

April 21, 2020

Dear Friends:

As we face the direct and indirect health crises and economic fall-out caused by COVID-19 and efforts to contain the virus, it is reassuring to know that friends and neighbors are doing what each of us can to help prevent the spread of the virus, to address the disruptions to our lives, and to help others. In these unprecedented times, we are optimistic that our tightly knit and resilient community will continue to come together and assist each other in so many ways during the days, weeks and perhaps months ahead.

When the Southeast Alaska Food Bank told us their food stocks and donations were low, the Juneau Community Foundation offered to help. We quickly established the *2020 Food Assistance Fund - COVID-19* to increase community awareness of the need and to raise funds on their behalf. To date, more than 200 people have donated roughly \$45,000. We are truly grateful to see such a tremendous response. The Food Bank is now in a much better position to address community food needs in the immediate, near term, and long term due to donations to this Fund and directly to the Food Bank. Thank you.

Concurrently, many residents have expressed concerns about additional coronavirus related health, safety, and economic challenges facing Juneau. Recognizing that emerging local assistance issues - beyond supporting the Foodbank – require additional resources, the Foundation also established the *2020 Community Assistance Fund – COVID-19*. In doing so, we acknowledge that due to the pandemic, additional funds will be needed to respond to other urgent needs both today and in the weeks and months ahead. To date, private foundations and donors have contributed more than \$75,000 to this fund. Again, thank you.

In the spirit of looking forward to better times, we want you to know that 2020 marks the Foundation's twentieth year of encouraging Juneauites to be generous in support of our hometown. Back in December, we circled September 17, 2020, as the date for celebrating this milestone. That is still the plan, fingers crossed, so please Save The Date and we hope to see you there.

Lastly, we salute all who are doing what they can to stay virus free and to those who are assisting the community in essential, practical, thoughtful, and creative ways during this stressful time. Thank you for being kind and generous, for helping others, and doing everything you can to stay healthy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Skilbred, Executive Director

P.S. To stay informed about both our COVID-19 funds -- Community Assistance Fund and Food Assistance Fund -- check our website ([juneaucf.org](http://juneaucf.org)) or follow us on Facebook.