Seasonal Spotlight
HANF, NANA, and Akima provide Elders with security, comfort during COVID-19

The Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation (HANF) believes that health care goes beyond the bounds of treating those who are sick. This has never been more important than right now in the midst of COVID-19.

We want to help Alaskans stay out of the hospital in the first place.

Together, with NANA and Akima (NANA’s federal group of companies), HANF recently partnered with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s (ANTHC) Community Health Aide Program to create and distribute 1,000 Elder Self Care Kits to Alaska Native Elders throughout the state.

Each kit contains:
- Pulse oximeter to assess oxygen saturation and pulse
- Thermometer to assess temperature
- Small Vital Signs Card
- Individual Monitoring Log
- Brief instruction sheet

Elders and their caregivers can record their health information, helping ensure they receive optimal, informed healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I felt an extra sense of security when I received the Elder Self Care Kit. I use the thermometer and the finger pulse oximeter a few times a week. This was so thoughtful of you to provide this kit to us, we appreciate it,” Maria Stowe a recipient expressed her gratitude.

The Elder Self Care Kits were made possible by donations to HANF’s Area of Greatest Need Fund.

The Area of Greatest Need Fund is a collection of unrestricted funds which allow us to respond quickly to unanticipated needs and challenges in any program across the Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS).

If you, your organization, or someone you know is interested in giving to the Area of Greatest Need Fund or any of the other HANF initiatives described below, click Donate Now. If you are in need of funds, click Request Funds. We are stronger together and support from our community is instrumental to making projects like this possible.

Our Impact By The Numbers
In the last year, your donations have made an impact

Healthy Patients Fund
HANF’s Healthy Patients Fund supports patient recovery and comfort, cancer care, provider training and education, and patient travel needs.

Healthy Kids Fund
HANF’s Healthy Kids Fund supports Alaska Native kiddos with surgery recovery, emotional support, coping with the loss of a loved one, or managing a painful, life-limiting condition.

Healthy Communities Fund
HANF’s Healthy Communities Fund supports Elders programs, disease and suicide prevention, and health care, and improvement of environmental conditions in remote communities.

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