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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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Wishing you and your staff a happy holiday season

PATIENT EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

Last year, November 11, 2009, Marsha S. received donated services for a right hip replacement from Dr. Richard Garner of Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic as well as physical therapy.

We recently received a thank you note from Marsha celebrating the anniversary of her surgery. APA staff spoke with her as well on this anniversary and she stated, "Many people have made a significant impact on my life but nothing more dramatically than this. I still have some issues and I will never be young again, but I thank God every day I can get out of bed and walk!"

Dear Project accus, I just wanted to send you a short thank you note even though il don't know how I can ever thank enough for the wonderful gift you really have given to me have changed my life. I was literally weeks away from being une pending my life in wheelchair. I was lost in a neve a pain. 1000

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LEGISLATIVE AIDES VISIT APA



Legislative Aides from Representative Hawker and Senator Hoffman's offices visited the APA offices during a one-day trip to Anchorage recently. Paulyn Swanson, Rena Delbridge and Patricia Walker met with staff for an overview of the Project Access process from receiving the initial medical referral to completion of the patient's treatment. The Legislative body,

particularly those representing the Anchorage community, have been extremely supportive of APA from the onset and those representatives from outside Anchorage are quickly learning how extremely generous our medical community is here in Anchorage. **Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.**



SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Our second annual fundraiser, Revolutions, Spinning for Health Care will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Fifth Avenue Mall. It's time to start putting together your spinning teams and challenging your professional cohorts to a "friendly competition."

We promised bragging rights to the individual and team who won by raising the most money last year. Here they are in all their glory.

Individual winner- Leslie Linden MD, with the help of her team mates the Wheeler Healers of Alaska Family Medicine Residency. Last year the Wheeler Healers also challenged the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center in a fight to the finish by bringing in the most donations. The winning team bringing in the overall amount of donations was the Alaska Cancer Care Alliance.





The Wheeler Healers Leslie Linden Joseph Linden John Schwartz Tonya Caylor Justin Carricaburu Ray Pastorino



Alaska Cancer Care Alliance Shelley Romer William Clark Kari Disbrow Beau Disbrow

This event was a lot of fun and we invite you to join us this year. For more information about sponsorships or riding teams check out our website at AnchorageProjectAccess.org. There is still time to become a sponsor—we'd love to have you on board!

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: NORM WILDER



Dr. Norm Wilder is currently the Chief Medical Officer and Medical Education Director at Alaska Regional Hospital, a role he will retire from at the end of 2010. Norm's laudable career includes practice in general internal medicine, pulmonary diseases, critical care and sleep medicine. Norm serves as the Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and is an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Arts & Sciences, Biomedical WWMAI Program at UAA. Additionally, he has an extensive aviation and aviation medicine experience

and has received awards for his work in aviation safety. Norm currently serves on the APA Board Development Committee and enjoys travelling with his wife when time permits.



MT. Huntington Award Most Recent Recipients

INTERNAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES ALPINE UROLOGY

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.

MAJOR DONORS

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> **COMMUNITY DONORS** Alaska Regional Hospital Alaska USA FCU Congregation Beth Sholom First National Bank Alaska Marc June Law Office

R BENEFIT INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2011, the pharmacy benefit for eligible APA patients will increase from \$500 to \$800 per year as part of their treatment plan. Medications are available at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center for all ANHC patients at \$0 co-pay and at all Carrs/Safeway pharmacies for all other patients at - \$4 co-pay for generic drugs and \$5 co-pay for brand name.

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