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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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SHINING LIGHTS AWARD HONORS ALL WHO GIVE

Drs. KC Kaltenborn and Cathie Schumacher, Anchorage Project Access founders, were honored on Sunday, May 17 as recipients of Congregation Beth Sholom's 2009 Shining Lights Award. Congregation Beth Sholom hosts an annual banquet in honor of community members whose work and life embody the Hebrew concept of *tikkun olam*, "repairing the world." Speakers at this year's event included Archbishop Roger Schwietz, Father Scott Medlock of St. Patrick's Parish, Anchorage Project Access Board Vice-President Dr. Jerome List, and Tommie Brown, a former recipient of donated healthcare through Project Access, who expressed his deep and personal gratitude for creating the network of care that met his medical need in a life-changing way. Also appearing at the event to publically thank Drs. Kaltenborn and Schumacher were Senator Mark Begich, Acting Mayor Matt Claman, State Representative Les Gara and State Senator Hollis French.

As Drs. Kaltenborn and Schumacher accepted the Shining Lights Award, they shared briefly the convictions that guided them and acknowledged the numerous individuals in the community who were instrumental in bringing Project Access to fruition. Dr. Kaltenborn quoted Dr. Brian Green, Executive Director of Christian Health Associates, as saying, "Anchorage Project Access is too important to fail." This sentiment was the energy that propelled the numerous founders during the Anchorage Project Access implementation period.

As was noted in the program and by many who came to the podium, this award honoring Drs. Kaltenborn and Schumacher also "pays tribute to all those providers and health-related facilities and institutions that make Anchorage Project Access possible."

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, congratulations to Drs Kaltenborn, Schumacher and the numerous physicians and business professionals responsible for launching Anchorage Project Access in our community. And to the volunteer network that makes Anchorage Project Access a reality—a heartfelt thank you. Anchorage Project Access would not exist without your ongoing generosity.

FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 6, 2010, when Anchorage Project Access will “roll out” its first annual fundraiser, a spinning competition in which teams compete to raise awareness and funding for Project Access. For those of you not familiar with spinning, it sets the ease of stationary bike riding to heart pumping music and motivational instruction. All riders will solicit donations and spin for an hour, in a spirit of both friendly competition and shared commitment to the Project Access mission of increasing availability of healthcare to uninsured patients. The event, promises to be a fun one for the entire community. More details to follow.



EVENT NAME CONTEST

We need a name for our event and want your ideas. All suggestions will be included in a drawing for dinner for two at Glacier Brew House.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday, July 24, 2009.

Send your ideas to: cvasar@AnchorageProjectAccess.org.

“**A PERFECT SUMMER DAY** is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.” James Dent **ENJOY SUMMER!**

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