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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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Looking back on 2009, it's easy to get caught up in the tumultuous state of our economy, our health care system, the homeless situation—the list goes on. However, it's important to remember the "good things" people like you are contributing to make life in Anchorage just a little better for our neighbors in need. This holiday season we have received multiple heart felt thanks from our patients who are truly grateful for the services they received.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Anchorage Project Access—thank you for all you contribute. By donating your time and professional talents, each and every one of you has improved the lives of members of our community. The following are examples of the thanks we've received on your behalf.

So grateful for your generosity.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you, Mindy, for making a difference in my life. There aren't enough words to describe how grateful I am for what you've done. If it weren't for you and your phone calls to other doctors, I wouldn't find such great doctors like Dr. Frost. Everything is still surreal to me and it's amazing to know that I'm already feeling better and making great recovery. The generosity from all those involved will never be forgotten. Thanks a million for everything. Have an amazing Christmas and a very Happy New Year. VJ

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To all the staff and doctors at Project Access: Thank you for helping me get my hand surgery. It works great and I am back at work again. You are always in our family prayers. Thank you very much for all that you do. Merry Christmas! JR

With gratitude and appreciation!

To the ladies at Anchorage Project Access, thank you over and over again for your supreme patience and for this program. I would have given up long ago and most likely had been miserable for many years to come. I cannot express my gratitude enough. Many thanks to Dr. Koval, Dr. Wingate and all of Providence hospital staff who helped me. You all rock and I thank you so much. SS

Thank you for your kindness.

Sending you this card to thank you and your organization "All the Angels" for helping me in my time of medical need. God bless you and the work you do. Merry Christmas! CS



NEW MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

Greg Kershaw—RBMS, A Meritain Health Company Dr. James O'Malley

Dr. Steven Menaker

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



Revolutions, Spinning for Health Care has gotten off to a great start thanks to our hard working planning committee-Jane Hall, Fran Marbarger, Joanna Menaker and Lorrie Horning. If you haven't heard, Anchorage Project Access is having it's first annual fund raiser February 6, 2010—a spinning relay to be held at the Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall. For all event details go to Anchorage Project Access.org.

We want to thank all our sponsors who have signed up so far for their commitment to this community event. If you are interested in getting involved it's not to late give us a call—we'd love to hear from you.

A special thank you to our three event benefactors:



Anchorage Women's Clinic You take care of everyone else, let us take care of you.



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We're looking for spinning teams!

Our first official challenge was made by Providence Family Medicine Resi-

dency when they challenged the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to a friendly competition.

Getting geared up is the APA board of directors team headed up by board member and cycling enthusiast Art Weiner. We are grateful to also have Capital Management Benefits and Alaska Cancer Care Alliance on board with their teams.

Teams consist of four members each and ride for one hour at the same designated time during the event. Each rider registration fee is \$250 or a \$1,000 for a team. Any amount over \$250 and you could qualify as the top



fund raiser and receive the grand prize of an all-around mountain bike valued at \$895 donated by our friends at Chain Reaction Cycles. Deadline for team sign-up is January 20. Encourage competition with your co-workers or other companies you work with.

Register online at AnchorageProjectAccess.org

The Revolutions Spinning for Health Care event was created to bring more community awareness to the Project Access mission of increasing availability to health care for low income underserved patients; funds raised are specifically for patient benefits and case management for eligible patients. Helping us spread the word in the community is our Publicity/PR Committee: Anne Heiner, KTVA-TV; Diana Rowedder, Northwest Strategies; Nancy Johnson, KTUU-TV; Jennifer Thompson and Amy Cockerham, Thompson & Co.; and Meagan Kaser-Lee, Simon Property Group/Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall. Many heart felt thanks to all those who are contributing their time, energy and money in this important event.