



## CVEA Cares For Our Communities

Publicly owned utilities were formed to bring affordable electricity to those who needed it. At the heart of their mission, it was about neighbors coming together to better their communities. That same spirit continues at the heart of CVEA. As a local business, staffed by your friends and neighbors, we look for ways to make a difference - in big ways and small.

### Commitment to Community

Each year your Cooperative supports a wide variety of community groups and events such as the Copper Basin Senior Citizens, the Valdez Relay for Life, the Valdez Museum, the Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce, KCAM, AHTNA Heritage Foundation, the Valdez Co-op Preschool, and the Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, to name a few.

Gifts, door prizes, and auction items are donated for various events and several annual meetings throughout the year, and each holiday CVEA provides energy credits or toys for baskets given to families in need.

CVEA supports many educational and youth programs as well as the Glennallen PTO and Valdez Consortium Library Book Basket auctions. Additionally, CVEA provides presentations and tours to students and youth groups and employees participate in community events and serve on many community work groups, task forces, and committees, providing community support and leadership.

### Community Foundation

To further CVEA's commitment to the community, CVEA created the CVEA Community Foundation (CVEACF) which provides scholarships for students and contributions to educational, scientific, and charitable organizations in our communities. The CVEACF is funded by capital credits that have escheated back to CVEA, generous donations from CVEA members and vendors, and fundraisers.

Each year the CVEACF awards thousands of dollars in

educational scholarships and scholarships for students to participate in industry youth leadership programs, like the Idaho Youth Rally.

In 2013 the Foundation launched its first Contribution Season, making awards to local non-profit organizations looking to fund new or expanding programs that meet the Foundation's contribution guidelines. All projects are scored by a committee and awards are then approved by the CVEACF Board of Directors.

Since the first season, the Foundation has awarded over \$11,000 to local organizations. KCHU, The Valdez Food Bank,

Valdez LEGO Robotics, Valdez Torpedos Swim Club, Valdez Imagination Library, Copper Basin Child Advocacy Center, Copper Valley Community Library, Junior Achievement, the Francis Kibble Kenny Lake Library, and the Wrangell Institute for Science and the Environment have all received funding through this process.

The Foundation recently awarded 2015 contributions to the Valdez Imagination Library to fund a new book each month for a year for 10 preschool-age children to foster the love of reading, the Valdez Co-op Preschool for a new commercial

grade printer that will help teachers and students, the Kenny Lake Library to support their summer Literacy Camp, the Hermon Hutchins PTA to sponsor the new Valdez Community Playground, WISE and the Environment to continue the very successful In-Class Junior Scientist Program, Connecting Ties for the new Eva's Place Arts and Activities Center, and the Copper River Basin Child Advocacy Center for a 'Defeat the Bully' school program.

The Foundation Board just approved an increase in funding for the 2016 Contribution Season. Local organizations seeking funding for programs that meet Foundation guidelines are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available in July 2016, and awards will be made in November.

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**Top left, CVEA CEO John Duhamel gives VHS students tour of the Allison Creek Hydro Plant**  
**Top middle, Past CVEACF President Jessi Gallatin presenting a Community Foundation award to the Valdez Torpedos Swim Club in 2014**  
**Bottom middle, Board and members of the Valdez Imagination Library, Photo courtesy Imagination Library**  
**Left, CVEA employees and supporters in the Glennallen 4th of July Parade**  
**Top right, CVEA employees and family members in the Valdez Gold Rush Parade**  
**Middle right, 2015 Alaska Youth Rally participants, Photo courtesy Alaska Power Association**  
**Bottom right, , students enjoying the Summer Literacy Camp at the Francis Kibble Kenny Lake Library, Photo courtesy Felicia Riedel**