Guiding Values

We come friends, at sail, our core values lay the foundation for everything we do. As such, we are committed to ensuring that each of our communities are accessible and inclusive. A highlight of the past year was the expansion of our accessible taxi program to ketchikan. Further, as an aging and disability resource center, our loan closet, peer support groups, advocacy classes, independent living trainings and our adaptive recreation program (orca) all help our neighbors participate in life and activities in their communities.

sail works collaboratively in each one of our southeast communities and we are committed to advocating for everyone we serve. Examples include our expanded efforts to partner with alaska native communities throughout southeast alaska. This new program, il stand, will increase our capacity to deliver culturally relevant independent living services and supports in rural villages in southeast. Our partnership with eaglecrest ski area also deepened with upgraded space for adaptive ski and snowboard lessons.

sail is able to provide opportunities and services to our neighbors and friends through careful stewardship of our resources. We are committed to operating with integrity, maintaining our focus on the individuals and families we serve and the communities in which we live.

sail is dedicated to helping seniors and people experiencing disabilities achieve greater independence, dignity and improved quality of life. We are proud to share our achievements with you, and affirm our commitment to the people and communities of southeast alaska.

thank you for joining us on this voyage.

kate burkhart, board president

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Scenes from around southeast

Thanks to a collaboration between sail, doris’ church, haines senior village and local volunteers, doris can now safely access her home on her own. “now i can walk down my sidewalk without holding on to anyone. it gives me a little more independence and i like that.”

- doris, haines

The snow was back! the orca program and eaglecrest hosted a full winter of adaptive and inclusive skiing for all ages and abilities, including consumers from sitka and ketchikan!

“Bruce & i cannot thank sail enough for this beautiful bike! it is so humbling. it’s beautiful. Bruce rode it down the sidewalk with the light on and told me it’s a five star!”

- christie, Bruce’s wife, wrangell
In partnership with the Zach Gordon Youth Center, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Disability Employment Initiative, ten Juneau teens experiencing disabilities spent the summer working in Juneau parks while developing summer job skills for life after high school. Here’s what some of them had to say about their transformative summer experience:

“Like the relationships we are making. We take care of each other. We get the work done.” - Harold

“Three strengths of mine are having a good sense of humor, honesty and inclusiveness.” - Christopher

“My favorite part of the job is being able to spend time with co-workers, improving my communication skills and helping.” - Noah

“I learned how to work with others on a team to get the job done, understand differences and use each other’s strengths.” - Jack

“I liked getting to know people in the community and improving my teamwork skills. Teamwork goes a long way and that hard work pays off.” - Kevin

Thank you for the incredible, dedicated, amazing work you do!

(Note from an Anonymous SAIL Donor)

On The Cover

“It’s hard work and I’m proud of myself!” - Nick

“I’m proud of myself for getting my first job.” - Ezeriah

“I’m positive, have a good sense of humor and when I’m committed, I’m committed!” - Tyler

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Barbara runs her own errands. She goes to church and attends community events on her own. But this wasn’t always so. With an indoor-only mobility scooter, Barbara felt increasingly trapped in her home. Less and less independent, she relied heavily on family and friends for rides and errands, worried she would be stranded with a dead scooter battery.

After an outreach trip to Petersburg by SAIL staff discovered an unsafe charging station, it was decided that Barbara needed a new scooter. Staff helped Barbara fundraise to purchase and ship an outdoor scooter to Petersburg and coordinated with her landlord to install a safer, fully grounded plug-in within inches of the charging device for the scooter. All of this was made possible due to the collaboration between Barbara’s housing manager, her mental health provider, church, community members and SAIL Staff. Now, Barbara has her freedom back.

“SAIL’s a great and wonderful organization that helps people gain their independence. I appreciate the help that SAIL gave me to buy my scooter. It helps me get around and be active in the community. I don’t have to rely on others to shuffle me around. I no longer feel trapped. I’m excited to be able to go to church, city functions, the parade, May Festival (Little Norway), the store….anywhere!”

- Barbara, Petersburg

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Thanks to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Disability Employment Initiative and the support of many local businesses, six Haines and Klukwan teens were employed with summer work experiences in the Chilkat Valley. Here are just a few of their successes:

Kama’s athleticism proved a great match for his placement at a local garden nursery. His politeness, excellent communication skills and ability to build in constructive feedback turned into a job offer from the employer!

High school senior Nicholas worked for a four-wheeler tour company. His work ethic was best summed up as dedicated. Whether walking seven miles to get to work or army crawling to vacuum every inch of a room, Nicholas was passionate about doing the job right and is on the path to relying less and less on a job coach.

Shy at first appearance, Gilbert’s strong work ethic and consistent punctuality resulted in being hired on by the grocery store where he was placed!
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