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## **Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine Raises \$40,000 for United Way of Southeast Alaska**

*Increased company match and new employee fundraiser bolster 2020 gift*



*Front Row L-R: Steve Ball, Coeur Alaska Technical Services Manager; Mark Kiessling, Coeur Alaska General Manager; Joy Lyon, Executive Direct AEYC-SEA and United Way Board. Back Row L-R: Rochelle Lindley, Coeur Alaska Community & Government Affairs Manager; Warren Russell, Past Chair United Way Board; William Paneak, Elgee Rehfeld and United Way Board; Emil Mackey, Country Financial and United Way Board.*

**Juneau, AK** – Coeur Alaska has presented the United Way of Southeast Alaska (UWSEAK) with a \$40,000 gift from its 2020 fundraising campaign.

The COVID-19 pandemic inspired Coeur Alaska to find alternative ways to support the UWSEAK in 2020, including hosting internal employee fundraisers and increasing its company fundraising match, since employees could not participate in their usual volunteer work in the community. Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine employees have supported UWSEAK through its Employee Workplace Campaign and

the UWSEAK's Day of Caring since 2011. In 2012, Coeur Alaska partnered with the UWSEAK and Juneau School District to establish the LEARN UNITED: Reading Tutor Program to work toward improving the literacy skills of area elementary students. The company has continued to generously invest in the program over the last nine years. Both the Day of Caring and Reading Tutor Program were paused in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The 2020 campaign gift includes \$14,399.87 in employee payroll deduction contributions, \$16,175 from an internal employee fundraiser, and a \$9,425.13 donation from Coeur Alaska .

"Coeur Alaska is a long-standing and much-appreciated supporter of the United Way of Southeast Alaska," said Wayne Stevens, UWSEAK's president and CEO. "In 2020 they found new ways to help our community and make an impact."

"At Coeur Alaska, we work as a team to make a positive difference both at work and in the communities in which we live and operate," said Coeur Alaska General Manager Mark Kiessling. "Our long-standing partnership with United Way of Southeast Alaska exemplifies that value. In a year when communities need more support than ever, our employees worked together to support Southeast Alaska with the help from our friends at United Way."

The Coeur Alaska – Kensington Mine employs just under 400 people. It is an underground, hard rock gold mine located in the Berners Bay Mining District 45 miles north-northwest of Juneau. The mine celebrated 10 years of production in 2020.

Steve Ball, Coeur Alaska's Technical Services Manager, added, "Coeur Alaska has been contributing to and strengthening the community for over 30 years and our Kensington employees care deeply for our community. We are grateful to be able to support our neighbors during a challenging year."

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