



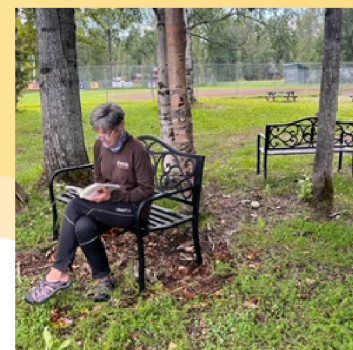
# Jessica Stevens Community Foundation

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## Stronger, Smarter, Healthier, & a lot more FUN



**Jessica Stevens Community Foundation exists in order to make our local non-profits stronger. Our local non-profits exist to make our community stronger. And smarter and healthier and a whole lot more fun!**

This summer's JSCF Healthy Communities Grant Program spread \$18,000 in grants to twelve local non-profits working to make the Upper Valley stronger, smarter, healthier, and more fun. As usual, the grant committee — made up of both JSCF board members and community members — volunteered their expertise and perspective. They sought to make an impact in all of JSCF's focus areas (the Arts, Health, Education, the Environment, and Social Engagement), always with eye toward reaching underserved community members. There is always more need than funds which makes for some tough choices. Congratulations to this year's recipients and their projects.

Denali Arts Council	Fund arts council operations	\$2,000
Friends of the Talkeetna Library	Reading programs, storytime, literary camp, computer courses	\$1,000
KTNA - Talkeetna Community Radio	Support for news reporting	\$1,000
Sunshine Station Childcare Center	Daycare operations	\$3,000
Susitna River Coalition	Wild Su Feast and educational speaker series	\$1,000
Su Valley PTSA	Provide art and other school supplies	\$1,000
Talkeetna Elementary PTA	Cross-country program/classroom projects/healthy snacks	\$1,500
Talkeetna Historical Society	Operational support for museum	\$1,500
Talkeetna Youth Hockey	Funds for kid's hockey equipment	\$1,000
Trapper Creek Community Services Assoc.	Support for Free Box	\$1,500
Upper Susitna Food Pantry	Help fund Thanksgiving Blessing Food Baskets	\$3,000
Upper Susitna Seniors, Inc.	Senior-focused cooking classes, computer skills, exercise groups	\$500

Each year our grant endowment grows, and each year an increasing amount is re-invested in our local non-profits, either through the Healthy Communities grant cycle or in alternative funding opportunities. When you help JSCF grow its endowment, you help local non-profits thrive - now, and for decades to come!



## JSCF Business Partnerships

As locals we each have our reasons for valuing the Upper Susitna Valley as an incredible place to live: the interconnectedness of the community, the natural grandeur in our own backyard, the educational, artistic, and recreational opportunities available year round.

The hundreds of thousands of visitors that come through each summer likewise recognize that the Upper Susitna Valley is a special place. With the help of two local businesses, we are learning that these visitors not only value what our community has to offer, many of them want to help it remain special -- enter the concept of "tourism philanthropy".



We are thrilled to announce that the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge (owned by the Pursuit Collection) and the Dancing Leaf Gallery (owned by Stacie and Troy Smiley) have each joined forces with JSCF as 'Business Partners'. Both the Lodge and the Gallery now have either an add-on or round-up option during the customer checkout process. These customer donations will help grow the JSCF endowment and in turn, help strengthen our community long into the future. We are honored and grateful that the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and Dancing Leaf have placed their trust in Jessica Stevens Community Foundation!

To learn more about becoming a JSCF Business Partner, please contact Program Manager Christie Seay at [cseay@alaskacf.org](mailto:cseay@alaskacf.org).

### Save the Date!

It took us awhile, but we finally have a date for our 2023 Donor Reception. The date is Thursday, September 28th. More details coming your way soon.