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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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THANK YOU LETTER FROM PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

Dear Project Access:

I want to give you some wonderful feedback about a patient of mine who has been given top-notch care. I referred D.S. initially for heart palpitations. He was seen by the Alaska Heart Institute (AHI) more than once, given a Holter Monitor and had follow-up appointments. He was given several prescriptions and these were covered through Anchorage Project Access (APA).

He also had a history of abnormal colonoscopy and was referred through our Ride For Life grant for a repeat colonoscopy. He had wonderful care from Internal Medicine Associates and we caught an early stage colon cancer! He was promptly referred to Dr. O'Malley for resection through APA. Since he has a history of heart palpitations Dr. O'Malley requested clearance through AHI and he was again seen there through APA. During the prep he suffered acute renal failure and has been referred to nephrology through APA!

I saw him today in the office and he is doing very well, his palpitations are gone, his colon cancer was caught early and he will likely not need chemotherapy. He has follow-up appointments with all of the specialists involved in his care-all thanks to generous donations of time through APA.

I have been very impressed with the ease at which he has been given access and the willingness of all the physicians associated for their generous donations of time. Thank you Project Access for being there for this patient and all the countless others that you have served.

Sincerely,

Rachael Carricaburu, PA-C Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SAYS THANK YOU

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce announced its Gold Pan Award recipients at the 52nd Annual Gold Pan Reception held September 17, at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Anchorage Project Access providers were a finalist in the Distinguished Community Service Category. Thank you APA Providers for your generosity to our community.



NEW MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Anne Morris

Dr. George Stransky, OB-GYN Associates

Providence Imaging Center

Dr. Michael Mraz, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center

The Mt. Huntington Award was implemented as an element of our recognition program to thank providers for their exceptional service.

To view all previous recipients visit AnchorageProjectAccess.org.



APA's first annual fund raiser is underway. The event is scheduled for February 6, 2010 at the Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall. The event is a spinning

relay in which teams compete to raise awareness and funds for APA. Teams will consist of four members each and ride for one hour. Be a biking champ-ride with friends and join the fun! Sponsorship opportunities are available now. To be included in all collateral materials sign up during the initial offering period which ends **October 15**. We are looking for volunteers to serve on committees, if you are interested in helping please join us. For more information call 339-8746 or visit our website at AnchorageProjectAccess.org for all event information. **Event Name Contest Winners:** Congratulations to JoAnne Cummings and Heather Felder from Cornerstone Clinic! And, to all of you who submitted entries thank you for participating in our contest.



APA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased to announce our newest board member, Dierdre Cronin. Ms. Cronin is the Excutive Director of Covenant House Alaska. Welcome Dierdre!

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