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**JAMES WILCOX, SR. AWARDED PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR
BEHREND'S MECHANICAL RECEIVES BUSINESS PHILANTHROPY AWARD**

The Juneau Community Foundation held their annual Philanthropy recognition dinner on October 4 with this year's theme of "sharing the harvest." The event honors the person and business that have been instrumental in supporting our community through their philanthropy.

James Wilcox, Sr. received the Philanthropist of the Year award and Behrends Mechanical owners Dick and Candy Behrends accepted the Business Philanthropy award.

Since arriving with the Coast Guard in 1957, Jim has supported numerous organizations, including the Juneau Chamber, Southeast Alaska United Way, First Things First, Gold Rush Commission, VFW, Crime Line, Treadwell Group, Seward Group, the Southeast Alaska Food Bank and the Juneau Community Foundation.

This past year Jim headed up the drive to expand the size of the food bank to meet Juneau's needs today, and several years ago he started the Food Bank Fund at the Foundation with the vision of supporting the food bank into tomorrow.

A \$15,000 challenge for the Food Bank Fund was announced at the event, in honor of Jim. According to Jim, the Foundation is a positive community force and "we owe them a big hand of thanks for what they do for the community."

Sealaska Heritage Institute President, Rosita Worl introduced Dick and Candy Behrends for the philanthropic business award, recognizing "Behrend's Mechanical's goodwill is appreciated and has had a strong impact at Sealaska Heritage Institute. Their donations supporting repatriated objects and funding Any Given Child's opportunity for all second graders to visit the Walter Soboleff Building and experience the world of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples." The Behrends' commitment to sharing is also evidenced by years of giving both time and funds to the Foundation, Boy Scouts, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and Rotary. As Candy stated, "Philanthropy is so much more than

bequeathing money, it's a frame of heart and mind to share your bounty to benefit your family, your friends, neighbors and community.”

The Foundation celebrated having awarded over \$7 million in grants since 2000. Guest speakers Rorie Watt, KJ and Peggy Metcalf, and George and Debbie Reifenstein provided information on partnering with the Foundation, and donor perspectives on establishing a fund today, and providing a legacy fund for tomorrow.

The Juneau Community Foundation, a local charitable organization thanks Baxter Bruce & Sullivan and Faulkner Banfield for their generous support of this event. For more information or to make a donation to the Food Bank Fund or another fund in an area you are interested in please visit juneaucf.org or call Amy Skilbred at 907-523-5450.

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