The 2009 Celebration of Giving - Giving Comes Full Circle

The 2009 Celebration of Giving, an annual UAF donor event, was held Nov. 18 in the Regents’ Great Hall to honor UAF’s many loyal supporters. Last year, we celebrated nearly $6 million dollars in support of UAF from 3,221 donors.

More than 175 donors attended the event, “Giving Comes Full Circle,” to honor notable donors Dr. Cary S. Keller, Northrim Bank and The Bernard Osher Foundation for their partnership with UAF. Guests enjoyed wine and spirits, hors d’oeuvres and music from local string quartet Talaria. Also, an unveiling of the UAF donor wall displayed the many supporters of UAF. The 2009 Celebration of Giving program is available at www.uaf.edu/giving/2009CelebrationGiving_Program.pdf.

Individual: Dr. Cary S. Keller

As physician for the UAF athletic teams, Dr. Cary S. Keller is an invaluable contributor to the success of the Alaska Nanook programs. “I take great pleasure in the excitement with which UAF faculty, administration, and especially students pursue study, research, and teamwork and in the mentoring which they provide for each other in the process. This passion is shared by all who support the university. As we capture that energy and focus it on supporting UAF, we then are completing the Circle of Giving.”

Corporate: Northrim Bank

Northrim Bank’s continued support of UAF is an example of its strong commitment to the communities it serves. With its continued support of the School of Management and the UA Museum of the North, Northrim is helping to train the future leaders of Alaska.

We greatly appreciate Northrim’s dedication to the university and look forward to strengthening our partnership for years to come.

Foundation: The Bernard Osher Foundation

The Bernard Osher Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts. Osher provides critical support for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Osher Reentry Scholarship, which helps students pursuing their first baccalaureate degree after a significant break in their studies.

Thanks to the Osher Foundation, we are now able to support and encourage so many of our valued nontraditional students.

Michelle Bartlett as director of Summer Sessions accepted the award on behalf of the Bernard Osher Foundation.
Achievements

Bill Stroecker, alumnus and longtime UAF supporter, made a gift of $25,000 to the Helen Van Campen Journalism Scholarship.

Bill and Helga Watterson, alumni and longtime supporters, made their annual unrestricted gift of $10,000 to UAF.

BP made a gift of $53,000 to the UAF engineering department.

BP and the North to the Future Foundation made a $1 million donation that will allow the Rasmuson Library to catalog and process more than 4,500 boxes of papers and media from the congressional career U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens.

David Sonneborn gave $20,000 to the UA Museum of the North’s ornithology fund.

Floyd and Shirley Bouse contributed an in-kind gift of various dental equipment and supplies to the UAF Tanana Valley Campus dental program.

Gale Anderson, alumna, of West Fargo, N.D., recently made a first time gift of more than $25,000 to her named music scholarship.

Grace Berg Schaible ’49, longtime UAF supporter, made an in-kind donation of a fine art collection of Nancy Taylor Stonington floral and Alaska Prints to the UA Museum of the North.

John and Fran Zarling made their first gift of $17,000 to their named hockey scholarship, which they plan to endow by contributing annually until the scholarship has reached $100,000.

Kyong Hollen, local entrepreneur, made a first-time $10,000 donation to the UAF School of Management.

New York Life Insurance made a pledge payment of more than $140,000 in support of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute and the Alaska Summer Research Academy.

Sterling and Larry Franklin, trustees of the Morris S. Smith Foundation, created the Franklin Brothers Endowed Scholarship with gifts totaling more than $27,000 in honor and memory of their father, Dr. Carl M. Franklin, and their uncle Glen Franklin.

Summit Consulting Services Inc. made a gift of $15,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks to support the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.

The Hecla Charitable Foundation made an $18,000 donation to the Hecla Greens Creek Company Recruiting Scholarship.

Tom and Raye Ann Robinson made a gift of $15,000 to the E. Thomas & Raye Ann Robinson Accounting Scholarship.

University of Alaska Board of Trustee member and UAF alumnus Bob Mitchell ’90 and his wife, Heather ’96, made their first gift of $17,172 to their newly established endowed scholarship, the North Pole Patriots Scholarship.

Mary Louise Rasmussen made a $20,000 gift to support the Rasmuson Library and the Rasmuson Fisheries Research Center.

Princess Cruise Lines made a $25,000 gift toward their $100,000 pledge to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences’ Marine Advisory Program.

The Pollock Conservation Cooperative, a group of pollock-fishing companies, has donated more than $10 million to the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences during the last decade.

Wells Fargo made a $25,000 gift to help support the Rural Alaska Honors Institute and a $25,000 gift to the UA Museum of the North in support Military Appreciation Day.

Sportsmedicine Fairbanks made a $10,000 gift toward Dr. Carey Keller’s named athletic scholarship.

Of Note

• Dancing with the Cars! UAF and local community members enjoyed music, great food and live auction fun at Chancellor Brian Rogers and Sherry Modrow’s 2010 Gala celebration at the amazing Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum.

• Save the date! On Tuesday, March 30, the UA Foundation will host an estate planning seminar in Fairbanks. More information coming soon.

• Save the date! On Tuesday, April 13, the 13th Annual Scholarship and Award Breakfast to honor donors who support scholarships will be held in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

• The Battalion Chief Phil Rounds Scholarship was recently endowed at $25,000 thanks to the support of nearly 200 donors. The Battalion Chief Phil Rounds Scholarship helps students studying fire science.

• The Annual Giving Program kicked off the 2009 – 2010 Employee Initiative. Faculty and staff were encouraged to make a gift of any amount to the UAF program, scholarship or department they care about most. To date, 446 employees have contributed nearly $150,000 to UAF.