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Akiyama Family Fund Assists Alaska Youth Choir

The Juneau Community Foundation is pleased to announce the award of \$4,000 from the Akiyama Family Fund to the Alaska Youth Choir. The Akiyama Family Fund was created as a permanent endowment in April, 2006, with a generous gift of \$100,000 from longtime local physician, Dr. Henry Akiyama.

The Akiyama Family Fund provides scholarships and encourages youth participation in the Alaska Youth Choir. The mission of the fund is to afford children with limited family incomes an opportunity to join the Alaska Youth Choir through its scholarship program.

According to Artistic Director Missouri Smythe, this year's grant will allow nine students to participate in the Alaska Youth Choir who otherwise would not have the financial resources to do so.

The Juneau Community Foundation wishes to thank Dr. Akiyama again for his generosity and community spirit in creating the fund and for the long-term support it will provide to the Alaska Youth Choir.

The Juneau Community Fund was created to make it easy for local and out-of-state donors to start funds in support of local nonprofit activities through current donations or through wills and estates. For more information about the Akiyama Family Fund or the Juneau Community Foundation, please contact Reed Stoops or Andrea Watts at 907 463 3223 or visit us on the web at www.juneaucf.org. For information regarding the Alaska Youth Choir, please call 907 789 3634 or send an email to alaskayouthchoir@gci.net.