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Rotary District 5010 Grants
Attn: Alex Slivka

Re: Project P-1563 closeout
        Soldotna RC Oral History and Historical Preservation Project

Attached please find the documents and receipts showing completion of the funded stage of this project. Attached as well are photographs showing the purchased and in-kind donated equipment.

The original project provided $2,500 in DDF matching funds to be applied to the acquisition of suitable equipment for an oral history and historical preservation pilot project as a joint project involving Soldotna Historical Society and Soldotna Rotary Club. Soldotna Rotary Club was to provide $1,500 of club money and $1.00- in-kind donation, for a DDF grant required minimum of $5,000 receipted project funding. We anticipate developing the operational aspect of this project as a pilot project whose protocols, operations, and equipment can then be more easily replicated by other interested Rotary Clubs and community organizations.

Total value of equipment donated to the Soldotna Historical Society's program is approximately $5,800 including additional in-kind computers and cameras such as a Pentax K-3 professional grade stills/video digital SLR camera and lens plus a high-end six-core computer and monitor for processing video, audio and photographic recordings. Soldotna Historical Society's acknowledgment letter sets forth a donation of at least $5.500 including in-kind donations.
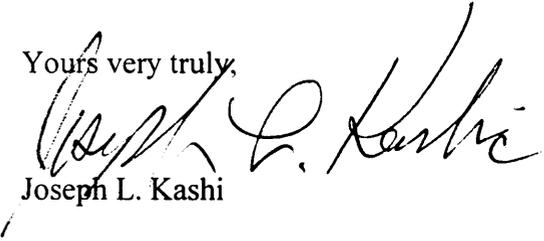
The equipment and software provide a fully-equipped historical preservation capability including high-end video recording, high-end still photos, automated scanning of old negatives, prints and slides, a dedicated video and photo processing computer that includes RAID disk array capabilities, a separately dedicated notebook computer to aid in curation and cataloguing, video, photo and audio processing software, museum software, and voice recognition software to provide automated rough transcriptions to aid researchers by speeding general search of interviews.

At this time, all equipment has been purchased and training sessions are being scheduled for community volunteers. I will conduct the training regarding equipment use.

In order that interviews be useful for future academic research, this project has worked with UAA History Professor Mike Haworth to develop a suitable standard interview protocol and with the UAA Consortium Library to ensure that appropriate technical standards, such as file formats, will be used.

Please let me know if there is anything that might be needed to close out this project timely.

Yours very truly,

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