



Photo: Win Gruening, Key Bank Senior Vice President, Brenda Hewitt Executive Director of the United Way of Southeast Alaska, and George Elgee, Juneau Community Foundation Treasurer, stand in front of Key Bank before depositing JCF's donation in the Juneau Unplugged Energy Relief Fund.

Press Release

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Juneau Community Foundation Give \$1,000 to Juneau Unplugged Energy Relief Fund

JUNEAU – Juneau Community Foundation has donated \$1,000 to the Juneau Unplugged Energy Relief Fund. The funds will be matched by KeyBank and administered through United Way of Southeast Alaska in partnership with Catholic Community Service to help individuals face the impending financial crisis caused by the April avalanches.

“One of the goals of the Community Foundation is to effectively respond to the needs of its citizens,” said Reed Stoops, President of the Juneau Community Foundation. “The

board unanimously felt that this was a great use of funds, especially since Key Bank will match our contribution. We empathize with every individual, family, and business that is hurting from this energy crisis. We are proud to partner with United Way and their partner agencies to help mitigate a portion of the costs this event is having on our community. It's great to see the community come together like this in a time of need."

"We are so grateful to partners like the Juneau Community Foundation for answering the need," said Michelle Casey, Chairman of the United Way of Southeast Alaska Board of Directors. "We know the ripple effects of negative events that could be caused by the increased energy bills if we didn't do something to help, but we also see the ripple effects of positive gestures like this \$1,000 gift that will turn into \$2,000."

Individuals needing assistance may call 463-6130, pickup an application at one of the community libraries, or download an application from the city's website at www.juneau.org.

United Way of Southeast Alaska (UWSEAK) is a volunteer-driven, grass-roots organization that creates measurable and lasting change by bringing together people and resources to address community-wide issues. Working with its 39 member agencies, UWSEAK helps children and youth succeed, cares for the elderly and people with special needs, strengthens families and individuals, and meets the basic needs of people in crisis. Incorporated in 1979, UWSEAK is a member of the United Way of America system that includes nearly 1,400 community-based United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. www.unitedwayseak.org

The Juneau Community Foundation was founded in 2005 to make it easy for Juneau residents to make donations to the charitable causes they feel strongly about and to create funds that will meet the changing needs of the community in perpetuity. The Foundation is currently working to build its Endowment for Juneau's Future Fund, an unrestricted fund that will significantly increase its grantmaking capacity. If you have questions or would like more information about the Juneau Community Foundation, please contact them at 463-3223, or on the web at www.juneaucf.org.