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**Recent Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation gifts of nearly \$100,000
impact youth and improve health around the state**

The Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation (HANF) recently made \$97,500 in donations to Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) programs that improve the health and wellbeing of Alaska Natives, including directing gifts to impact Alaska's children.

HANF gave more than \$40,000 to Alaska Native Medical Center's (ANMC) Pediatrics: over \$25,000 for renovations to improve patient and family comfort, another \$10,000 to develop an Imagination Library program to improve literacy for Alaska Native children, and \$5,000 to support an art therapy program. HANF's also gave \$6,425 to develop Camp Coho II, a summer camp which will support Alaska Native children who lost loved ones to traumatic events such as suicide. Another \$808 was directed to ANMC's Operating Room to purchase toys for young sedation clinic patients.

"It's always exciting to improve the programs that are doing such impactful work around Alaska and making a difference for Alaska Natives of all ages," said Carrie Brown, HANF Director. "Gifts that improve the lives of Alaska Natives youth are especially moving. They are gifts that truly touch us all -- when our youth have positive influences and healthy environments, our communities and lives improve."

Below is a list of the ANTHC programs recently selected to receive funds based on need and alignment with the HANF's key initiatives:

- \$25,250 to ANMC Pediatrics for renovations to improve patient and family comfort
- \$10,000 to ANMC Pediatrics to develop an Imagination Library program and promote literacy for Alaska Native children
- \$10,000 to Behavioral Health to develop a suicide prevention media campaign
- \$8,000 to Dental Health Aide Therapy Program (DHAT) to purchase iPads for training
- \$7,807 to Behavioral Health to produce a documentary on suicide in Western Alaska
- \$6,425 to Behavioral Health to develop Camp Coho II, which will support Alaska Native children who lost loved ones to traumatic events such as suicide
- \$6,235 to DHAT to purchase a new sterilizer for training in Bethel
- \$5,000 to Behavioral Health to fund a methamphetamine and suicide prevention campaign in the North Slope region
- \$5,000 to ANMC's Inpatient Pediatrics to support an art therapy program
- \$2,735 to ANMC's Surgery Clinic for new equipment
- \$2,210 to ANMC's Emergency Department for patient clothing needs



- \$2,022 to ANTHC Employee Development & Training for scholarship funding
- \$2,005 to Prevention and Wellness for its “Traditional Foods, Contemporary Chef” program, which will increase nutrient-dense food consumption by Alaska Natives
- \$1,502 to ANMC’s Oncology department for cancer care
- \$1,023 to Elder & Rural Health Services for an elder care project
- \$808 to ANMC’s Operating Room for toys for sedation clinic patients
- \$778 to Community Resources for its Healthy Village Environments project
- \$700 to ANMC’s Oncology department to pay for a lymphedema course for a physical therapist

HANF is ANTHC’s charitable arm which works to raise awareness and funding to further ANTHC’s vision that Alaska Native people are the healthiest people in the world. Proceeds support health care improvements and initiatives that promote wellness and prevention efforts, as well as healthy village environments.

HANF was established in 2007 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the creation of ANTHC. In 2010, HANF distributed \$160,000. Brown will announce more gifts in the upcoming weeks. HANF is most visible at Raven’s Ball, its annual black-tie benefit to raise funds and awareness. 2011’s Raven’s Ball grossed \$325,000, up from \$222,000 in 2010.

HANF funding is generated through donor funding, Raven’s Ball, ANTHC employee contributions and ANTHC funding. HANF gifts are directed by its oversight committee.

About the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation

The Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation was created by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to improve medical care, environmental health conditions and community health for all Alaska Native people. For more information on the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation, call (907) 729-5652 or please visit www.inspiringgoodhealth.org.

About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is a non-profit health organization owned and managed by Alaska Native tribal governments and their regional health organizations. For more information, please visit www.anthc.org.

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