



Alaska Communications Donates \$15,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska

Contribution marks the culmination, success of the 2011 Summer of Heroes program

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Sept. 19, 2011 – [Alaska Communications](#) is donating \$15,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska as a result of the 2011 Summer of Heroes program. Anand Vadapalli, Alaska Communications president and CEO, presented a check during Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska’s 29th Annual Auction Gala at the Anchorage Sheraton on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Auction Gala is the non-profit’s biggest fundraising event of the year and brings together more than 450 supporters to celebrate youth programming in Alaska.

Alaska Communications, in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska, launched the Summer of Heroes program in June to increase awareness and support for youth development programs in Alaska. The Anchorage-based communications company pledged to donate a portion of its sales to Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska for Smartphones it sold during the campaign.

“Alaska Communications’ generous donation will not only support our current programs but will also help increase our capacity to positively impact the lives of young people in Alaska,” said Alana Humphrey, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska. “We are so grateful for the genuine, positive relationship with Alaska Communications and for programs like the Summer of Heroes that bring the community together towards a common goal – helping the diverse youth of Alaska realize their full potential.”

“Investing in the future of our youth is critical to building Alaska communities that are positive, healthy places to live. Programs such as those provided by Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska provide our young people with the tools and opportunities to help them succeed in life,” said Heather Cavanaugh, Alaska Communications director of corporate communications. “We thank our partners, employees, young heroes and the Alaska community for making this year’s Summer of Heroes program a huge success.”

In addition to the cash donation, the Summer of Heroes program recognized five outstanding young people who are making a difference within their Alaska communities. This year’s honorees are Sam Allred, 11, of Wasilla; Krista Stapleford, 12, Fred Falealili, 17, and Mersades Basford, 18, of Anchorage; and Jayden Tumbaga, 17, of Kenai. Alaska Communications hosted the heroes and their families at the State Fair in Palmer on Aug. 28 where they presented each hero with a \$1,500 scholarship during a special ceremony.

For more information about the Summer of Heroes, Alaska Communications’ work in the community and full biographies of each scholarship recipient, visit

www.alaskacomcommunications.com/summerofheroes or visit Alaska Communications on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

About Alaska Communications in the Community

From its roots as a local telephone company, to becoming Alaska’s smartest wireless provider, Alaska Communications is committed to the local communities where its team members live and work. The company recognizes that investment in our youth and their futures is a critical component of building communities that are positive, healthy places to live. That’s why youth development – including initiatives that provide youth with opportunities for education and leadership, positive environments to learn and grow, and access to technology – is a core focus of Alaska Communications’ commitment to responsible corporate citizenship.

About Alaska Communications

Headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc., through its subsidiaries, provides Alaska Communications services and is a leading provider of high-speed wireless, mobile broadband, Internet, local, long-distance and advanced data solutions for businesses and consumers in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. The Alaska Communications network includes the most advanced wireline and wireless data and voice networks and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. For more information, visit www.alaskacommunications.com or www.alsk.com.

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