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2018 Summer Newsletter



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Join us on October 27th at the Hotel Captain Cook for ***Music in the Dark*** featuring ***Miss Diane Schuur***.

Dinner, silent and live auctions and an exclusive performance by jazz great Diane Schuur will make for an unforgettable evening to benefit the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For table sponsor information and individual ticket information, contact Caren Ailleo at

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Diane Schuur Cry Me A River

## Thank You to the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff and our clients, the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to thank the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for their generous grant award of \$68,500 for our building renovation Capital Campaign.





**We would like to wish our former client and student instructor Tom Class good luck.**

Tom had been with us since April 2nd doing his Level 2 field work for his Occupational Therapy degree. June 8th was his last day. We loved having Tom with us. He is great with our clients and a joy to have around. We will miss you Tom.

[Meet Tom Class](#)

## **Our Summer Youth Program is Underway**

Summer Program for Skills Enhancement and  
Career Preparation for Youth  
June 1- July 5, 2018

The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is offering a special work transition program for youth to explore career and employment options through community service, job shadowing and college exploration. Participants are able to increase their job skills through instruction in several vital career oriented areas.

Some of the companies and organizations who are hosting our participants in the program are:

The Boys and Girls Club Anchoage  
Benchmark Constuction  
The Writers Block Bookstore and Cafe

## Alaska SPCA

Because blindness can often create a sense of separateness from peers, this summer program is helping to foster socialization along with instruction and training in blindness skills to increase self-reliance and independence.

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### Meet Our New Board Member Howard Rixie



"It is my great pleasure to be accepted into the Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired's Board of Directors. I look forward to being part of bringing true independence to those afflicted with visual impairments. My life is built upon the thought that if you are not changing, you are dying. I hope I can have a positive impact on helping the center and its services continuously evolve as our societal needs change. I love being part of the Lions Knights of the Blind charge and paying forward. I hope our Center's partners, new and old can embrace our challenges."

Cheers, Howard

## **Please Join Us for An Inclusive Play Date at David Green Park**



Wednesday June 20 at noon.  
Hosted by Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired,  
Stone Soup Group and Anchorage Parks Foundation.

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