



### A Legacy in Action

The mission of the Ted Stevens Foundation is to recognize and honor Senator Ted Stevens' career in public service and to apply his legacy through outreach and education.

### Update from the Executive Director

As 2023 draws to a close, we pause to reflect on what has been a year dedicated to the legacy of Senator Stevens in commemoration of his 100th birthday on November 18th.

Our archival team is making final preparations to move the Stevens Collection of papers, photographs, and media to the UAA/APU Consortium Library in the spring of 2024, the first step towards our goal to create an Alaska Leaders Archive at the UAA/APU Consortium Library. You can learn more about this project at [Alaska Leaders Archive | The Alaska Community Foundation \(alaskacf.org\)](https://alaskacaf.org).

The Foundation was also actively engaged in the August christening of the future *USS Ted Stevens* and are in the process of standing up the USS Ted Stevens Commissioning Committee for the formal commissioning of this new *Arleigh-Burke* class destroyer in the fall of 2025.

We are grateful for our donors, partners, and friends, without whom none of this would be possible. Happy New Year!

With regards,

**Karina Waller**

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***USS Ted Stevens***



A fierce advocate for America's national security and our armed forces, military families, and veterans, Senator Ted Stevens sought common ground across party lines and cultivated partnerships with diverse groups to find resolutions and spur innovation.

This legacy is being honored through the naming of the new *Arleigh Burke*-class guided missile destroyer in homage to his service.

It's our incredible honor to announce the formation of the USS Ted Stevens Commissioning Committee to provide support for the ship's formal commissioning. The committee is responsible for numerous events honoring the Sailors of the USS Ted Stevens as they bring the ship to life and embark on their enduring mission to support critical national security interests.

The Commissioning Committee is working in collaboration with the ship's sponsors, the U.S. Navy, the shipbuilder Huntington Ingalls, the Ted Stevens Foundation, and volunteers in celebration of this





worthy naval tradition.

**Notable Milestones for the future  
*USS Ted Stevens*:**

Keel Laying: March 9, 2022

Christening: August 19, 2023

Commissioning: Fall 2025 (tent.)

We invite you to follow our  
journey on [USTedStevens.org](https://USTedStevens.org)

You can see a video of the  
launch [here](#).



## *National Film Preservation Grant*

The Foundation is nearing completion of a project to digitize and preserve four of our historic 16-mm film reels, thanks to a grant by the **National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF)**.

The films selected this year for preservation are:

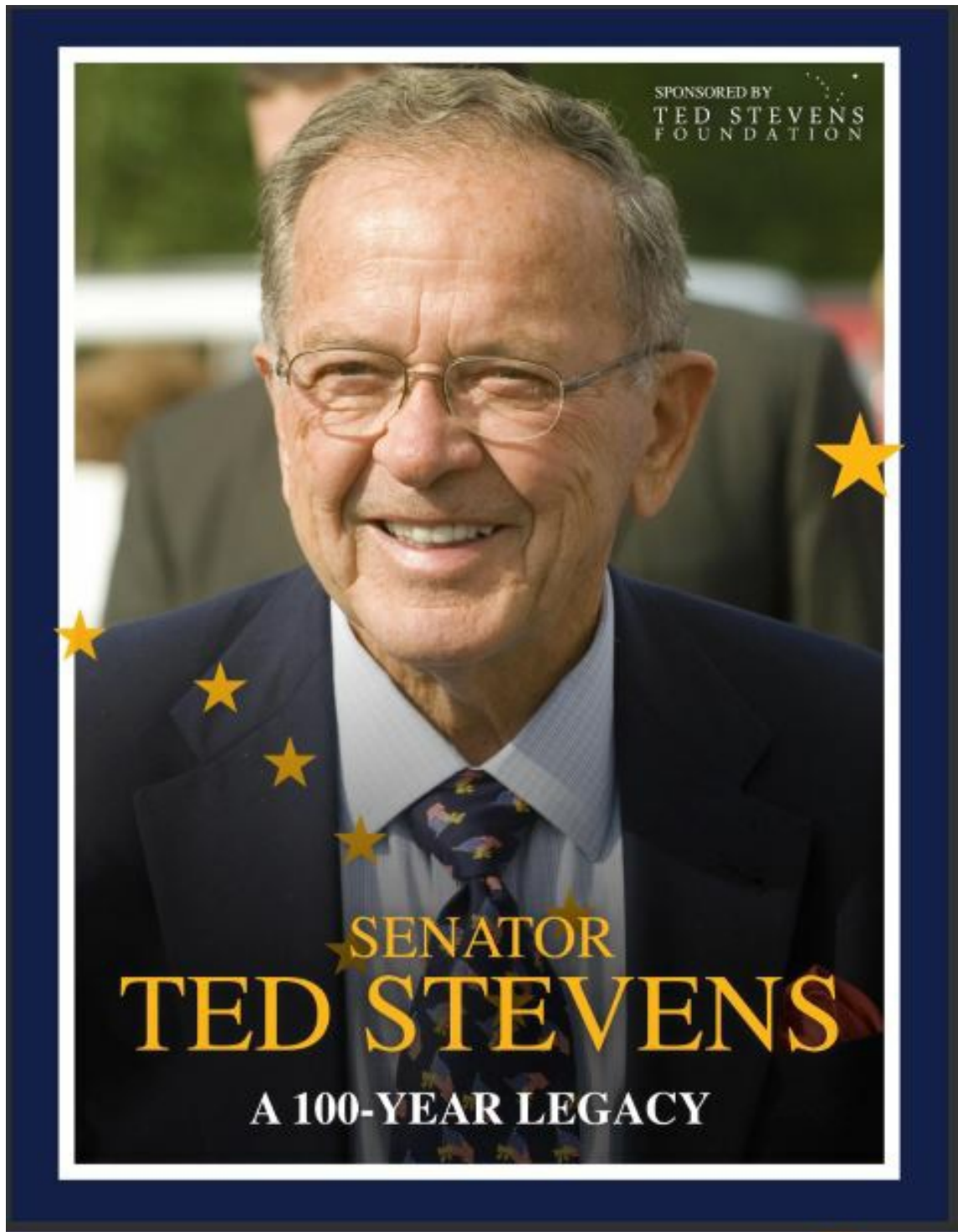
- An early 1970s film of Senator Stevens discussing ANCSA with Alaskan constituents.
- An early 1970s silent film of Sen. Stevens walking around the Capitol with President Richard Nixon.
- Two family films from the 1960s, including vacation footage and the aftermath of the 1964 Alaska earthquake.



We are incredibly grateful to **NFPF** for this generous grant, and look forward to having digital copies of these films as well as brand new, high-quality, long-lasting polyester film reels to preserve these films for the future.

We are hoping to have the finalized digital versions for viewing by the end of January 2024. We will post all four films on our YouTube channel when they are available.

## *Special Edition - Senator Ted Stevens A 100-Year Legacy*



The Anchorage Daily News recently published a special edition magazine, produced by the Foundation, commemorating Senator Stevens' 100th birthday.

Containing stories from friends, former staffers, and organizations, it highlights the Senator's career in public service. We are grateful for their assistance.

This project was made possible by financial support from ConocoPhillips, GCI, Alaska Airlines, Alaska Communications, Alaska Miners Association, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, Alyeska Pipeline, ANCSA Regional Association, Donlin Gold,



If you missed it, here is a link to the [online edition](#).

## Events

### Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program



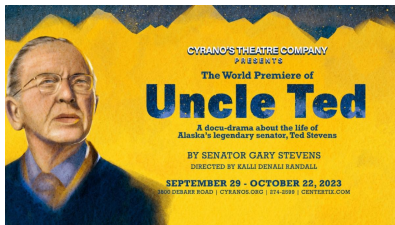
The Ted Stevens Foundation continues to be a proud sponsor of this program. We were honored to participate in this year's legislative internship reception in Juneau. A special thank you to Matt Blattmachr, President & CEO of Peak Trust Company, for your company's matching donation for the program.

### AFM Ted Stevens Young Alaskan Artist Award



In August, the Anchorage Festival of Music announced the 2023 Ted Stevens Young Alaskan Artist Award winner Jordan McCready. Senator Stevens was a supporter of the arts, and the Foundation welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Anchorage Festival of Music to support young musicians.

### *Uncle Ted*



In October, members of the Ted Stevens Foundation attended Cyrano's Theatre Company's production of *Uncle Ted*. Heartfelt congratulations to playwright Senator Gary Stevens, Director Kalli Denali Randall, actor Dan Morrison, and the entire creative team for a moving tribute to our former boss and friend.

### AFP Alaska Philanthropy Day's Presentation of the Eugene R. Wilson award



On November 17th, 2023 the Alaska Chapter for the Association of Fundraising Professionals held their annual National Philanthropy Day conference luncheon, where Senator Stevens was posthumously awarded the Eugene R. Wilson award for his contributions to Alaska's philanthropic culture.

### Alaska Broadcasters Association's Goldie Awards

Senator Stevens was a long-time supporter of



Alaska broadcasting. Members of the Foundation, Stevens family, and friends were pleased to attend the ABA's annual Goldie Awards.

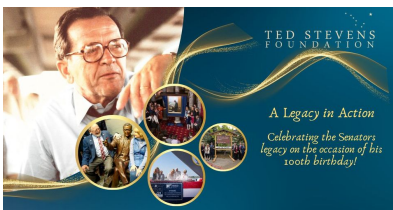
### First Alaskans Institute's Howard Rock & Ted Stevens Smokehouse Gala

November 18th, 2023 marked the Senator's 100th birthday. We were pleased to join the Stevens family and former staff at the Gala where a toast was offered in tribute to the occasion.

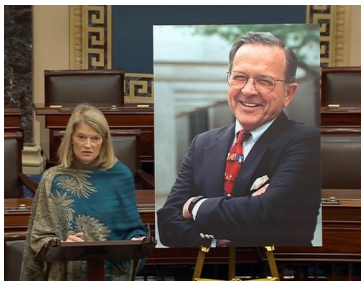


### Tributes to the Senator on his 100th Birthday

The Ted Stevens Foundation sponsored four community service announcements on television and radio celebrating the Senator's legacy in honor of his 100th birthday. Thank you to **Thrive Creative + Communications, Your Alaska Link, GCI, Alaska's News Source, and iHeart Media** for your support for this endeavor. All four of these can be watched on our YouTube channel [here](#).



Ted Stevens Foundation Board President Tim McKeever was on Talk of Alaska discussing the "Legacy of Ted Stevens" with host Lori Townsend and guests, James Muller, Professor Emeritus, UAA Department of Political Science and Clive Thomas, former political science professor and author of "Alaska Politics and Public Policy." You can catch that podcast [here](#).



And we are grateful to our delegation and the Anchorage Daily News for their editorials celebrating the legacy of the Senator.

Op-Ed by Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan "[Celebrating Ted Stevens's 100th Birthday](#)". Watch Senator Murkowski's remarks on the Senate floor [here](#).



Anchorage Daily News editorial on "[The Man Who Reshaped Alaska](#)."

## *From the Desk of the Archivists:*

There is a saying amongst former staff and interns that "once a Stevens staffer, always a Stevens staffer." Throughout his career, Senator Stevens employed hundreds of Alaskans who shared his



dedication to public service.

In tribute to his mentorship and the legacy of leadership he instilled in his former staff, we are pleased to share staff photos from our archive.



The Ted Stevens Foundation is saddened to report that our long-time colleague and friend, Jeff Sinnott, recently lost his battle with cancer. A core part of our archival team, Jeff's love of history and Alaska will be long remembered.

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Top photo L to R standing: Lisa Sutherland, Steve Silver, Bev Slovikosky, Dennis Fradley, Sean O'Keefe, Wayne Schley, William Randall and Greg Chapados Sitting: Scott Sutherland, A. Lyell Rushton III, Linda Richardson and Penny German.

Bottom photo L to R: Wayne Schley, Ron Birch, Bev Solvikosky, Walter Solvikosky, their son and Senator Ted Stevens.

Above photo L to R: Judy Stevenson, Louise Johnson, Bev Solvikosky, Doris Bennett and Carol White.

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