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Alaska Native Medical Center Patient Housing project receives \$450,000 contribution from Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP

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The law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson announced a contribution of \$450,000 to the new Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Patient Housing Project. The donation was announced at the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation (HANF) Raven's Ball on March 21, 2015. Donations made to the project benefit patients travelling long distances to receive long-term or follow-up care at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), such as expectant mothers with high-risk pregnancies or people receiving cancer treatment.

Law firm partner Lloyd Miller noted that, "this year we begin the law firm's 40th year representing Native American interests. As we close in on 40 years of working together, we at the Sonosky Chambers firm want to pause and say thank you—thank you to all of you for the privilege of working together to advance Alaska Native health within the framework of tribal self-governance. And to underscore our deep appreciation for honoring us with your partnership, we are making a \$450,000 challenge grant for the new statewide patient housing facility. We hope this gift will serve as a challenge to the entire statewide community to contribute to this important project that will so significantly improve access to health care for Alaska Native people from across the State." 🍷

"The greatest risk to the health of Alaska Native people is not receiving the care they need when they need it. Community partners, like Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP recognize the significance of this housing project, which diminishes the travel and cost barrier to health care access for our people. This generous donation at the start of the project is simply outstanding," said Andy Teuber, ANTHC Chairman and President. "For the nearly 60 percent of our patients who travel to Anchorage for medical services, the donation will directly improve the quality of their health care experience."

The 202-bed facility will house patients and their families travelling to the hospital for medical care. It is expected to save ANTHC and the State of Alaska in on-going costs for health care travel. ANMC serves 147,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people living throughout Alaska. Guests will include expectant mothers with high-risk pregnancies for the four to six weeks before delivery, cancer patients needing infusion and radiation therapy and patients needing outpatient specialty medical care, among others.

The ANMC Patient Housing Project is a partnership between ANTHC, Alaska Native Tribal leaders, the Alaska Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the Alaska Department of Revenue and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services as well as private donors.

Additional donation opportunities are available. Please contact the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation at (907) 729-5652 or info@inspiringgoodhealth.org.

About Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP

The Sonosky Chambers firm is a national firm devoted to representing Alaska Native and American Indian interests, with law offices in Juneau, Anchorage, San Diego, Albuquerque and Washington, D.C.