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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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APA LOOKS FORWARD

2011 marks the beginning of our sixth year at Anchorage Project Access and our focus is on increasing our patient numbers and streamlining our internal processes. It is our hope that by improving our internal procedures, we will not

only increase the number of patients we serve, but also make their Project Access experience a pleasant one. We strive for excellent customer service for our patients and providers.

2010 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

Our 2010 Annual Report is hot off the press and we're very proud of the progress we've documented. The theme of this report is how APA has grown into a viable entity in the Anchorage community. Our critical funders continue to support our efforts; more businesses are aware of and

care we've documented. Since 2006, over \$13.6 million in donated care has been documented from Meritain Health, the hospitals and radiology centers. While the uncertainty of the economy and health reform remains a constant in our nation, we applaud your continued efforts in work-

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acknowledge our mission and physicians and health care providers continue to offer their services. There are numerous people to thank for our good fortune; however, our sincere gratitude goes to you and your staff for your ongoing support of our mission. Your generosity is demonstrated in the success stories of our patients and in the value of donated

ing with us to ease some of the burden for the underserved right here in our own community. On behalf of the APA Board of Directors and Staff THANK YOU!

The annual report is available online at <http://anchorageprojectaccess.org/about/annual-reports>.

ASHLYN, "OWES HER WELL BEING TO PROJECT ACCESS"

Ashlyn is a healthy looking, outgoing, 27-year old animal lover, who works full time at a local animal hospital. It's hard to believe that just one year ago she was chronically ill and tired, out of work, and near despair. With no health insurance, she thought she was out of luck too.

That was until a provider at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center told her that she needed specialty care and referred her to Project Access. Once enrolled in the program Project Access arranged an appointment with a participating volunteer Ob-Gyn specialist at the Anchorage Women's Clinic. After multiple tests, Ashlyn was diagnosed with endometriosis and prescribed medications to control her condition. At the

same time, her extreme tiredness was attributed to severe anemia. She was referred for further diagnosis and treatment to another volunteer physician, a hematologist at Katmai Oncology, who conducted further tests and then prescribed the right level of supplements to control her anemia.

Today, Ashlyn says she owes her well being to Project Access. "As soon as I saw the doctor at the Anchorage Women's Clinic, everything fell into place. I am so grateful that Project Access is here to help people like me with serious medical issues and no means to pay for the needed care. I feel like now, I can actually have a life!"



Our second annual fund raising event was held this past February at the Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall and was a great success. Fifteen teams and numerous sponsors accounted for over \$50,000 in revenue. The energy was electric and everyone had fun. The Alaska Emergency Medicine Associates, spearheaded by Jody Barton, collected the most money on behalf of their teams. We will

definitely plan a third Revolutions event for next February. Remember, it's never too early to "throw down the gauntlet" with your friendly competitors and start forming your teams now. Our special thanks to our major event benefactors:



MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD MOST RECENT RECIPIENT

ANCHORAGE FRACTURE & ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

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

To view all previous recipients visit AnchorageProjectAccess.org.



Check out more event photos by George Stransky at <http://anchorageprojectaccess.org/event>

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: TOM WOOD



Dr. Tom Wood is now completing his fifth year as a Board member and member of the Clinical Leadership Team. He first came to Alaska in 1966 serving as the doctor for a nuclear missile unit and attended the University of Washington for residency and fellowship training. Upon his return to practice internal medicine and nephrology, he was instrumen-

tal in the development of the Anchorage paramedic system and the Caring Clinic at the Brother Francis Center. After his retirement in 2006, he has kept busy as a volunteer consultant at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Medical Director for LifeAlaska, medical advisor to the Alaska Kidney Foundation and member of the Providence Hospital Ethics Committee. Tom is married and has four children.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bradley Cruz, MD
Alaska Imaging Associates
Don Gomes

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Thank you to these fine individuals for their many years of dedication and commitment serving on the APA board.

KC Kaltenborn, MD
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