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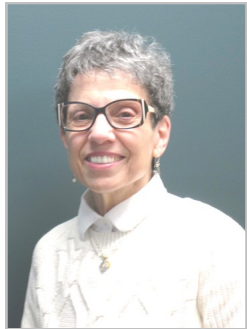
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings friends,

As you may have heard, I have recently retired as executive director of Anchorage Project Access (APA). I have had the honor and privilege of serving in this capacity for 11 ½ years and I have to say, it is the best and most rewarding position I have ever held.

A search is currently underway for a new director and I have been asked by our board of directors to work as a consultant to ensure a smooth transition. Naturally, I agreed to do so.

I want to assure you that APA continues to be one of the safety net organizations not only for the uninsured in Anchorage but for many outside the Anchorage bowl. I am pleased to say that as APA matured, it became known as a viable organization statewide as we partnered with many sister organizations to assist our clients. The nationwide health care situation affects all citizens and, due to your generosity, we continue to assist our most vulnerable neighbors.

We currently operate as a three-tiered operation:

- Traditional Project Access – donated health care
- Dental – donated dental care
- Medicaid and Affordable Care Act enrollment and assistance

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your generosity over the years to our patients. Rest assured, our mission continues – access to health care – and I am proud to have been a part of this selfless endeavor.

Respectfully,

HERE'S HOW YOU ARE HELPING

- "I am blessed that APA providers came to my rescue during the darkest time of my life. Diagnosed with throat cancer, I received the best care from all the doctors you connected me to. I am thankful, I am feeling better and I can see the light after this year-long battle."
- "Those who give of their time through APA are truly generous. Thank you APA for everything you have done for me."
- "Thank you so much for your patience, care and never ending help you have given to me. I appreciate all your kindness much."

KINDNESS IS THE LANGUAGE WHICH THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE. ~Mark Twain

CONNECTING LOW INCOME UNINSURED WITH DONATED CARE

For the Period January 2006 to May 2018

- 3,453 patients served
- 15,796 appointments made by APA staff
- 624 volunteer healthcare providers and support agencies
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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: KATHIE BETHARD



Kathie obtained a BS in economics in 1967 from UCLA and went to work in the IBM data center for 5 years. She also taught adjunct classes at USC in programming for 3 years.

Along with her husband Frank and their new baby boy, Kathie moved to Anchorage in the summer of 1971. She began contract work with Alaska Mutual Bank designing and writing a Mortgage Loan System to replace their manual posting ledger cards.

In Anchorage, Kathie became involved in youth hockey and soccer and served on the board of directors for the Anchorage Hockey Association for 6 years and also as president for two years. Following, she served on the board of directors of the Alaska All Star Hockey Association for ten years and was on the founding board of directors for the University of Alaska Seawolf Hockey Blueliner Club for nine years and as president for two years. Kathie organized the Minor Officials for UAA hockey for the past 20 years and continues to serve in that capacity.

Kathie was a member of the Anchorage Organizing Committee (AOC), a group of local business professionals and politicians formed to bring the winter Olympics to Anchorage. She co-chaired the World Junior Hockey Tournament sponsored by the AOC during 1989. Following, she was on the organizing committee for the Special Olympic World Games which Anchorage hosted in 2001.

Upon going to work for Providence in 2002, Kathie worked in the Refugee Program and assisted the Providence IT Department sponsor new families. She became a member of the Mission Council, a volunteer group for Providence employees who organized various community benefit programs.

Kathie's strong belief in "community" contributed to her being such an outstanding board member for Anchorage Project Access where she has served since 2012.

Giving back to her community is what makes her happy. And, as a testament to Kathie's spirit of "community," her children have carried on her commitment by volunteering for the youth of Anchorage.



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