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Press Release

JUNEAU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

HUGH & SHARI GRANT - PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR ALASKA MARINE LINES & AELP/AVISTA - PHILANTHROPIC BUSINESSES

The Juneau Community Foundation held their annual Philanthropy recognition dinner on September 21, 2017. The event honors outstanding local individuals and businesses who demonstrate their commitment to community philanthropy and leadership. Hugh and Shari Grant received the Philanthropist of the Year award and Alaska Marine Lines and AELP/Avista accepted the Philanthropic Business awards.

Long-time residents Hugh and Shari Grant were honored for their many years of generous giving to local services such as Hospice, Foodbank, Haven House, Glory Hole, the Boy Scouts, arts and culture organizations, and special projects like the Seward Statue and the Juneau Whale. To further honor the Grants, and per their wishes, funds were raised for the Foundation's Juneau Hospice Endowment Fund. A \$50,000 challenge match was announced at the event and by the end of the festivities, almost \$34,000 had been raised. The Foundation encourages continued support of hospice services with direct donations to Hospice and Homecare of Juneau.

Business leaders AEL&P/Avista and Alaska Marine Lines are both renowned for their generous annual giving. Both businesses have deep Juneau roots and their traditions of giving which started long ago, continue today through their broad financial support of Juneau's essential nonprofit sector. Connie Hulbert (AEL&P) and Kevin Anderson (AML) were on hand to receive their respective business awards.

The Foundation celebrated having awarded more than \$11 million in grants and scholarships since 2000. The event included a silent auction and wonderful stories shared by local donors and grantees highlighting the Foundation's positive role in our community. Guest speakers Julie Coppens, Wayne Jensen and Karleen & Roger Grummett provided information on partnering with the Foundation, donor perspectives on establishing a fund today, and providing a legacy for tomorrow.

The Juneau Community Foundation thanks Baxter Bruce & Sullivan, Alaska Glacier Seafoods, Faulkner Banfield, and AELP/Avista for their generous support of this event. For more information visit www.juneaucf.org or call Amy Skilbred at 907-523-5450 or reach her at amy@juneaucf.org.



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Shari & Hugh Grant
Philanthropists of the Year