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CIRI recently announced the sale of its stake in the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas. *Courtesy of Hyatt Lost Pines.*

CIRI SELLS STAKE IN HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES RESORT AND SPA

Ten years ago, CIRI invested in the 491-room Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa near Austin, Texas. The resort quickly developed a reputation as a sought-after destination for meeting planners and vacationers.

On Thursday, Nov. 6, CIRI announced the sale of its 32-percent interest in the resort and spa. Hyatt Corporation, a minority partner in the investment, acquired 100 percent ownership from the other partners – CIRI, Woodbine Development Corporation and Oklahoma Publishing Company.

“We’re pleased about the sale of the Lost Pines Resort and Spa to our partner Hyatt,” said Sophie Minich, president and CEO of CIRI. “This transaction fits with CIRI’s investment philosophy of identifying an opportunity, investing in it and building it into a sustaining business, and then harvesting the value that we helped cultivate.”

The Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa is an award-winning resort set on 405 acres along the banks of the Lower Colorado River. The facility

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– SOPHIE MINICH, CIRI PRESIDENT & CEO

features 60,000 square feet of indoor meeting space and outdoor attractions, including an amphitheater, golf course and equestrian facility.

“We have appreciated the opportunity to work closely with our partners on this project. Their vision and professionalism were essential for the success of the Lost Pines Resort and Spa,” Minich said. “CIRI looks forward to redeploying the proceeds from this excellent investment in new opportunities that deliver long-term growth and value for our shareholders.”

AFN ATTENDEES “RISE AS ONE”

Alaska Native languages, voting emphasized at annual convention

On Thursday, Oct. 23, during the opening hours of the 2014 annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), the President of the United States appeared in a pre-recorded video and greeted the audience with: “Waqaa!”

It may have been the first time a U.S. president ever uttered the traditional Yup’ik greeting, and it was met with a rowdy cheer from the crowd. Minutes later, in a room packed with nearly two hundred people, Alaska Governor Sean Parnell signed a bill into law that makes Dena’ina, Iñupiaq, Tlingit, Yup’ik and sixteen other Alaska Native languages official languages of Alaska. Speakers of almost every now-official language were present to say words of thanks and to tell stories of being forbidden to speak their Alaska Native language.

“Preserving Alaska Native languages is essential for understanding the history of Alaska Native people, as languages are a strong reflection of our cultures,” said Sophie Minich, president and CEO of CIRI. Since 2013, CIRI has been a strong supporter of “In My Family,” a series of short videos produced by and shown on Alaska Public Media’s KAKM that teaches young people about indigenous languages.

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This year’s AFN Lu Young Youth Leadership award recipient was CIRI descendant Trinity Standifer. *Photo by Chris Arend.*

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

It's become cliché to say that it takes a village to raise a child. But like a lot of clichés, that sentiment is a platitude mostly because it's true. In the modern age, though, the "villages" that help raise our children don't necessarily look like traditional villages. Today's villages are made up of family, friends, teachers, elders and organizations that work together to teach and care for our children.

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– SOPHIE MINICH

Recently, I was honored to distribute the proceeds from this year's CIRI Golf Classic to three charitable organizations whose missions focus on supporting and protecting children, developing their leadership abilities and giving them safe, nurturing environments where they can thrive. CIRI's support of these organizations is embedded in the foundation of our values as Alaska Native people. Each of these programs plays an important role in the virtual "village" that helps to raise our children and keep them safe.

Girl Scouts of Alaska provides an inclusive environment where girls can develop strength of character and confidence. Cook Inlet Native Head Start, offers educational and support services for Alaska Native children and their families. The Children's Place in Wasilla provides a child-friendly, neutral facility where professionals from many agencies involved in the evaluation, investigation and treatment of child abuse meet to coordinate and deliver services to affected children and their families. Families and children who have experienced trauma and abuse and have nowhere else to turn come to The Children's Place for safety and support.

It's the mission of The Children's Place that reminds me of how important it is for our children to have a safe place, and trusted adults, to turn to in difficult times. As Alaska Native people, we value looking out for one another. But I want to encourage all of us to broaden our perspective by looking out not just for our own, but for all children.

Domestic violence and abuse is something that touches many of our lives, including the lives of the children around us. One of the ways we can help defeat this problem is by becoming the trusted adults children turn to when they're experiencing trouble at home. We can help further the mission of organizations like The Children's Place by extending our help beyond our personal "villages" to all of the children who come into our lives.

We bring our traditional Alaska Native village culture into our bigger cities and communities when we act as guardians for all children. I encourage you to reach out to the kids in your life. Know their names. Ask how they're doing in school. And when they talk, listen. Let them know that you're really interested, and that they can come to you with their problems.

This year, I'm privileged to be the chair of Covenant House's 2014 Executive Sleep Out. On Nov. 20, executives from at least a dozen Alaska companies slept outside overnight at Covenant House to raise funds and awareness for Alaska's homeless youth. Covenant House is the state's largest youth shelter, offering refuge for kids who don't feel safe at home. I chose to be a part of this event because I feel the early years of any person's life are important: The lives of these children matter, and it's never too late for them to get a fresh start. At CIRI, we're invested in the next generation – not just in the next generation of shareholders, but in every child in our community.

While some of our villages remain small communities where everyone knows everyone else's name, many of us live in larger cities where that sense of community can be lost. Regardless of where you live, it is important that each of us express the values that we



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HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- It's important to bring our Alaska Native culture into bigger cities and communities by offering help and support to all of the children in our lives.
- CIRI supports organizations like Girl Scouts of Alaska, Cook Inlet Native Head Start and The Children's Place with donations raised from the annual CIRI Golf Classic.
- On Nov. 20, CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich participated in the Executive Sleep Out, a Covenant House fundraiser meant to raise funds and awareness for homeless youth.

as Alaska Native people share. That begins with the care and nurturing of our children. CIRI is proud to support those organizations that are a positive force in the lives of all the children around us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sophie Minich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sophie Minich

SURPRISE BOUNTY FOR TYONEK

It took a quick game of telephone tag – a call from Barbara Mahoney of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the Native Village of Tyonek's President Al Gozmer, then a call from Gozmer to Connie J. Downing, Tyonek's director of lands and operations – but on Sept. 8, residents of Tyonek trucked out to Bird Creek, south of Anchorage, to harvest a beluga whale that had become stranded.

Upon hearing from NOAA, Downing quickly assembled a crew of Tyonek shareholders, who traveled to the site. Led by CIRI shareholder Anthony Chuit, the group harvested the beluga, dividing and bagging the meat and blubber. Several bags were stored in a chest freezer at the Tebughna Foundation, then distributed to Tyonek households, an effort headed up by CIRI shareholder Demaris Hudson.

Known as the Beach People, the people of Tyonek have, for many generations, relied upon the fish and sea mammals provided by Cook Inlet.

"It has been difficult for the community, with the decline of belugas, to get the meat and blubber, which were main staples in Tyonek homes," said Downing. "Tyonek people appreciate any opportunity they are given to harvest a beluga." 🗨️

› The crew of Tyonek shareholders that helped harvest the beluga whale at Bird Creek. Courtesy of Connie Downing, Village of Tyonek.



CIRI YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES VISIT HERITAGE CENTER

During a recent tour at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Director of Education Steven Alvarez paused before a totem pole to tell a story to an exclusive audience. The Elder at the top of the totem pole, he told his listeners, is shown opening a box that contains knowledge. He passes it on to the Native people below, and they pass it on to the girl and boy at the bottom of the pole, who represent the young people of future generations.

The story was especially meaningful for Alvarez's audience: the three newest CIRI Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) Youth Representatives. In Anchorage for the October SPC meeting, the young people were selected earlier this year after submitting an application, an essay and letters of introduction and recommendation.

Each of CIRI's Youth Representatives represents one of CIRI's three geographical regions. CIRI descendants Parker Pickett, from Anchorage, Katherine Clark, from the Alaska/outside of Anchorage region, and Kayleb Brooks, of the Lower 48 and Hawaii region, were selected from the pool of candidates to serve for one year. Youth Representatives participate in the SPC's two-day October meeting and provide feedback to CIRI about the issues that are important to the next

generation of CIRI shareholders. To find out more about becoming a CIRI Youth Representative, visit www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants/youth-representatives/.



➤ Youth Representatives Katherine Clark, Parker Pickett and Kayleb Brooks.

CITC RECEIVES HOUSING GRANT

CIRI-affiliated nonprofits partner on senior housing project.

During an Oct. 6 visit to Anchorage, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julian Castro announced that Alaska Native groups and communities would receive nearly \$7 million for housing and development projects. Among the recipients is Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC), which was awarded \$600,000.

CITC will use these funds to purchase property for a senior housing project in East Anchorage. Along with project partner Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA), CITC plans to develop a mixed-use building with 23 senior housing units on its upper level and 7,000 square feet of retail space on its ground floor.

Anchorage's rental vacancies are some of the lowest in the nation, fluctuating between two and three percent. With spiking rental prices and a demand for multifamily units and senior housing, CITC and CIHA are working together to create more, and better, housing opportunities for Anchorage residents.



➤ CIRI shareholder and CITC President and CEO Gloria O'Neill and CIRI shareholder and CIHA President and CEO Carol Gore speaking at the press conference held Oct. 6.

"We know that affordable housing is probably our greatest challenge to overcome in Anchorage today," CITC President and CEO Gloria O'Neill said at the press conference announcing the grants. "CITC is very grateful that we could play a small piece in it all." 📢

SIGN UP FOR eNEWSLETTERS TO BE ENTERED INTO PRIZE DRAWINGS, 7" KINDLE FIRE HD

Your email address must be valid to win!

The winner of the third quarter eNewsletter drawing for a 7-inch Kindle Fire HD was CIRI shareholder Deborah Jacobson of Anchorage, Alaska.

Shareholders enrolled in the eNewsletter Program receive interactive versions of the *Raven's Circle* in lieu of paper newsletters. They receive their CIRI news faster, and CIRI saves on printing, processing and postage costs.

To increase participation, CIRI is conducting quarterly drawings for a 7-inch Kindle Fire HD from the names of all shareholders with a valid email address who are enrolled in the eNewsletter program. An email is sent to each winner at the email address specified for receipt of CIRI

eNewsletters. If the email address is not valid, another winner will be selected.

Not enrolled in the eNewsletter program?

Download an eNewsletter subscription form from the CIRI website at www.ciri.com or call (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

And don't forget, shareholders who receive eNewsletters may always request to receive paper copies of editions that are meaningful to them, and full copies of the paper newsletter will continue to be posted to the CIRI website in PDF format.

SPOTLIGHT



Elaine Stefanowicz

Education is power

1982: "The world was not as accessible then," says CIRI shareholder Elaine Stefanowicz (Iñupiaq) of Tacoma, Washington.

There was no such thing as the Americans with Disabilities Act then – the law would pass in 1990 – so Stefanowicz recalls her early days using a wheelchair at a time when awareness was a real hurdle to overcome. She was 17 when she got into a car with an impaired driver and found herself involved in an accident that injured her spinal cord.

But she quickly began to see herself as an advocate for the rights of those with disabilities.

"I guess you don't know until you're there yourself, and I'm sure that was God's plan for me," she says, then laughs. "I was born with a big mouth, and it turned out to be for a reason! I feel like I need to speak for people who can't or won't speak for themselves."

As of this October, Stefanowicz has a new platform from which to speak: She was appointed to a two-year term on the Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment. Stefanowicz is one of thirteen appointees chosen from an applicant pool of 130, and she intends to use her new position to educate people – particularly teens – about the dangers of distracted driving.

"It scares the heck out of me, people who are texting and driving, and their eyes are completely off the road," Stefanowicz says. She cites a statistic that those who text and drive are eight times more likely to be involved in an accident. "It's scarier than drinking and driving – and that's scary enough as it is."

Other issues close to her heart include disabled parking abuse and the 70 percent unemployment rate among people with disabilities.

"I think there's still fear around hiring someone with a disability – that it might be expensive or an employer will have to do some type of remodeling," Stefanowicz explains. "That's really troubling because I think there's a lot of value in work. That's the reason I got my master's degree in human resources."

Stefanowicz received support from The CIRI Foundation to earn that degree, as well as her bachelor's degree, but her first scholarships came from being crowned Ms. Wheelchair America in 1997. She was the first contestant from Washington state to take home the title. Her platform was "Education is Power."

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ANCHORAGE

2014 FRIENDSHIP POTLATCHES



PHOTOS BY JOEL IRWIN.



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MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the CIRI records are placed on hold and any distributions are held pending receipt of a valid address. Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, download it from the CIRI website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.

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Richard Gene Lagana	Theresa Marie Wohnoutka

IN MEMORY

Clara Ost James, 81

Clara Ost James passed away Sept. 27 at home in Clam Gulch, Alaska. She was a kind and generous person who loved to camp and fish. She also enjoyed singing and playing the piano. Ms. James is survived by her son, Jon James; sisters, Lola Austerman and Lois Marsden; brothers, John Ost and Don Ost; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Alan Eugene Pope, 53

Alan Eugene Pope passed away Sept. 4 in Nokomis, Fla. Mr. Pope was born April 27, 1961, in Anchorage. He is survived by his parents, Dr. Alfred E. and Joyce L. Pope; sister, Michelle Deann Harris; niece, Dorathia Natalie Harris; nephew, Michael Harris; great-niece, Anya Sky Harris; and great-nephew, Gabriel Harris Edmonds.

Condolences

Akiko Morrison, 86
Glen Eugene Oliver, 70
Valerie Pauline Vert, 73

SHAREHOLDER JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR, JANUARY 2015

CIRI is pleased to announce its third annual Job and Resource Fair, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015.

To increase the Job Fair's relevance to attendees, CIRI has created an online survey to find out what types of employment opportunities and industries shareholders and descendants would like represented at the 2015 Job and Resource Fair. To complete the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5QHPPG>.

The 2014 Job Fair created the opportunity for more than 150 shareholders and descendants of all ages to network with representatives from CIRI, CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation, other CIRI-affiliated entities and other employers. A number of shareholders and descendants attended a resume workshop sponsored by Cook Inlet Tribal Council in preparation for the Fair. CIRI shareholders and descendants also had an opportunity to acquire interview clothing free of charge to increase their potential for success while job seeking.

"The fair was a good opportunity to meet with and further understand what certain employers are looking for," commented a 2014 attendee.

A wide variety of industries, including construction, finance and law enforcement agencies, and several nonprofit companies, were represented by more than twenty vendors at the 2014 Fair. The representatives were pleased with the turnout and the quality of CIRI shareholder and descendant applicants. When asked the main reason for attending the Job Fair, the majority of these vendors cited, "To increase Alaska Native hire."

CIRI is looking for vendors interested in hosting booths at the 2015 Job and Resource Fair. Space is limited, so if your organization is interested in being

a vendor, please contact the CIRI Human Resources Department at (907) 274-8638.

As the 2015 CIRI Job and Resource Fair draws closer, additional information will be provided about the companies scheduled to attend, what positions they are seeking to fill and how shareholders and descendants can prepare for the event.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5QHPPG



Based on the success of previous job fairs, CIRI will hold its third annual Job and Resource Fair on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015. Photo by Jamey Bradbury.

STOCK INFO

Stock Will Prize Winner

The winner of the October 2014 \$200 Stock Will Participation Prize is Raul Jose Caballero. Shareholders will have one more opportunity to win an Apple iPad Mini in 2014, with a drawing conducted for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

To be eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawings and the final 2014 drawing for an iPad Mini with Retina display, you must have a valid will on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department and your will must comply with CIRI's fractional share policy. The CIRI Stock Will form, instructions and information on the fractional share policy may be found on the CIRI website.

DO YOU HAVE A VALID STOCK WILL ON FILE?

There are 2,481 CIRI shareholders as of Oct. 27 who do not have stock wills on file at CIRI. There are issues with the stock wills of an additional 424 shareholders,



and these shareholders have been so advised. Contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 and select option 4 to verify whether you have a will on file.

SHAREHOLDER ESTATE SETTLEMENTS

Also missing

When CIRI shareholders pass away, gathering the information necessary to settle the stock estate is often a difficult task, and may delay settlement. CIRI is looking to contact the following individuals in connection with the following estates:

Estate of Harold Cheemuk - John Cheemuk III
Estate of Robert Esenituk - Sarah Bongfeldt
Estate of Stella Lieb - Ernesto Gutierrez Jr.
Estate of Sonia Lee Apok Griego - David Juan Griego Jr. and Roman Robert Griego

If your name is listed or you know the whereabouts of any of the individuals listed, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191 or toll free at 1-800-764-2474, and select option 4.



COURTESY OF YEGHSAPET OLGANNA VARTANIAN

**GRADUATE ANNOUNCEMENT
YEGHSAPET OLGANNA VARTANIAN**

CIRI shareholder Yeghsapet Olganna Vartanian graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a master's degree in Management, with a core concentration in Health Care Administration, in Aug. 2014. She previously earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the same university. Vartanian is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Frances Vartanian, of Teller, Alaska, and the granddaughter of CIRI shareholders Albert Miller, of Nome, Alaska, and Irene Miller of Wales, Alaska. Vartanian is thankful for The CIRI Foundation's financial support. She is the first in her family to earn a graduate degree and hopes to work in the health care industry in rural Alaska. In the meantime, she enjoys hiking, trail-running, fishing and spending quality time with her son and family. 📧



COURTESY OF GENOVEVA BOOTS

**GRADUATE ANNOUNCEMENT
RYANN BOOTS**

CIRI descendant Ryann Boots graduated from Vista Ridge High School in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a 3.75 GPA. She has started her freshman year at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, pursuing a degree in psychology. Her father, CIRI shareholder Stephen Boots; mother, Geneveva; brother, Andrew; and sister, Regan, are very proud of her accomplishments. Boots appreciates the scholarships she received from The CIRI Foundation to support her education. 📧

TAKE THE NEXT GENERATION TO WORK DAY

January 19, 2015

CIRI's Take the Next Generation to Work Day, a new program designed by the Shareholder Relations and Human Resources departments, is dedicated to helping young CIRI shareholders and descendants explore future career opportunities by inviting them to spend a day at CIRI.



PHOTO BY JOEL IRWIN

The program encourages girls and boys to reach their full potential by providing an opportunity to learn about the company and experience what's involved in and required for jobs they may be interested in. Youth participants will have the chance to hear from CIRI's executive team and will spend time with an employee sponsor to learn about areas of the company that align with their interests.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, which coincides with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, is the selected date for the program's launch. Participants must be CIRI shareholders or descendants between 10 years old and high school age and residents of Cook Inlet region, and the parent or legal guardian must approve the minor's participation and arrange for his or her transportation to and from CIRI's Anchorage offices.

Interested young people must complete an application, and winners will be selected in a random drawing. Applications are available on the CIRI website at www.ciri.com/nextgen and from Shareholder Relations, and completed forms must be received by Human Resources no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015.

We are excited to offer this new opportunity for young people to learn about CIRI and formulate ideas about potential career paths. Please encourage the young people in your life to apply! 📧

FOURTH QUARTER SHAREHOLDER DISTRIBUTIONS

Fourth quarter dividend

CIRI will mail fourth quarter 2014 dividends in the amount of \$9.80 per share on Wednesday, Dec. 10. If you participate in direct deposit, your dividend will be electronically transmitted to your designated account by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Dec. 10. If you own 100 shares of stock, your fourth quarter dividend will be \$980.

With the distribution of the fourth quarter dividend, CIRI will have paid \$22,010,668 in quarterly dividends in 2014.

Elders' Settlement Trust payments

Fourth quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payments of \$450 will be mailed on Friday, Dec. 12. Eligible Elders who have their CIRI dividends directly deposited will have their trust payments electronically transmitted to the same account by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Dec. 12. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of Dec. 12 are eligible to receive the payments.

Annual check distribution

Shareholders who own five or less shares of CIRI stock that are not currently signed up for direct deposit are automatically enrolled in CIRI's annual check program. Although the amounts of these checks are not large, the administrative costs involved in reissuing and accounting for uncashed checks are substantial. For this reason, shareholders are urged to cash their annual checks promptly. CIRI will mail 2014 annual checks on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Direct Deposit Deadlines

The deadline for signing up for direct deposit or changing an existing direct deposit instruction for the fourth quarter distributions was 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24. Direct deposit forms are available from the Shareholder Relations Department, and may also be printed from CIRI's website. To cancel direct deposit, please submit a signed, written request prior to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Address changes

Checks and direct deposit vouchers for the fourth quarter distributions will be mailed to the address CIRI

has on record as of 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Checks cannot be picked up at the CIRI office.

To ensure receipt of CIRI mail – including dividends – shareholders should immediately notify the Shareholder Relations Department of address changes and should also update the address on file with the U.S. Postal Service. If the address on the CIRI records does not match the address on file with the Postal Service, CIRI mail and dividends may be returned as undeliverable. When this occurs, CIRI must place the shareholder's records on hold, and any distributions issued in connection with the CIRI shares are held pending receipt of a valid address.

If your address has changed, please send a signed Address Change Form to CIRI and include a current telephone number so CIRI may contact you with any questions. If you fail to notify CIRI of your new address before the deadline, and your check is sent to your old address, CIRI cannot reissue that check to you unless it is either returned to Shareholder Relations or a minimum of 90 days has elapsed. Change of address forms can be downloaded from the CIRI website, and completed forms should be mailed to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, scanned and emailed to shareholderrecords@ciri.com or faxed to (907) 263-5186. All faxed requests should be followed up as soon as possible with a call to confirm the fax was received.

Online forms and information on changing your address or submitting a mail-forwarding request with the U.S. Postal Service are available on the Postal Service website, and are also available at your local post office. 📧

TAX REMINDER

As a reminder, CIRI does not withhold taxes from distributions; however, shareholders who anticipate owing tax on their distributions have the option of making quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the IRS. To find out more about applicable federal and state tax requirements or making quarterly estimated tax payments, please consult with a tax advisor or contact the IRS directly.

Her tour as Ms. Wheelchair America took Stefanowicz across the nation, from Washington, D.C., where she met President Clinton and quadriplegic actor Christopher Reeve, to Alaska, where she seized an opportunity to find her birth family.

“It was like a game of Clue, where one thing led to another,” Stefanowicz recalls. She guessed that her mother must have belonged to an Alaska Native corporation; when she called the NANA Regional Corporation, the woman who answered turned out to have grown up with Stefanowicz’s mother. Soon, she was talking on the phone with her birth mother for the very first time.

“I learned my mother was working on her Ph.D., and that my birth sister has a Master’s of Business Administration,” she says. “I always wondered where my love of education came from, because I was a first generation college graduate in my adoptive family. It was nice to know where that came from.”

Serving on the Governor’s Committee is something she’s always wanted to do. Now that her son is fifteen, she’s excited to be an ambassador for people with disabilities and to use her new position to educate others. 📧

HIGHLIGHTS ELAINE STEFANOWICZ

- CIRI shareholder Elaine Stefanowicz has been named to the Washington State Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.
- Stefanowicz was injured in a car accident at age 17, after which she became an advocate for the rights of those with disabilities.
- A country-wide tour as Ms. Wheelchair America in 1997 provided the key to helping Stefanowicz find her birth mother.



NEVER ALONE

**Game Release Date:
November 18, 2014**

Built in partnership with the Alaska Native community, Never Alone is an atmospheric puzzle platform that explores the harsh and vibrant world of Alaska Native stories. Delve deeply into the traditional lore of the Iñupiat people of the Arctic for a game experience like no other.

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Some 5,000 delegates congregated at the Dena’ina Center in Anchorage to discuss key issues, share information and set the course for AFN in the coming year. Most events emphasized the convention’s theme, “Rise as One,” as attendees were encouraged to work together to address issues faced by Alaska Native people and to vote in this year’s Nov. 4 general election. AFN participants also had an opportunity to hear from candidates running for U.S. Senate, Alaska governor and lieutenant governor. A series of debates drew standing-room-only crowds.

CIRI and CIRI-affiliated nonprofits hosted a number of booths at the convention, while CIRI shareholder Miriam Aarons delivered the keynote address with youth and community advocate Mao Tosi. The Alaska Native Justice Center – along with the Alaska Bar Association’s Alaska Native Law Section, the Alaska Federation of Natives and Alaska Legal Services Corporation – also hosted the 4th Annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic, offering free legal counsel to AFN convention attendees who had requested assistance.

On the final day of the convention, AFN President’s Awards were bestowed on two members of the CIRI family. CIRI shareholder Aaron Leggett, of Anchorage,

was honored with the Culture Bearer award for his strong involvement in the arts and preservation of Alaska Native cultures. And CIRI descendant Trinity Standifer, of Tyonek, was given the Lu Young Youth Leadership award for her demonstrated leadership qualities.

“Subsistence or ‘food security’ issues continue to be top priority of AFN,” said AFN Resolutions Committee Chairman Greg Razo, a CIRI shareholder and employee, “as do State and Federal issues impacting the health, safety and welfare of Alaska Native people. Economic issues affecting tribes, businesses and Alaska Native non-profit organizations received major attention from Convention delegates.”

Razo was present on the final Convention day to announce the outcome of the AFN board’s action on resolutions. “A full debate on the endorsements occurred in an executive session where everyone could speak freely. Ultimately, an endorsement for Senator Mark Begich and an endorsement for the Governor/Lt. Governor team of Bill Walker and Byron Mallott were approved by the delegates.”

For individuals who couldn’t attend the convention, KNBA provided live coverage, and a live-stream was

available both on television and on the web. For the first time, CIRI provided coverage over Twitter, live-tweeting the event with minute-to-minute updates. 📧



➤ CIRI shareholder Aaron Leggett received the 2014 AFN Culture Bearer award at this year’s AFN. Photo by Chris Arend.