

# Thank you for investing in your local community!



#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.

**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

**#GIVINGTUESDAY™**

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