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**Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation previews its 2012 Raven's Ball,  
announces 2012 Luminary Award recipients**

The Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation (HANF), the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's charitable arm, will host the fifth annual Raven's Ball on March 23, 2012, at the Hotel Captain Cook. The Raven's Ball is one of Alaska's premier black tie parties and dynamic fundraising events, and this year's ball will continue a tradition of philanthropy that benefits the Foundation's three key initiatives: improving medical care, strengthening wellness and prevention efforts, and promoting healthy village environments. This year's Raven's Ball will also highlight a special funding need: Camp Coho. Camp Coho is a summer camp for Alaska Native children to honor the memory of a loved one who died from cancer or a traumatic death such as suicide.

In 2011, the Foundation gave more than \$150,000 to make the Alaska Native Medical Center's Inpatient Pediatrics unit more comfortable for families; community health efforts that help reduce suicides and increase dental health; literacy and art therapy programs for young patients; care for cancer patients and support for their loved ones; and much more.

One of the Raven's Ball's highlights will be the presentation of the Luminary Awards, which recognize individuals for their dedication and outstanding contribution to the Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS) and community. The Foundation Oversight Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 Raven's Ball Luminary Awards:

The **President's Award** will be presented to **Lloyd Miller**, chair and founder of the Native Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association.

The **Legacy and Leadership Award** will be presented to **Valerie Davidson**, Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

The **Distinguished Provider Award** will be presented to **Dr. James Tiesinga**, Laboratory Director of five of the seven major tribal hospitals.

The **Community Spirit Award** will be presented to **Sid Smith**, longtime member of Southcentral Foundation's Elder Advisory Council.

For more information on the 2012 Raven's Ball, Raven's Ball Luminary Awards, and sponsorship and table information, call (907) 729-5652 or visit [www.inspiringgoodhealth.org](http://www.inspiringgoodhealth.org).

**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](http://www.inspiringgoodhealth.org).