

MISSION STATEMENT

To increase access to health care for low income uninsured members of our community by using a volunteer network of providers working in a coordinated fashion to create a compassionate, respectful, equitable, accountable and efficient program of necessary services for those in need.

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APA FUNDING UPDATE

After many phone calls, emails, trips to Juneau and meetings with our legislators, APA was included in the FY09 budget for \$250,000. This one-time appropriation was funded through the State's operating budget and staff and Board members are already working on getting APA included in the DHSS budget for FY10. The new DHSS Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer were duly impressed with the generosity you've contributed to APA since we opened our doors three years ago.

Providence Health & Services, Alaska reestablished their commitment to APA with a 3-year \$100,000 grant. We sincerely thank Providence for their ongoing support of our mission.

United Way of Anchorage recently allocated APA a \$25,000 grant for 2009. Funding will be used to supplement operating expenses for staff and patient benefits.

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority recently renewed their commitment to APA with a \$25,000 grant for 2009.

The Municipality of Anchorage appropriated \$25,000 for patient pharmacy benefits for the remainder of 2008 and \$75,000 for 2009 operating expenses.

Premera Blue Cross of Alaska recently donated \$40,000 - \$20,000 for 2008 and \$20,000 for 2009. Their ongoing support is very much appreciated.

First National Bank Alaska donated \$2,500 towards 2008 operating expenses.

It is the goal of APA's Resource Development Committee to establish a network of local businesses to financially support our mission just as you so generously support us.

DONATED LAB SERVICES



Quest Diagnostic is onboard. Simply have your office staff advise Quest that your patient is an Anchorage Project Access patient and the labs will be donated.

HERE'S HOW YOU'VE HELPED

Since January 2006, over **2,456** initial evaluations were made through APA's office for 939 patients (does not include follow-up appointments). These numbers are a true testament to your generosity and your support of our mission. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Dr. Tom Hunt assumed the role of APA Medical Director. He helps devise policy and procedures, reviews problematic referrals, and generally acts like a managed care medical director trying to shepherd scarce resources. Please feel free to contact him with questions or ideas: 257-4615 or thunt@anhc.org.





The Office of Governor
SARAH PALIN



Dear Anchorage Project Access Volunteer,

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your noteworthy generosity in serving the medically uninsured in Anchorage.

As a recent appropriation was included in the state's FY09 operating budget, I am very much aware of Anchorage Project Access and the impact its many volunteer providers have made in the lives of their Anchorage neighbors.

The medical profession should be proud of the extreme generosity of the 389 volunteer health care providers that are the framework of Anchorage Project Access. Your kindness and compassionate nature makes our state one of the greatest in the nation and makes me proud to be your Governor.

Sincerely,

Sarah Palin
Governor

MAJOR DONORS

- Alaska Cardiovascular Research Foundation
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Denali Commission
- Frances Burton Foundation
- Municipality of Anchorage
- Premera Blue Cross of Alaska
- Providence Health Systems of Alaska
- Rasmuson Foundation
- State of Alaska—Dept. Health & Social Svs.
- United Way of Anchorage

BUSINESS SUPPORT & PHARMACIES

- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Pharmacy
- Carrs/Safeway Pharmacy
- Christian Health Associates
- Geneva Woods Pharmacy
- RBMS, LLC
- The Foraker Group

WE'RE GROWING

Our volunteer provider base is growing. We recently jumped from 375 to 394 physicians and health care providers.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

APA patient L.M. is currently fighting for her life. "Project Access is the only reason I have any chance at all. Thank you so much."

CONGRATULATIONS DR. WOOD

Your colleague, Dr. Tom Wood, was recognized with a Mastership in the American College of Physicians in Washington, DC. This esteemed award is bestowed upon select fellows in recognition of exceedingly stellar career accomplishments and service to the college. Dr. Wood is a member of the APA Board of Directors as well as the Clinical Leadership Team.

FAREWELL TO DR. BURTIS

Dr. Buff Burtis has retired from practice and moved to Oklahoma. Dr. Burtis served as Co-Medical Director and on the Board of Directors for APA since 2006. He also served on the Clinical Leadership Team and assisted with our recruiting efforts. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we'd like to offer our sincere thanks to Dr. Burtis for his valuable contribution to Project Access. He will be missed.

MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD

APA recently implemented a recognition program for volunteer providers—the prestigious Mt. Huntington Award. The inspiring story behind the award—APA received a large framed photo of Mt. Huntington as a gift from a grateful patient who received services in 2007. Mt. Huntington (elevation 12,240) is a steep rock and ice pyramid in the Alaska Range totally overshadowed by Mt. McKinley. This mountain represents to the patient the challenges that faced him while unemployed, uninsured and needing two hip replacements. The journey, while a steep climb, represents a successful summit with reclaimed health and employment. This award will be presented to three to four providers a quarter for their generous service to our medically uninsured neighbors.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes for the New Year from Anchorage Project Access Staff.

