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PAUL DOUGLAS AWARDED PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR, TRIPLETTE CONSTRUCTION AND ALLEN MARINE SHARE BUSINESS PHILANTHROPY AWARD

The Juneau Community Foundation held their sixth annual Philanthropy Recognition dinner on November 12. The Annual event is an opportunity to honor the person and businesses that have been instrumental in creating or supporting long-term charitable funds, endowments, or organizations that effectively respond to the needs of our community and inspire others to give back to Juneau.

Paul Douglas received the Philanthropist of the Year award and Triplette Construction and Allen Marine shared the Business Philanthropy award.

Paul Douglas has a philanthropic spirit volunteering and donating to organizations and projects – first in Chicago-area communities where he lived for 32 years, and now in Juneau. Paul has devoted numerous volunteer hours to serve on the boards of Zach Gordon Teen Club, SAIL, Inc., United Human Services of Southeast Alaska, and REACH Inc. Arguably the most impactful aspect of Paul’s philanthropic spirit was financing and creating the Douglas-Dornan Foundation in 1994 to honor the lives of his son Brian Douglas and his daughter-in-law Wythe Dornan, who died in an automobile accident in Juneau the prior year. This Fund supports organizations dedicated to enhancing the health, education, and welfare of individuals living in Southeast Alaska.

Paul noted, “Brian and Wythe immersed themselves into the Juneau community as young adults with giving hearts. What better way to honor their memory than by continuing to support the community I love and call home.”

Paul encouraged others to consider their own personal philanthropy, “We are all philanthropists in some way – volunteering our time and contributing to causes we care about.”

The Douglas-Dornan Fund, now a part of the Juneau Community Foundation, has awarded nearly \$350,000 in grants to Southeast Alaska non-profit organizations. “We hope our contributions help to keep Juneau and Southeast thriving into perpetuity,” stated Paul. “Being a part of the Juneau Community Foundation, we know the fund assets will continue to be invested wisely and managed well.”

Triplette Construction's award honored the work they have done on many Foundation projects, including the Wells Fargo Dimond Park Field House, the Empty Chair Memorial, and the Caouette Cabin at Twin Lakes. Allen Marine has a long history of supporting non-profit organizations and endeavors by providing their whale watching tours for organizations to use for their benefit.

The Foundation celebrated having awarded over \$2.5 million in grants since 2007. More than 100 people attended the dinner at the Baranof Hotel. Led by Lorrie Heagy and Meghan Johnson, Juneau Alaska Music Matters (JAMM) musicians from Glacier Valley Elementary performed during the event. The evening supported the Douglas-Dornan Fund as attendees assisted with meeting an anonymous donor pledge to match the first \$20,000 raised.

Prior Philanthropists of the Year include: George Elgee, Bill Corbus, Keith Whitehead, Mun Chin Killeen, Peter Jurasz, and Simone Machamer. Prior Business Philanthropy Award winners: Wells Fargo, Juneau Emergency Medical Associates, and Fred Meyer. The Juneau Community Foundation is a local charitable organization. For more information visit juneaucf.org or call Amy Skilbred at 907-523-5450.

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