



Celebrating 50 Years of Health and Wellness



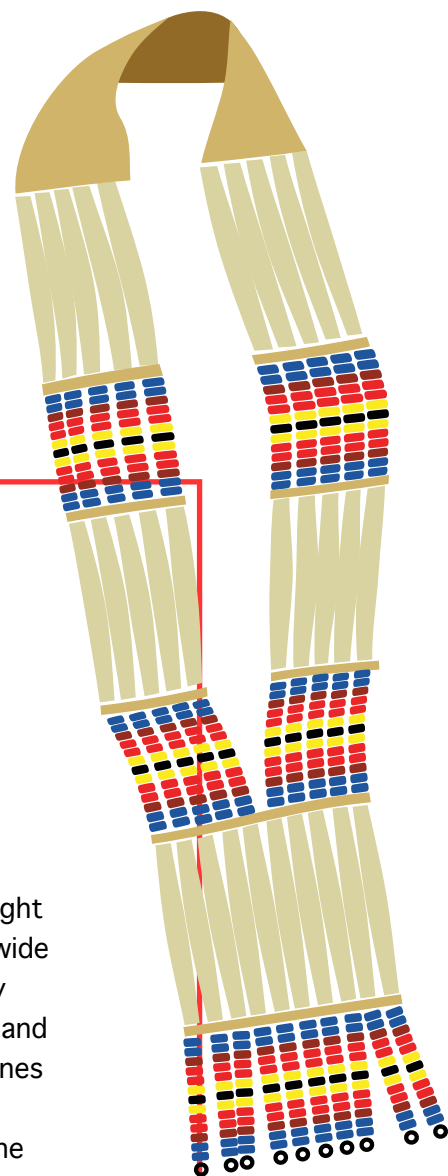
LETTER FROM THE CEO

Greetings! This year, we celebrate an incredible milestone: bringing quality and compassionate health care to our people, by our people, for 50 years. I would like to personally extend my gratitude, and that of our board, to everyone who has supported the advancement of health care in the Bristol Bay Region. The list is not short, but it starts with three Alaska Native employees with a vision to improve health care in our communities by taking it into our own hands. Without the unwavering determination of Archie Gottchalk, Bernice Heyano and Donald Nielsen, we would not be where we are today.

As we honor the past, we also look ahead to the next 50 years. Community members are becoming increasingly proactive in the healthcare of their children, Elders and one another. Through our community surveys, input from tribal liaisons, in-person visits and customer comment cards, we've been listening to the needs of the region and responding accordingly. We're building capacity with the addition of Jennifer De Winne, our Chief Operation Officer, and other new BBAHC leadership and staff so we may expand in specific areas of concern and continue providing quality programs and services with competence and compassion.



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In the spirit of self-determination, love for community and guided by shared cultural values, over the last 12 months BBAHC has developed materials to highlight our region's bright and healthy future. Friends, families and neighbors far and wide opened their homes and places of work to our team as they visited to capture the essence of our entire region in video and on camera. It is our hope you see yourself and your loved ones reflected in the many faces featured in this newsletter and other materials. After all, the overall success of BBAHC is the result of a communitywide effort.

Thank you again, for placing your trust in us. It is because of this trust we have the ability to shape our own health care and what the future will look like for generations to come. Quyana, for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Clark".

Robert J. Clark
President/Chief Executive Officer



MISSION

We provide quality health care with competence, compassion, and sensitivity.

VISION

To be a model of quality and financial sustainability.

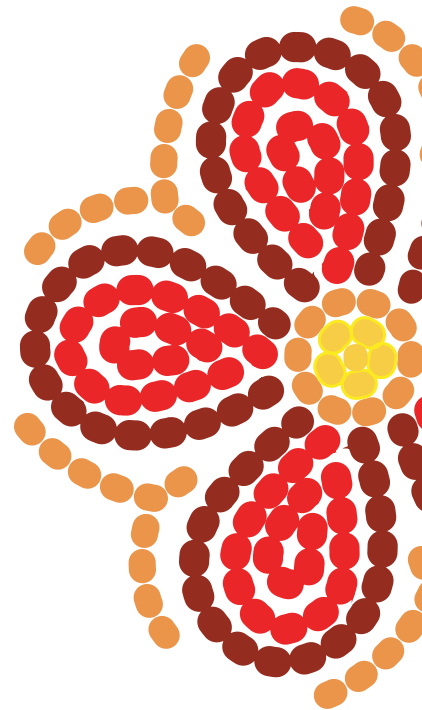
CORE VALUES

Accessible, quality health care for all.

Promotion of health and prevention of disease.

Respect for an individual's dignity, independence and choices.

Basic medical services for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.





HONORING OUR COMMUNITY, IMPROVING OUR HEALTH

Celebrating Our People

Since June 28, 1973, BBAHC has operated and managed tribal health care for the region, and in 2023 we began celebrating 50 years of health and wellness. Located in Dillingham and serving 28 communities, BBAHC has administrative offices, the Kakanak Hospital, a pharmacy and 21 village clinics to help assist with the services and programs we provide. In preparation for the celebration, our team conducted a number of village visits to capture video, photography and record interviews to create materials that authentically celebrate the region and its people. These materials include an updated photo and video library to enhance communications, social posts, fliers and other collateral, posters, a historical timeline display for the Kakanak Hospital and village clinics, and a long-form video commemorating the anniversary as well as shorter pieces to be shared online.

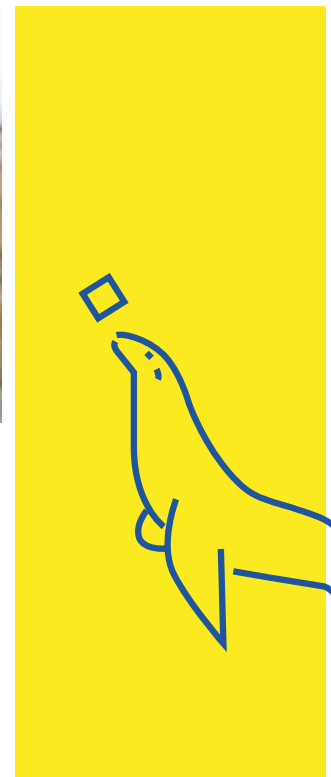




Aleknagik



Platinum



Manokotak



Ekuk



New Stuyahok



Togiak



Dillingham

While weather kept us from making it to every community, we were able to visit every sub-region. In Platinum, Togiak and Manokotak, our team was provided hospitality and warmth beyond belief by offering seats at their kitchen tables where we enjoyed traditional foods and learned about unique family preparations. We were rewarded by younger generations in Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clarks Point, Ekuk and New Stuyahok with beaming smiles as we recorded the start of fishing season.



Clarks Point

In Levelock, Naknek, King Salmon and Port Heiden, we enjoyed community events, with some being the first gatherings since the onset of COVID-19. And in Perryville, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon and Chignik Bay, we had the pleasure of participating in harvesting activities for the season. We send our gratitude to those who shared their time and energy with us, and we look forward to greater community outreach in the years to come.



Levelock



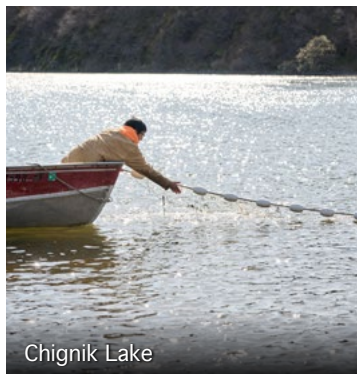
Naknek



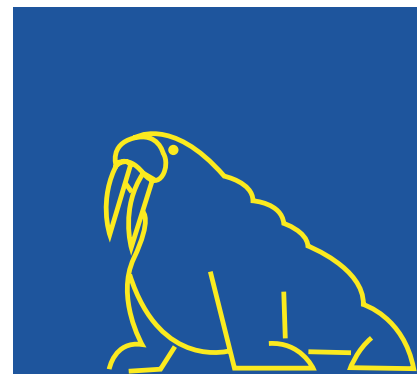
King Salmon



Chignik Lagoon



Chignik Lake



Perryville



Port Heiden



Chignik Bay



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2024
Board Meeting
50th Anniversary
Reception

June 27, 2024
Closing of the
50th Anniversary
Celebration

BBAHC held events starting with the Anniversary Reception and Board Meeting in early March of 2023, where our team also collected additional photos and interviews with members of the board to document their historical knowledge. In June, we held an Employee Anniversary Celebration to show appreciation for all our staff. And in September, we transformed the Dillingham High School into a Community Anniversary Celebration that was headlined by Alaska's favorite group, Pamyua!



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING RECEPTION

March 9, 2023



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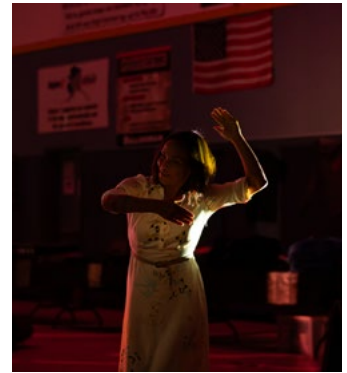
50TH ANNIVERSARY STAFF RECEPTION

June 28, 2023



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

September 17, 2023



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50th Anniversary Commemorative Video

Meet the people of Bristol Bay, and hear their personal stories and views on health care now and into the future.

"We started out as policy makers looking to form a destiny. Providing our people with access to quality healthcare is an integral component to our sovereignty. Communities that honor Indigenous values should have choices on how to receive that care as our traditional ways of life are what keep our minds and bodies whole. Our subsistence flows with the waters and runs with the lands; a well-being like no other. Through competence, compassion and sensitivity towards our culture, we have established quality healthcare for our people. Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation is working to honor the past, preserve the future, and lead the next generation forward."

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ANECIA ACTIVE

Togiak Community
Health Aide

When you work in your hometown, it feels like you have your whole family with you.





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