



Photo: From left to right, Ken Leghorn, Vice President of JCF, Donor Simone Machamer, and JCF President Reed Stoops at the JCF Office.

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Part-Time Juneau Resident donates to Full-Time Juneau Causes

JUNEAU-Former Alaska resident and now Part-time Juneau resident Simone Machamer has more than one home, Juneau being but one of them. Machamer spends only a week to a few months a year in Juneau, but in the last few years has given thousands of dollars to a variety of charitable causes in the community. Recently, Machamer made two sizable donations to the Juneau Community Foundation.

The first is a \$5,000 contribution, for the purpose of helping the Juneau Community Foundation build its Endowment for Juneau's Future Fund. By establishing a local fund, Juneau is joining a state wide community foundation effort to raise undesignated grant

making funds. The project, called the Community Asset Building Initiative, is being spearheaded by the Alaska Community Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation. Communities from all over the state, including Juneau, are in the process of raising \$25,000 which will be matched by the Rasmuson Foundation, 2 to 1, with \$50,000. With the help of Machamer's generous donation, the Juneau Community Foundation has reached its goal of \$25,000 and hopes to begin grant making this fall. JCF Plans to double the size of the Fund in 2008/2009 and will be seeking additional community support to accomplish this goal.

Machamer's second donation is a \$10,000 award to the Dimond Park Field House, which is currently under construction and will be completed this fall. The Field House is a project the Juneau Community Foundation took on last fall, after they received a \$4,000,000 grant from the state to construct the facility. Machamer's contribution will help keep the facility's operating costs as low as possible during its start-up phase and will help ensure affordability for a variety of user groups utilizing the indoor practice space.

For more information on both of these Juneau Community Foundation projects and more, please visit their website at www.juneaucf.org.

**The Juneau Community Foundation wishes to express its most sincere gratitude to Simone for her generosity. Her willingness to give back to a community she lives in for just a fraction of the year is an inspiration to all those involved in philanthropy.