UAF Extension receives large donation to support activities

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The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service has received a sizable donation from an individual donor.

Pete Pinney, interim vice provost for Outreach/director of Cooperative Extension Service, said a $100,000 donation to the University of Alaska Foundation was made anonymously in December, and is dedicated to Extension program activities. The donation is one of the largest in Extension’s 79-year history.

“We’re very grateful to receive the donation,” he said. “In these difficult times for the economy, such a gift says a great deal about the public understanding of the important role of university service to Alaskans and the confidence in staff and faculty to fulfill that role through the Cooperative Extension Service.”

Extension has offices in 10 Alaska communities and serves 60,000-70,000 Alaskans annually as a gateway to the university system. Extension provides research-based practical information through workshops, classes, individual contacts and hundreds of free publications that are available online and through district offices. Information and programs cover a variety of topics, including energy, healthy living, home economy and food preservation, agriculture and horticulture, community development and 4-H and youth development.

Extension programs exist at land-grant colleges and universities in every U.S. territory and state as part of the largest informal information system in the world.

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