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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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**We are the Friends of Creamer’s Field**

Friends of Creamer’s Field is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural and human history of Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

We provide a venue for community involvement through educational programs, annual events, and interpretive nature walks. Friends of Creamer’s Field operates a visitor center out of the original Creamer family farmhouse (circa 1908), which features interpretive exhibits on migratory birds and the historic Creamer’s Dairy complex.

In addition to a full schedule of year-round programs, we serve as the fiscal sponsor for Camp Habitat, a summer day camp that operates during the months of June and July. The majority of our programs (with the exception of Camp Habitat) are free, or donation-based and available to the general public.

### 2018 Programs & Events

For the past 27 years, Friends of Creamer’s Field has offered education programs that focus on the ecology of the refuge and the history of Creamer’s Dairy.

In 2018, we had 12,579 guests in the Farmhouse Visitor Center; 5,489 people attended scheduled programs, and 14 programs have been provided to organizations upon request. 14 individuals completed the Sharing Nature & History Volunteer Training Program, and guided nature walks provided an outdoor experience for 1480 participants.

Increased and consistent program attendance clearly indicates that Friends of Creamer’s Field is adding value to the community.

We offer daily guided nature walks during summer months, monthly programs for children ages 0-6, seasonal activities, like the winter track walk and signature events, such as the Spring Migration Celebration and the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk. The annual Sandhill Crane Festival in August attracts nearly 2000 attendees from all over Alaska, as well as the global birding community.

The complete calendar is operated by one paid full-time Executive Director, a half-time Administrative Assistant, seasonal Camp Habitat staff, and a dedicated group of over 100 volunteers.

### 2018 Program Partners

- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Alaska Songbird Institute
- Alaska Falconers Association
- Arctic Audubon Society
- Audubon Alaska
- Ducks Unlimited
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center
- Boy Scouts Troop 38
- Tanana Yukon Historical Society
- UA Museum of the North
- Fairbanks Children’s Museum
- UAF Summer Sessions
Financial Position

The priority for my first year as the new Executive Director of Friends of Creamer’s Field was to reorganize our bookkeeping and improve our financial position. We’ve contracted with Tina Stephens of Northstar Accounting for Bookkeeping services and Richards, Johnson & Granberry for preparation of the 990 tax filing. We look forward to going into 2019 with a clear view of our finances, so that we can continue to provide quality programs to the community, while working to grow long-term stability for the organization. Lissa Hughes, Executive Director

2018 Income = $157,735.37

2018 Expenses = $129,388.77

Net Income = $26,155.08
Thank You Friends, for Your Support!

Sandhill Crane ($1,000 or more)

Anonymous
Sherry Abrahams
In Memory of
Caye & Lou Carufel, Jr.
Craig & Cynthia Dorman
George Happ &
Christy Yuncker Happ
Marvin & Becky Hassebroek
Jim Hunter & Marilyn Mount
Gail Mayo
In Memory of
David L. McCaleb
Ree Nancarrow
E. Thomas & Raye Ann
Robinson

Swan ($500-999)

Barbara & David Murray
Ruth & Dan Thomson
Mary Johnson
Doug & Susie Crevensten
Arva Chiu
Susan Campbell
Malcolm & Kathleen
Goepfert
Ellen Weiser &
David Weissman

Peregrine Falcon
($250-499)

Arctic Audubon Society
Battelle Always Giving
Peter Bowers
Charles & Geraldine Collins
Jeff & Chrystal Creamer
Lenore Farmsworth

Sandhill Crane ($1,000 or more)

Frances & Mark Jurek
Karen Kelly
Katie Kennedy
Jan & Stan Mishin
Ron & Dorothy Rasmussen
Frances Schulz
Gerda Sylvie
Mary Zalar & Ken Whitten
William & Carolyn Wutke

Wigeon ($100-249)

Kroger-Fred Meyer
Community Rewards
James & Cassie Atwell
Christopher Baird
Little Ballard
Alden & Liam Barry
Charlotte & Charlie Bird
James Brader
Mathew & Ashley Carrick
In Memory of
Shirley Christensen
Randall Compton
Anthea Mary Craven
Stephen & Jittinee Cysewski
Barbara Day & James Dixon
Kathy Dudek
Ruth McHenry & Cliff Eames
Melody Feniks
Mary Fenno
Kris Fister
Samuel Friedman
Terry Glendinning
J. Scott Grundy
Sonja Mazurek & John Hagey
Anita Hartmann
Nancy Herning
Martin & Manuela Hitz
Mark Hodge & Anne Demuth
Tammy Holland
Helen Howard
Lisa Hughes
Dinah Jelinek
Karen Johnson
Carol Johnson
Lawrence Kaplan &
Janice Dawe
Stephen Kibbee
Donna Krier
Carol Larson
Sherry Lewis
Barbara & Don Logan
Mary MacFarlane
Jamie & Bud Marschner
In Memory of
David L. McCaleb
Joan McGlinchy
Miriam McGovern
Marin Kuizenga & Jeff Merkel
Michelle Miller
Diane Miller
Mary Moriarty
Jan Morrow
Betchart Expeditions, Inc.
Jeanne Olson
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Christine Matson &
Frederick Raymond
Brianna Reagan
M. H. & Marjorie Rees
Ronnie Rosenberg
Alexis Runstadler
Mark Simon
Christine & Larry Smith
Iris Sutton
Scott & Janet Taylor

Anne Udry
Anne & David Vick
Jacque Virgin
June Weinstock
Jack & Carol Wilbur
Frank & Judy Williams
Constance Zachel
Vladimir Zhikhartsev

Canada Goose
($50-99)

Ken Alt & Penny Wakefield
K. C. Baker
Cynthia Beale
Richard & Mary Bishop
Achim & Karen Brauser
Mary Bunch
Eileen Cahill
Richard & Marillyn Campbell
Betty Carlson
Harrison Carpenter
Elizabeth Cook
Lindsey Copelin
Ann Cunningham
Eveline d'Angremont
Sandra Dauenhauer
Jennifer Delamere
Pat DeRuyter
Nancy & Jim Dewitt
Erik & Emily Drygas
Faye-Lynn Gallant
David Gerrish
Michael & Nancy Gigliotti
Daniel Hancock
Lois Heine
Alaena Helt
Jimmy Holder
Tanya Ignacio
Wayne Jex

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Wayne Jex
Lawrence Johnson
Stan Justice
Frank & Jennifer Keim
Kathleen Kennedy
Heather Koponen
Mary Leith
Richard Leonard
Don & Carol Lokken
Thomas Marsh
Philip & Jackie Martin
Janet Matheson
Erica Mathews
Sheila McCleary
Susan McHenry
Barbara & Doug Mercer
Lori Moyer
Patricia Nordmark
Mary Anne Nutter
Marilyn Biagi & Charlie Parr
Shaque Phillips
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Brittany Rozier
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Brenda Sadler
John Sargent
Linda Schandelmeier & John Davies
Donna Scott
Teresa Shannon
Frida Shroyer
Lynn Slusher
Mary Beth Smetzer
Sally Smith
Nancy Smoyer
Adrienne Smyth
Betsy Sturm
Lynn Schweissinger & Paul Tebbel
Ron & Mary Teel
Darla Theisen
Andrea Tombolato
Jeffery Walters
James Ward
Ann Wellman
Michael Wenstrup
Robert Williams
Kara Yancey

Amazon Smile Foundation
Jim Barr
Dan Bates
Mary Burtness
Kathi Cameron
Edmund Clausen
Somer Hahm
Calipso Kocsis
Brian & Marilyn Marsh
Mary Matthews
Nancy Mazurek
Jessica Morse
Gael Murakami
Caitlin Perry
John Pfeifer
Kimberly Rogers
Erin & Toni Talbott
James Warren

**Chickadee ($15-34)**
Barnes & Noble
Christine Abbott
Anne Aleshire
Janet Ames
Anne Armstrong
Kristian Beckner
Catherine Bennett
Nelda L. Benson-Nixon
Linda Brechan
Linda M. Casassa
Phoebe Corbett
Gaylord & Brenda Coston
Jeanne Creamer-Dalton
Sarah Diehl
Nicole Eiseman
Melinda Evans
Fairbanks Watercolor Society
Shelly Firestone
Barbara Gabel
Rhonda Gilbertson
Sue Guers
Phyllis Haggland
Gayle Harbo
Colleen Herning
Michael Hill
Phillip Hokenson
Chris & Erica Jarvis
Erika Knox
Ruth Kramer
Lynn Larsen
Panu Lucier
Daria Mantei

Danielle Marquez-Kohloff
Margo Matthews
Michael McCann
Hilda Melchior
Kelly Mendez
Lynn M. Miller
Robin Nelson
Carol Nielsen
Rita & Dan Osborne
Ellis, Dorothea, Isadora & Rhys Ott
Patricia Peirsol
Lisa Rogers Peter
Marji Plessinger
Matt Poggemiller
David Proper
Charlene Roberts
James Romersberger
Phil & Katie Sanders
Lawrence Schaedel
Judy See
Jane Sellin
Emma Stice
Sarah Sullivan
Richard Tarkainen
Joseph Turtle
Illisa Walter
Shannon Waterbury
Paulette Wille
Nancy Winford
Ann Wood
Allison Zhang

**Swallow ($35-49)**

Donna Krier
The Lewis Family
Gail Mayo
Jeanette Moore
Joy Morrison
Patricia Peirsol
E. Thomas & Raye Ann Robinson
Wendall & Judith Shiffler
Mark Smiley
Susan Grace Stoltz
Gina Tabachki
Ruth & Dan Thomson
University Park Elementary School PTA

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Bowman Hinckley
Herb Melchior
Anne Sherman

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Joanne Groves
Phyllis Haggland
Bill Holman & Michelle Bartlett
Jim Hunter & Marilyn Mount
James G. King
Ruth Jolly Knapman
Creamer’s Refuge Hosts:
Nathaniel & Jennifer Wood, Ken Hooker & Mary Perkins and Bob & Becky Heeney.

Visitor Center Staff:
Brenda Sadler, Betsy Sturm, Janet Taylor, Susanne Billings, Gail Mayo, Ruth Kramer, Caroline Wolf, Jan Michin and Susie Crevensten.

Nature Walk Leaders:
Bud Marschner, Jan Michin, Betsy Ross Smith, Laura Lopez, Jeff Adams, Susanne Billings, Lynn DeFilippo, Betsy Sturm, Charles Collins, Janet Taylor, Bill Holman, Louise Biderman, Christine Huff, Mark Ross and staff from the Alaska Songbird Institute.

Thank You to our Volunteers!