** Community Grantmaking
- **8%** Project Funds
- **4%** General Support

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**#BethelGives**

- Cashier Challenge: $200
- Bethel Council on the Arts: $1,000
- Bethel Family Clinic: $1,000
- Bethel Friends of Canines: $1,000
- Bethel Search & Rescue: $1,000
- Bethel Winter House: $1,000
- Kusko. Consortium Library Fdn.: $1,000
- KYUK: $1,000
- Tundra Women’s Coalition: $1,000
- YK Delta Lifesavers: $1,000
- Yuut Elitnaurviat: $1,000

**Best in the West**

- Program Costs: $820.30
- Winners Awards: $31,825

**2017 BCSF Capacity Projects**

- Give + Get / Pick.Click.Give. Promo: $5,977.58
- Newtok Partnership: $12,225.10
- Quinhagak Cmty Engagement: $4,839
- Community Lecture Series:
  - Nunalleq: $692.24
  - Asset Building: $480.60
  - Census: $212
  - Housing First: $467.60
- BCSF #BethelGives Campaign: $7,502.52
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**Businesses/Organizations**
- Alaska Commercial Company
- Art Guild of the YK Delta
- Bethel Chamber of Commerce
- Bethel Council on the Arts
- Bethel Native Corporation
- Bethel VFW Post
- Bethel Volunteer Emergency Services Association
- Calista Corp
- Coastal Villages Region Fund
- ConocoPhillips Alaska
- Donlin Gold
- Ed’s Automotive
- First National Bank Alaska
- GCI
- KRK Management
- Kusko Cab
- Made With Love
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What is a Community Foundation?
Community foundations around the world play a key role in identifying and addressing needs in communities. They are created by and for people in a local area. At Bethel Community Services Foundation, we have a growing number of funds that serve nonprofits and charitable projects in Bethel and the surrounding region. Many of these funds are permanent assets intended to sustainably fund projects that will benefit local people. The funds placed in our care are invested by an investment management firm to allow our capital to grow over time. Like all community foundations, BCSF occupies a variety of roles such as grant maker, fund developer, and capacity builder—working on developing new projects to enrich the region.

How Can I Create a Fund?
You can create a fund for a project or purpose you feel passionate about with our Foundation. Most donors approach BCSF with a minimum initial contribution of $10,000.* You’ll then work with BCSF staff to develop a fund agreement that details the purposes and intention of fund, and how the donor wishes for the funds to be spend. Spending may range from having a permanently endowed fund to a fund that spends both its principal and interest. A fund agreement can be found at bcsfoundation.org under Resources tab.
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Online: Visit bcsfoundation.org and click the donate tab.
Check, cash or credit card contributions are accepted at the BCSF office at 1795 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Phone: Call 907-543-1812 to make a credit card contribution.
Mail: Contributions can be mailed to BCSF at PO Box 2189, Bethel, AK 99559. Please make the check out to Bethel Community Services Foundation and include the name of the fund you wish to donate to in the memo line.