

**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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**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Greetings,

As Anchorage Project Access (APA) celebrates its 10th year in the Anchorage community, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you—the heart and soul of APA for your generosity in serving our most vulnerable. If it wasn't for you and your staff—there wouldn't be an APA.

**MANY THANKS FROM THE APA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF!**

Life continues not only with the traditional Project Access program but with Medicaid expansion and the Affordable Care Act. We have outreached with various entities in the community and Crystal, our eligibility specialist, assists with enrollments for Medicaid and with ACA marketplace insurance at: Beans Café; the Municipality of Anchorage DHHS; Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center and St. Francis House Food Pantry. The need for access to health care continues and we are doing all we can to be at the forefront in assisting those in need.

We are proud of our enrollment vetting process that we've honed throughout these 10-years and trust we can continue to assist wherever we're needed. Please remember to send us your referrals so we can make sure patients receive the care they need. If you have a patient you think may be eligible for Medicaid or ACA insurance, send them our way and we will assist them in applying for the appropriate coverage. As always, emergent cases continue to be processed immediately. It is our steadfast resolve not to hold up an emergency due to "red tape." As I've mentioned previously, once an APA patient is enrolled in Medicaid and/or for insurance on the ACA marketplace, we will notify your office immediately so you can bill accordingly.

Another change that is happening at APA is we are launching a "pay it forward" dental project in conjunction with the Providence Emergency Department. The program is modeled after a similar project in Battle Creek, Michigan. The concept is—in a nutshell—that prior to treatment—except for emergent situations—the patient will do community service in lieu of the dental procedure he/she is in need of. We're starting small but hope to build this project into a success similar to what all of you have created with the medical portion that is Anchorage Project Access. In case you didn't know, our medical patients agree to do 20 hours of community service in lieu of the care all of you so generously donate. And—I must say—a huge number actually do so.

Thank you again for all you continue to do for our patients and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding our program.

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE**

We are proud of the progress we've documented in our 2015 Annual Report. The theme of the report is about new paths to our destination. We continue to move forward adjusting our sails, as Jimmy Dean said, and I quote, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

For the Period of October 2014– September 2015:

- 245 Patients Served
- 1732 Appointments made by APA Staff
- 578 Volunteer Healthcare Providers & Agencies
- \$4,229,314 Total donated care

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

## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



From the APA Board of Directors and staff, a huge thank you for all of you who participated in our recent Revolutions event. To date, we've documented over \$58,000 in sponsorships, riders fees and donations. Thank You!!



## MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD RECIPIENT



**Dr. Judith Whitcomb**

The Mt. Huntington Award is an element of our recognition program to thank providers and their staff for their exceptional services. To view all previous recipients visit:

[AnchorageProjectAccess.org](http://AnchorageProjectAccess.org)

## HERE'S HOW YOU ARE HELPING

Robin knew that something wasn't right when he could no longer walk up a flight of stairs without having to stop and catch his breath. After a discussion with his primary care provider at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center he was referred to Project Access for cardiology. Robin was seen at the Alaska Heart Institute where he was found to require cardiac surgery which was performed by Denali Cardiac and Thoracic Surgical Group who ultimately performed the life-saving surgery.

Since his surgery, Robin has noticed significant improvements in both his health and overall ability to live his life. He no longer is fatigued by minimal activity which has allowed him to once again be employed. He has also spent time volunteering at the local Rescue Mission. Since his recovery, his mother has become involved with Project Access and donates money to the organization when she can so that other individuals in need can receive the same level of care and compassion that her son did. He is greatly thankful for all of the help from Project Access and cannot imagine what his life would be like today if he had not been able to obtain the surgery he needed.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Due to term limits, Dr. Paul Peterson and Carolyn Heyman-Layne have reached their stay on our board of directors. Paul and Carolyn have been staunch advocates for APA and will be missed. Fortunately, for APA, Paul has agreed to serve on our board development committee and Carolyn on the resource development committee.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: BARBARA SIMPSON KRAFT



Barbara Simpson Kraft joined the Board in 2015. She was raised in Seward, and earned her Bachelors in Science from Oregon State University and her law degree from the University of Washington. She is married to Mark Kraft, and has two daughters who graduated from Anchorage high schools. Her hobbies include traveling and cooking.

Barbara has been practicing law at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Anchorage since she graduated from law school in 1988. Her practice focuses on corporate and real estate law for clients located all over the State of Alaska. Many of her clients operate health care related businesses, so she is familiar with the legal issues that can arise on a daily basis as well as long-term.

Barbara was drawn to the APA board because of her belief that all people are entitled to quality health care regardless of ability to pay. Identifying possible payment sources for health care needs, assisting with applications and other paperwork, and locating providers who will donate care are essential aspects of the mission of Anchorage Project Access which she strongly supports. Because healthcare is an ever changing area, Anchorage Project Access will need to stay ahead of the curve, and one way to do so is to remain aware of changes in applicable statutes and regulations, as well as understanding the implication of cases that are decided.

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