



### 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:

*"It is the peculiar quality of this country and its people that in times of gravest crises they are the most magnificent. If the last few years have been frustrating and frightening, then we can hope that, as in the past, a better future lies ahead. This ability of the people to triumph in the face of great adversity is exemplified here in Alaska. We are the frontier of America."\**

As 2020 draws to a close, and our community, state, and nation continues to grapple with a global pandemic, the Senator's words are a prescient reminder of our resiliency. Having grown up during the Depression, serving in World War II, witnessing the historic change brought by the Civil Rights Movement, and confronting the threats to our nation, he had a general faith that collectively, we would overcome.

It is an important reminder that despite the current challenges we all face, we are finding ways both large and small to do our part to navigate the uncertainty and endure.

In that spirit, the Foundation is continuing its mission. Social distancing measures and mandates required our archival staff to work in different ways on curating the Senator's papers in preparation for public release. We developed new relationships and partnership opportunities with organizations tackling issues important to the Senator, including the Veteran Internship Providing Employment Readiness (VIPER) program and the United Service Organization (USO). And we are pleased that the Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program through the University of Alaska is on track to continue in the 2021 state legislative session with a new group of student leaders.

During this holiday season, we remain grateful for the generosity of our donors. Despite the obstacles of the past year, your continued support and commitment to the Senator's legacy is a gift.

Looking forward to 2021, the Foundation is excited to reengage on new initiatives that were put on hold. We will strive to exceed the Senator's hopes for our Foundation, and we look to the new year with renewed hope.

Wishing you and yours a healthy holiday and a happy New Year.

My best,

Karina Waller

\*Senator Ted Stevens; Lincoln Day Dinner; Fairbanks, Alaska; February 14, 1969

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# ***Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies***

The Foundation would like to congratulate Alaska's Congressional Delegation: Senator Dan Sullivan; Senator Lisa Murkowski; and Congressman Don Young for their work on the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021! This bill includes a provision for a new regional Department of Defense (DOD) Center named for Senator Stevens.

The **Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies** will be the first DOD regional center located in the Arctic and is the first to be constructed since the year 2000.

We look forward to seeing this Center be created and seeing what it can achieve for our country.

For more information, please see Senator Dan Sullivan's press release at: <https://www.sullivan.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/new-dod-arctic-security-studies-center-approved-by-congress>

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## ***New to the Collection!***

The Foundation has been fortunate in the past year to receive a number of donated items from former Ted Stevens' staffers.

These staff members and their families donated papers, photographs, and memorabilia from their time working under Senator Stevens to our archival collections, and we are grateful for their gifts!

The following staff members, or their family members, have donated numerous Stevens-related items to us in the recent past:

Steve Cortese  
Kathleen "Mike" Dalton  
Jennifer Lowe (née Mies)  
Gloria McCutcheon  
Tim McKeever  
Marie Matsuno Nash

If you have any items related to Senator Ted Stevens and would like to add them to our collection, please contact us today: [info@tedstevensfoundation.org](mailto:info@tedstevensfoundation.org)



(Above) Senator Stevens, right, at Trans-Alaska Pipeline Tonsina River crossing, on the first day of laying pipe on March 27, 1975.  
Mike Dalton / Stevens Foundation photo.

Proofs and Negatives donated to TSF by Libby Dalton, July 2019.



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Stevens family Christmas Card, circa 1962. Left to right: Ben, Beth, Susan, Walter, and Ted, Jr. (standing).

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