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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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## OVER \$10 MILLION IN DONATED CARE

Anchorage physicians, health care providers and hospitals have donated medical care to Anchorage Project Access patients since January 2006. As of September 30, 2009, the total value of this donated care amounted to an astounding \$10,087,596! For more exciting information about APA, see the 2009 Annual Report which de-

scribes the details of these calculations as well as other program outcomes. Annual reports can be obtained by contacting the office or online at AnchorageProjectAccess.org. APA staff and board members want to express our sincere thanks to all who have provided donated care.

## MICHAEL'S DIAGNOSES CHANGED HIS LIFE

For over eight years Michael had various medical symptoms that could not be explained. He was frustrated and while unable to afford to continue to seek medical care, had no plans to see another doctor. When a friend broke her leg and needed a ride to Anchorage Project Access, he learned about the program.

he finally had a diagnosis and could understand his symptoms. Having been diagnosed, his quality of life improved. He qualified for the State of Alaska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation training program and is now looking forward to being more self-sufficient.

He applied for APA services, was found to be eligible and was referred to a neurologist. The neurologist diagnosed him with multiple sclerosis. Although receiving the news was difficult, Michael was grateful

Michael wants everyone to know APA made a difference in his life. Also, his friend with the broken leg was referred to an orthopedic surgeon and is doing great—thanks to Anchorage Project Access.

## SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC

The Clark School Based Health Center is seeking volunteers throughout the 2010-2011 school year to provide sports physicals and treatment of minor illness and injury to 6th through 8th grade students at Clark Middle School. Anchorage Project Access is partnering with this pilot program in the Anchorage School District on volunteer recruitment and to ensure low

income children without insurance who are served by the health center are able to access needed prescription medications and follow on care. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dr. Jon Lyon at [jlyon@latouchepediatrics.net](mailto:jlyon@latouchepediatrics.net) or Tari O'Connor, School Based Health Center coordinator, at [tarioconnor@yahoo.com](mailto:tarioconnor@yahoo.com) or 227-8219.

## NORTHWEST OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES LOCAL PROJECT ACCESS

Anchorage Project Access was recently recognized by the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation as the recipient of the 2010 Governor Barbara Roberts Community Service Award. This award is presented yearly to the organization that makes a positive and profound difference in the life of our communities through its

deep commitment to the values that Governor Roberts stood for throughout her public service career: compassion, equality, justice, respect and concern for all. The award was presented in Portland, Oregon on May 1, 2010 at the Foundations 12th Annual Founders' Evening Gala.

## WELCOME NEW APA BOARD MEMBERS

Lee Ann Eissler, ANP— Alaska Health Care Clinic  
 Carolyn Heyman-Layne — Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi, LLC  
 Orion Matthews— Design PT  
 Juliana Shields, MD—Alaska Family Medicine Residency  
 Jennifer Thompson—Thompson & Co.  
 Art Weiner, PhD

## APA MEDICAL DIRECTOR



The Anchorage Project Access Medical Director provides crucial supervision and oversight so that the “right patient gets to the right doctor.” Dr. John Schwartz, Providence Family Medicine Residency, volunteered to serve as the new APA Medical Director, taking over from Dr. Tom Hunt. Dr. Schwartz will chair the Clinical Leadership Committee which meets with APA staff every 2 weeks. Dr. Schwartz is a founding member of APA, has served on the board since its inception and has always worked and advocated for the underserved in our community.

## SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED

APA staff and board members want your feedback, input and suggestions. How can we make the program work better for your office? Are you concerned about a patient? Are you dealing with a difficult patient? We take all comments seriously because volunteer physicians and health care providers are the essence of the program. Thank you so much for all you do for our patients. We appreciate your generosity.

## APA PATIENT DEMOGRAPHIC

Patients enrolled by APA are more likely to be female than male (63% vs. 37%). Most are ages 30-59 years. About 70% are between 0-100% federal poverty level and 60% are Caucasian. Upon entrance into the program, 34% report being employed full or part-time; only 19% describe “no work limitations.” After exiting the program, employment increases to 42% and 36% describe no work limitations. Survey data collected by the program, as well as anecdotal reports from patients, document the improved health and work capacity of patients as they are exited from the program. For more information, see our annual report.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: KC KALTENBORN, MD



Dr. Kaltenborn is in private practice in Endocrinology and Diabetes and is involved with education at all levels—CME for practicing physicians, education for medical and nursing students and medical assistants as well as a mentor for high school students. He is currently in the process of publishing a research paper on Vitamin D in Alaska.

When he came to Alaska in 1995, he worked in ambulatory care for two years and traveled to Fairbanks and Kenai where he had monthly practices in Endocrinology. KC served as Board President for Anchorage Project Access for two terms and is grateful to his many colleagues who have joined him in serving APA patients. He is active in sports and plays classical and church music on the cello. Of Project Access, KC says “This is a highly functional, growing and vibrant Alaskan family, of which we can all be proud.”



## MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

John Hall, MD  
 Al Parrish, CEO,  
 Providence Health & Services Alaska  
 Alaska Heart Institute  
 Ruth Higdon, MD

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](http://AnchorageProjectAccess.org).

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