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Pictured on the left is the Alaska Native Medical Center. Located across from ANMC is the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center.



## Southcentral Foundation is striving toward State of the Art provision care

“It was a privilege and honor to present at the Alaska Federation of Native’s Conference this year on health care services Southcentral Foundation and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium provide at the Alaska Native Medical Center,” stated Ms. Katherine Gottlieb, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southcentral Foundation.

In this presentation, she stated that she will continue to strive for a State of the Art provision of care to all Alaska Natives and

American Indians at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC). ANMC received a Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization score of 95 out of a possible 100. Such a score acknowledges that the quality of care, patient rights and safety standards at ANMC are excellent.

Southcentral Foundation celebrated and continues to commend the efforts of everyone who worked together to achieve this goal.

Ms. Gottlieb stated “We will continue to strive to provide the best services for the Native

community. We will continue to value working together with the Native community, the individuals and the families in our journey to wellness. We will continue to restructure our organization to optimize the skills and contributions of staff to reach and go beyond the goal of absence of illness and prevention of disease.”

Southcentral Foundation will continue to encourage emotional, mental and spiritual wellness.

## The Pathway Home is now accepting referrals

The Pathway Home began accepting referrals for youth between the ages of 13 and 17, on December 15, 2000, for admission in January. The first phase of The Pathway Home, which will operate as a 16-bed residential treatment program, will be housed in a building that was recently acquired and renovated for that purpose. The program will expand to accommodate 36 youth following the completion of a new facility, estimated for next summer in Anchorage.

The services will be provided to Alaska Native adolescents with a primary problem

related to substance abuse, but who may also have a mental health disorder or other co-existing disorder. These young men and women are at high risk for a number of behavioral problems including academic failure, delinquency and homelessness. The primary focus of this new program will be on the unmet need for service for urban Native youth in Anchorage.

The program is based on a strong educational and vocational foundation, committed to the highest expectations for attainment through secondary and higher

education. It also includes life skills development, opportunities to practice and utilize these skills, and the opportunity to experience employment success through participation in vocational enterprises. The program will incorporate elder mentors and community service to provide the youth with valuable experiences in the community and the feeling of being a contributor. The length of stay for youth in the program will be between six and eighteen months.

For further information contact Fred Kopacz at (907) 729-4992.

## Southcentral Foundation’s Dr. Douglas Eby receives Alaska public health awards

Dr. Douglas Eby, Southcentral Foundation’s Vice President of Medical Services, was one of the recipients of the top awards given at the annual Alaska Health Summit banquet, December 5, 2000. Recognized this year with Dr. Eby was Dr. Peter Nakamura, who is retiring after serving as Alaska’s public director for the past nine years. The awards were given to commemorate their lasting contributions to health in Alaska. Dr. Eby was recognized for his personal contributions over the past 10 years in assisting to transform healthcare at

the Alaska Native Medical Center into one of the top healthcare systems in the country. The primary care system at ANMC has been receiving national and international attention in medical journals as one of the premier innovative primary care systems anywhere. In his acceptance speech Dr. Eby emphasized that the successes at ANMC were the result of a team effort involving the work of many, many individuals and groups. We congratulate Dr. Eby on this very significant statewide award.



Dr. Douglas Eby, MD, MPH, accepts the Alaska Public Health Association’s Alaska Meritorious Health Service Award. The Alaska Public Health Association ties together all the health-related professionals in Alaska including representatives from state, municipal and federal governments and the private sector.

# Southcentral Foundation a

*Editor's Note: These photos represent Southcentral Foundation's commitment to quality and family wellness since 1982. Do you recognize yourself?*



Southcentral Foundation's Elder Program hosted the Annual Elder Potluck December 19 in the Gathering Room. Highlights included the invocation, Head Start Dancers, drumming and an award presentation by Katherine Gottlieb, SCF President and CEO.



In meeting the mission statement of Southcentral Foundation, SCF has formed or joined in partnerships statewide and locally to reach the goal of the vision statement. The purpose of SCF is to address the needs of Alaska Native/American Indian people. For questions, comments, or submission of articles, write to Anchorage Native News Editor, Southcentral Foundation, 4501 Diplomacy Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508; or call (907) 729-4955. ANN reserves editorial rights to all submissions for content. All articles will be considered for each publication, dependent on the space available. Deadline for next issue is January 12, 2001.

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# millennium of services



## Thank you for your feedback

Southcentral Foundation Board members, Katherine Gottlieb, President and Chief Executive Officer and staff wish to thank you for the feedback on our services. Periodically, SCF administers Quality Improvement Surveys asking questions about the services our programs provide to our clients. The following are some comments customers have given and action steps taken to better serve you.

**Behavioral Health Services** – Customers wanted more access. The team at Behavior

Health reorganized and has gone from an average scheduling time for new appointments of eight weeks to six days in the last year. Urgent or crisis appointments are available in twenty-four to forty-eight hours and often the same day. Here are the comments received last month:

“Responsive to my family needs, quicker on scheduling appointments than previously.”

“I got an appointment quickly.”

“Weekly appointments, same time, same day, no problems.”

“I’ve found that I’ll be more cordial and flexible in scheduling because I have been treated that way here.”

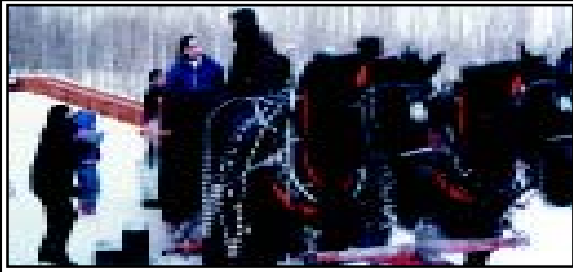
**Optometry Clinic on Fireweed** – Customers asked for more variety in eyeglasses.

The Optometry team has ordered a wider selection for your choice:

“Many more choices than in the past.”

“Selection of goods—contact lens choices.”

“Variety of contacts and glasses available now.”



The 2000 Gathering was held at The Alaska Native Heritage Center and was hosted by Southcentral Foundation. More than 1000 people enjoyed the activities and showcasings.

## Alaska's People Gathering 2001

Alaska's People and Southcentral Foundation are coordinating the annual Gathering highlighting employment opportunities and showcasing CIRI organizations.

This year's Gathering will be held at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Saturday, February 3, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open to the Native community, activities will include ice skating, sleigh rides, traditional dancing and story tellers and

refreshments as well as presentations recognizing CIRI organizations.

Shuttle services will be available from the Anchorage RV park located at 1200 North Muldoon Road near the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Muldoon road.

M. Kris Anderson, Executive Director of Alaska's People said, "The Gathering 2001 – Gathering together to mold positive lessons and rewards for all Alaska Natives as we begin to shape our history within the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

## Non-profit health arm serves 28,500

Southcentral Foundation is the non-profit health arm of CIRI. It was incorporated in 1982 and contracted its first federal program in 1985. SCF has grown, to assume management of Indian Health Service programs, state and foundation grants, and now has more than sixty-five programs.

The Alaska Native and American Indian population SCF serves is approximately 28,500 people who live in the local area but come from every region and village in the State of Alaska. Through the Alaska Native Medical Center, SCF also serves fifty-five villages within the rural Anchorage Services Unit. The geographical area of primary care service is as far west as St. Paul, McGrath in the North, down through the Kenai Peninsula and in the South, the Kodiak Islands.

SCF employs approximately 800 full-time and part-time government contracted people. One half of these are Alaska Native and American Indian. The jobs range from physicians, mental health clinicians, medical clerks, Elder workers, building maintenance, pharmacists and receptionists plus many other administrators and health care providers.

## Writing workshop hosted for teens

Left Coast Crime 2001 will be hosting a writing workshop for the CIRI and Adolescent Programs offered by the CIRI non-profits, Friday, February 16, 2001. There will be six one hour sessions at the Hilton Hotel in the Dillingham Room from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop is limited to 50 students.

In the morning, the sessions will feature the following Alaskan authors: Dana Stabenow, First Lines; Sue Henry, Settings; Kim Rich, Research. The afternoon

workshops will feature Outside authors to be announced.

CIRI and Southcentral Foundation will register the students in house, provide lunch and transport participants to and from the Hilton. The students will need to bring writing materials.

Please direct any questions to Robert Heffle, RAISE Program Supervisor at 729-5010 or <http://www.stabenow.com>.

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Optometry Clinic – Fireweed	265-4263
Optometry Clinic – ANMC	729-1471
Mountain View Clinic	278-2268

The programs listed above are only some of the services Southcentral Foundation provides. Please call the main office for complete directory.