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## CIRI SEEKS YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON ENGAGING NEXT GENERATION OF SHAREHOLDERS

At 16 years of age, Veronica Feldman has a busy life. Between rock climbing and trigonometry classes, she gives tours at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in her hometown of McMinnville, Ore. She's considering a summer internship at Intel Corporation.

Just up the road in Tacoma, Wash., 17-year-old Sena Crow is just as concerned about time management. As a cross-country runner able to cover a 5k course in just over 23 minutes, she knows every second counts. Especially when she has to juggle being co-captain of the high school cross-country running team with maintaining a 3.7 GPA, planning for college and a possible career in the film industry.

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– SENA CROW

Despite the time commitments for Feldman and Crow, both traveled to Anchorage recently to take part in CIRI's two-day Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) meeting. This is the first year

CIRI invited youth to become active members of the committees. For the two descendants, it was a chance to learn more about their Alaska Native heritage and their corporation.

“I have had limited opportunities to learn about CIRI because I live in the Lower 48.” Feldman said. “I would like to make the connection to kids living in the Lower 48, like me, and CIRI. I would also enjoy the opportunity to meet new people to teach me more about our culture.”

Making the connection between CIRI and the next generation of shareholders is precisely the reason CIRI invited youth to participate.

“The input we receive from the committees provides a good benchmark for CIRI to focus our communication efforts and ensure we're fulfilling our mission,” said Sophie Minich, president and CEO of CIRI. “We are particularly excited to hear the perspective of young descendants. One of CIRI's priorities is to improve the way we engage the next generation of shareholders and ensure CIRI is as relevant in their lives as it is in ours.”

While in Anchorage, the SPC members went on a tour of the Nat'uh Service Center where the

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## CIRI SHAREHOLDERS RECOGNIZED BY AFN

During the 2013 Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention held in Fairbanks, Alaska, two CIRI shareholders, Dr. Shari Huhndorf and Charles Akers, received AFN President's Awards. Huhndorf was awarded the Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education Award, while the Health Award went to Akers.

### DR. SHARI HUHNDORF, YUP'IK



Courtesy of Dr. Shari Huhndorf.

**The Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education Award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the education field and whose accomplishments have improved educational opportunities for Alaska Native people.**

An author and university professor, Dr. Huhndorf has dedicated her professional career to enlightening others about the history of Alaska Native and American Indian people.

According to Southcentral Foundation President and CEO Katherine Gottlieb, “It has been said that Dr. Shari Huhndorf – through her extensive writing, lecturing and speaking appearances – has helped the nation come to recognize its past, how the past shapes the world we live in today, and perhaps become a better nation for it – helping Americans find a conscience through education.”

Huhndorf is the author of two books: *Going Native: Indians in the American Cultural Imagination* and *Mapping the Americas: The Transnational Politics of Contemporary Native Culture*, and a co-editor of *Indigenous Women and Feminism*.

AFN AWARDEES: AKERS AND HUHNDORF, CONTINUED ON PAGE 7



SPC Youth Representative Sena Crow keeping up with her school work during SPC meeting breaks. Photo by Joel Irwin.

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

The holiday season is upon us – a time to reflect on the many things in our lives we are fortunate to have such as family, close friendships and the time we spend together. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and with the opportunity to share the season together.

It was wonderful to see many friends at the Alaska Federation of Native (AFN) Convention in Fairbanks in October. It's always an uplifting event to see the vibrant diversity of our cultures, while at the same time reflect on how much we have in common – the values of our shared connection to the land, respecting our Elders and caring for one another.

This year's convention marks the first time that federally recognized tribes enjoyed full voting status and had the chance to elect a representative to the AFN board of directors. In February, the AFN board approved a change in its bylaws to include tribes as equal voting members. CIRI supported this recognition of the tribes by AFN and I'm pleased to see it implemented.

The theme of this year's AFN Convention, Traditional Native Family Values, provided for inspirational and enlightening stories from the speakers. I was particularly moved by the courageous presentation from a 4-H youth group from the village of Tanana.

While at times, it was difficult to listen to, they delivered a message of poignancy and importance. Each of the youth stood on stage with a large placard displaying in bold letters the tribulations each has endured in his or her lives. Bullying. Alcohol and drug abuse. Molestation. Suicide.

These kids did not seek sympathy or apologies. Instead, their personal stories described how these difficult situations impacted their lives and how

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– SOPHIE MINICH

### HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- AFN theme, Traditional Native Family Values, leads to uplifting convention.
- Courageous presentation by Tanana youth about overcoming difficulties.
- Historic election of AFN co-chairs – women born after ANCSA passage.

they found the strength to overcome them which, in some cases, is an ongoing struggle. Their message was about responsibility. Through the courage of these youth, the audience at AFN found hope. As has been the case for thousands of years, the prosperity of the next generation of Alaska Native people depends on the wisdom and values that our generation passes down. Like the youth from Tanana, we share the responsibility to overcome the obstacles and hardships that threaten our way of life and to re-commit to the values and traditions that have strengthened our people and our culture for generations.

I left AFN with a renewed confidence in our shared future. This was bolstered by the election of Ana Hoffman and Tara Sweeney as the new co-chairs of the AFN Board of Directors. Ana and Tara are two inspiring young women in their own right, but significantly, they are the first AFN leaders born after the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.



The AFN election is a signal of the strong, bright future we have as Alaska Native people. That doesn't mean it will be easy. Meaningful accomplishments are rarely easy. We all have a role to play, and that begins with the message reiterated at AFN – a commitment to traditional Native values.

This is a special time of year to reach out to family and to be thankful for the support, encouragement and laughter they provide. As with my own family, I'm thankful to be part of CIRI's family of shareholders. Together, we have experienced great accomplishments and I look forward to strengthening the bonds that keep us all connected.

Warm wishes for health and happiness this holiday season.

*Sophie Minich*  
Sophie Minich

## TALKEETNA ALASKAN LODGE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The combination of its stunning views of Denali, warm atmosphere and dedicated customer service earned the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge a coveted award from one of Alaska's long-time tour operators. John Hall's Alaska awarded the lodge with its overall Partner of the Year award. This is the second year in a row the lodge has received the award that was presented to the CIRI Alaska Tourism (CATC) team in October at the Alaska Travel Industry Association's annual convention in Sitka.

**“Mountain views of Denali's south face, a grand roaring fireplace and friendly people – what's better than that?”**

– JOHN HALL

John Hall's Alaska is a family-owned tour operation that has nearly three decades of experience hosting visitors in Alaska. The company offers land and cruise tours throughout the state with six unique itineraries, many of which include lodging at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.

“Mountain views of Denali's south face, a grand roaring fireplace and friendly people—what's better than that?” That's how John Hall's Alaska described the lodge in announcing the Partner of the Year award.

The awards are presented to selected partners at



› CATC President Paul Landis, Lodging Sales Manager Roberta Caenepeel, Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge GM Chris Scheffer, CATC Inventory Manager Denise Hansen, and John Hall Sr., John Hall's Alaska. *Courtesy of CIRI Alaska Tourism.*

the end of each visitor season based on evaluations received from guests as well as follow-up phone conversations between the guest and John Hall's family members. The Partner of the Year award takes into consideration the atmosphere, amenities, quality of food and beverage and customer service.

“We're honored to receive this recognition and I commend the staff at the lodge for their commitment to excellent service in making each guest's stay memorable,” said Chris Scheffer, general manager of the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. “We're thrilled to

embrace each tour from John Hall's Alaska when it arrives at the lodge and we look forward to delivering the same level of service for many years to come.”

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge is one of the spectacular opportunities CATC offers visitors to Alaska. CATC also operates Alaska Heritage Tours, Kenai Fjords Tours, Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge and Seward Windsong Lodge. ☰

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## Nadia Jackinsky-Sethi leads new program to revitalize Alaska Native art

From exploring the tucked-away corners of the Louvre in Paris, France, to digging through the catalog system at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., Nadia Jackinsky-Sethi knows her way around a museum.

Growing up in Homer, art has always been a passion for the CIRI descendant and daughter of shareholder Sara Jackinsky and Ken Jones. Jackinsky-Sethi studied art history at George Washington University, achieving her degree in 2003. However, her passion for art didn't fully ignite until she took a job as an English teacher in Paris after graduating college.

"One of the perks of the teaching program is a free pass to the museums of France," Jackinsky-Sethi said. "One day, while I was touring the Louvre, I saw a fascinating Alutiiq mask and it triggered an interest to learn more about my own heritage and Alaska Native art."

That was roughly ten years ago. Today, Jackinsky-Sethi is settling into a new position at The CIRI Foundation that could have a significant impact on the revitalization of Alaska Native art. Jackinsky-Sethi is the program officer overseeing *A Journey to What Matters: Increased Alaska Native Art & Culture* grant program.

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The program, launched this year, is part of a new grant making partnership with the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation to foster the transfer of knowledge about Alaska Native art and culture to future generations.

"Art is such an important aspect for building and maintaining strong, vibrant communities," Jackinsky-Sethi said. "We have seen a revival in Alaska Native art and I believe this program could have an important impact throughout the state on sustaining the momentum."

From her days of touring museums in Paris to her current position in Anchorage, Jackinsky-Sethi achieved her master's degree and doctorate degree in art history at the University of Washington. She held an internship at the Burke Museum in Seattle, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ALASKA AND WASHINGTON, SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION

Southcentral Foundation (SCF) offers a wide variety of employment opportunities and is currently recruiting for more than 50 open positions, including a position in Seattle, Wash. with SCF's Alaska Native Health Resource Advocate Program.

SCF is committed to recruiting and training Alaska Native and American Indian people and offers generous and competitive benefits packages. The CIRI nonprofit also offers an award-winning onboarding program for entry-level positions throughout the organization.

To view SCF's complete job listings and job descriptions, visit [www.southcentralfoundation.com](http://www.southcentralfoundation.com) or call SCF's Human Resources department at (907) 729-4977. 



## IN MEMORY

### Phillip Neal Graham, 66

Phillip Neal Graham passed away Oct. 8 at Avamere Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Center in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Graham was born Aug. 27, 1947, in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by his sisters, Linda Guenther-Graham, Carol Kistler-Graham and Sharon Skinner-Graham, and six nieces and nephews.

### Sophia Maria Graham, 97

Sophia Maria Graham passed away on Sept. 6 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Graham was born Oct. 2, 1915, in Ruby, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Ilene and Wayne Stackhouse; and grandchildren, Jennifer Stackhouse, Daryl Jensen, Chris and Steve Todd.

### Mary E. Hale, 63

Mary E. Hale passed away Sept. 8 at home in Springfield, Mass. Ms. Hale was born Sept. 9, 1949, in Anchorage. She worked for many years at Milton Bradley and enjoyed gardening, playing pool and going to the casinos. Ms. Hale is survived by her companion, Gary Delisle; daughter, Michelle Hale; brothers, Walter Jr., Steven and David Whitley; sisters, Julie Demientieff, Kathy Rickey and Sandra Roesing; and granddaughter, Lauren Stone.

### Roy Harding Katairoak, 58

Roy Harding Katairoak passed away Sept. 24 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Katairoak was born Oct. 14, 1954, in Anchorage. He is survived by his children, Corey Katairoak, Benita Katairoak, Steve Hopson and Darlene Hopson, Dean Katairoak, Elizabeth Katairoak, and many grandchildren.

### Julie Ann Kordus, 46

Julie Ann Kordus passed away May 25 at Matsu Regional Hospital in Wasilla, Alaska. Ms. Kordus was born Jan. 5, 1967, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Trevis Kordus; son, Joseph Steinhilpert; daughter, Briana Vera; brother, Charles Steinhilpert Jr.; and sister, Wanda Isaac.

### Jessi Marena Nelsen, 27



Jessi Marena Nelsen. Courtesy of Mike and Mary Nelsen.

Jessi Marena Nelsen passed away Aug. 24 at Merrill Field in Anchorage. Ms. Nelsen was born Sept. 1, 1985, in Seward, Alaska. Amidst her busy schedule coordinating work at the

Spenard Roadhouse, longshoring for I.L.W.U. #60, serving as the Seward Music Art Festival Music Director and pursuing college studies, she always found time for family and friends, especially her nephew Reilly Nelsen. She was very proud of her Aleut and Athabascan heritage. Ms. Nelsen is survived by her parents, Mike and Mary Nelsen; brother, Jasen Nelsen; nephew, Reilly Nelsen; and grandfather, Herman Nelsen.

### James Richard Palmer Jr., 66

James Richard Palmer Jr. passed away Sept. 1 at home in Portland, Ore. Mr. Palmer was born in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Palmer; daughters, Kimberly Knoy, Stacey Lewman, Marcie Firby and Nancy Klein; grandchildren, Andrew, Erica, Shane, Kylee, Olivia and Samantha; sisters, Jannefred Morgan and Lois Terrill; and 11 nieces and nephews.

### Brenda Mae Paneok, 56

Brenda Mae Paneok passed away Aug. 30 at home in Anchorage. Ms. Paneok is survived by her son, Marc Wolfe; daughter, Shauna Wolfe; and granddaughters, Kayla Berg and Leah Chandoir.

### Rosie J. Selk, 92

Rosie J. Selk passed away Sept. 12 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Selk was born July 6, 1921, in Kwiguk, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Carol Jones and Kathleen Russell; son, Kenneth Selk; foster daughter, Rosie Choquette; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### Jacob Anderson Shavings, 44

Jacob Anderson Shavings passed away July 16 in Anchorage. Mr. Shavings was born Nov. 2, 1968, in Mekoryuk, Alaska. Mr. Shavings is survived by his siblings, Laura, Luther and Dennis.

### Robert T. Swanson Sr., 55

Robert T. Swanson Sr. passed away Sept. 20, 2012, in Kotzebue, Alaska. Mr. Swanson was born Jan. 11, 1957, in Kotzebue, Alaska. He is survived by his children and their families: daughter, Maggie Swanson and her children, Lindsey and Lauryn; son, Derek Swanson and wife Bree, and their children, Victoria, Jessalyn, Gage and Camryn; son, Gary Swanson and his children, Taya, Preston, Zoey, Jaycee, and Gary Jr.; son, Robert Swanson Jr., and wife, Frances, and their children, Bryden, McKenzie, Donovan, and Conner; and son, Ralph Swanson and his son, Sean.

### Condolences

Sharon Andregg Howerton, 70  
Robert William Wescott, 61

History in Washington, D.C. She also worked for a year as a curator at the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka, Alaska.

Along that journey, Jackinsky-Sethi herself benefited from grants and scholarships from The CIRI Foundation and a realization of how important that support can be to students.

“It was extremely helpful to me. I would not have been able to complete my research without the generosity of The CIRI Foundation,” Jackinsky-Sethi said.

Jackinsky-Sethi’s world travels have slowed and she has settled, not far from her childhood home, enthusiastically embracing the opportunity to influence the renaissance of Alaska Native art and culture. 📧

### HIGHLIGHTS NADIA SETHI-JACKINSKY

- Raised in Homer, Alaska.
- Studied art history at universities and museums in U.S. and Europe.
- Employed at The CIRI Foundation implementing a new grant program focused on revitalizing Alaska Native art and culture.

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## Individual Money Account holders

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is seeking current addresses for Individual Indian Money account holders. Many of these accounts are Whereabouts Unknown (WAU) and have either interests in lands and/or funds to be disbursed to the rightful owners. To search for your name by Regional Corporation or all Alaska, visit [www.doi.gov/ost/fto/alaska/wau-names-alaska-region.cfm](http://www.doi.gov/ost/fto/alaska/wau-names-alaska-region.cfm). The website has instructions for WAUs to follow to update their contact information, or call (888) 678-6836.



Established by the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-412), the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) was created to improve the accountability and management of Indian funds held in trust by the federal government. 📧

[www.doi.gov/ost/fto/alaska/wau-names-alaska-region.cfm](http://www.doi.gov/ost/fto/alaska/wau-names-alaska-region.cfm) >>



> CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich appears with Raven to film a promotional ad for *In My Family*. Photo by Jason Moore.

## IN MY FAMILY ATTRACTS NATIONAL ATTENTION

New programming on Alaska public television is receiving recognition for helping to educate children about the diverse Alaska Native cultures and languages. *In My Family* is a series of short vignettes that appear during children’s programming on public television. The vignettes highlight words from Alaska Native languages about family, home and Alaska’s surroundings.

is doing in Alaska to raise awareness about indigenous cultures. In addition, the program is growing in popularity. Raven, the puppet that appears in the vignettes, is now in demand to appear at schools, the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Alaska State Fair.

CIRI is a proud sponsor of the program in partnership with Alaska Public Media. 📧

On its website recently, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting touted the good work *In My Family*

<http://cpb.org/features/native-cultures-alaska-sd/> >>

## SHAREHOLDER- AND DESCENDANT-OWNED BUSINESSES

CIRI shareholders and descendants own and operate a variety of small businesses, ranging from arts, entertainment and restaurants, to construction. Visit the CIRI website at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com) for a directory of CIRI shareholder- and descendant-owned businesses.

### J & R Construction, LLC

[j\\_r\\_construction@live.com](mailto:j_r_construction@live.com)  
18827 Citation Road, Unit A  
Eagle River, AK 99577  
(907) 854-5607  
Josh Hoeldt, Owner

CIRI shareholder Josh Hoeldt owns J & R Construction, a general contractor that provides construction services for residential and commercial projects from new construction to remodel work including energy upgrades. The “R” in the business name is after Hoeldt’s six-year old son Robbie.



> Hoeldt family. Courtesy of Josh Hoeldt.

**To list your shareholder- or descendant-owned business on CIRI’s website, email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com).**

Disclaimer: CIRI provides these links to shareholder- and descendant-owned businesses as a service to CIRI shareholders and their families and for informational purposes only. CIRI does not endorse and takes no responsibility for any of the products or services these businesses offer, or the ways in which they offer them. CIRI does not investigate or evaluate the listed businesses in any way, and makes no warranty, express or implied, about the truthfulness of any statement a listed business makes. CIRI reserves complete discretion in deciding whether to list any business, to maintain any listing, and to update any listing or link.

## MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. 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.

Matthew Jacob Anahonak  
Debra Dawn Armstrong  
Brandi Mae-Darlene Bob  
Steven Patrick Bright  
Diana Marie Call  
Jannette Marie Callahan  
Muriel Dorothy-Gene Carmer

Benjamin Conan-James Charles  
Lance Wallace Clayton  
Haley Elaine Cox  
Tamra Lee Cox  
Wendy Kaye Crowell  
David Bryan Curtis  
Michael James Daniels

David Manual Delacruz  
Christy Lynn Downs  
Christopher George Evon  
Nena Mosha Fuller  
Andrew Jaquie Galaktionoff  
Mandy Lyn Gardner  
Nereus S. Harris Jr.

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# YOUTH ART CONTEST WINNERS

## FIRST PLACE AWARD

### KEREN A. BENNETT

Inupiaq, Lenoir, NC  
First Place Award  
Category: 9 to 12 years of age  
Parent: Christine Katrina Bennett  
(Left)

### JADELIAH ANN DAHL

Athabascan, Chitina, AK  
First Place Award  
Category: 5 to 8 years of age  
Parent: Colleena Ann Ketcham  
(Right)



## SECOND PLACE AWARD - TIE

### ABIGAYLE LOUISE PURDY

Athabascan, Franklin, IN  
Second Place Award  
Category: 9 to 12 years of age  
Parent: Meggan Raylene Purdy  
(Left)

### MORGAN ROCHELLE PURDY

Athabascan, Franklin, IN  
Second Place Award  
Category: 9 to 12 years of age  
Parent: Meggan Raylene Purdy  
(Right)



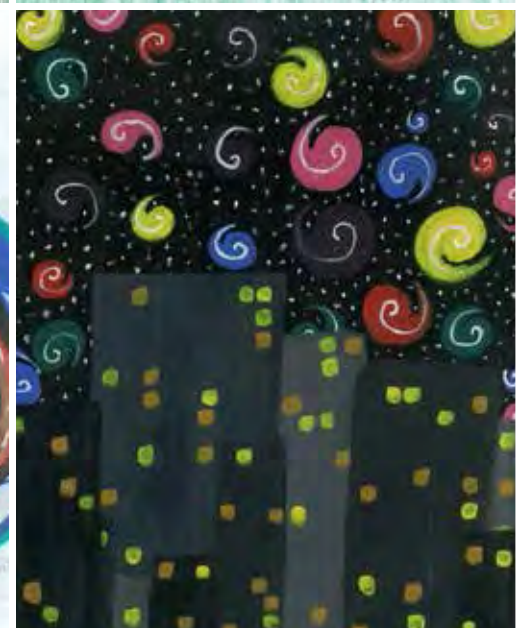
## SECOND PLACE & HONORABLE MENTION

### MADALYNN MAE MORRIS

Aleut, Anchorage, AK  
Second Place Award  
Category: 5 to 8 years of age  
Parent: Melanie L. Morris  
Descendant of shareholder Debra Jean Morris  
(Left)

### ALLISON T. PRICE

Dena'ina, Zionsville, IN  
Honorable Mention  
Category: 9 to 12 years of age  
Parent: Vernon Doyle Price  
(Right)



## CIRI SEEKS YOUTH PERSPECTIVE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Alaska Native Justice Center, The CIRI Foundation, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and Koahnic Broadcast Corporation are located. The tour helped members learn more about the services that CIRI nonprofit organizations provide including employment, education and other social and cultural enrichment services available to Alaska Native and American Indian people.

### HIGHLIGHTS YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

- Input received from SPCs provides a benchmark for CIRI to focus efforts on.
- Helps SPC members learn more about the services CIRI nonprofits provide.
- Shareholders interested in joining an SPC, visit [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com).

Communicating the value of these services to out-of-state shareholders, particularly youth, is often difficult. Crow said she has witnessed CIRI's success being translated into scholarships for her aunt, cousins, and currently, her brother. However, she admits, it's difficult to stay connected living outside Alaska.

"There has been little opportunity here in Washington for this much involvement in CIRI," Crow said. "Being selected to serve as a youth representative for CIRI would enable me to help other Alaska Natives."

"CIRI looks forward to receiving feedback and new ideas from the SPCs and the youth representatives," Minich said. She encourages shareholders interested in joining the Shareholder Participation Committees to visit the CIRI website to learn more.

Sena Crow is the daughter of CIRI shareholder and former SPC member Thomas Crow. Veronica Feldman is the granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Mary Ann Mills. ☰

## STOCKINFO

### Stock Will Prize

The winner of the September 2013 \$200 Stock Will Participation Prize is **Keith James Starforth**.

Shareholders will have one more opportunity to win an Apple iPad 3 in 2013, with a drawing conducted for the quarter ending December 31. To be eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawing and the fourth quarter iPad drawing in 2013, 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 additional information on the fractional share policy may be found on the CIRI website. 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.

# ANCHORAGE POTLATCH



## THANK YOU POTLATCH CONTRIBUTORS

CIRI and The CIRI Foundation are grateful to the organizations and individuals that contributed to the 2013 Friendship Potlatches held in October and November. Ninilchik Traditional Council, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, CIRI nonprofit organizations and many more helped to make the potlatches a success. Through their generosity in time and resources, CIRI shareholders and their families enjoyed cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, door prizes and a delicious meal that included traditional Alaska Native food.



# NORTHWEST POTLATCH



## DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS

### Elders' Settlement Trust payments

The fourth quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payment of \$450 is scheduled for December 13. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of the distribution dates are eligible to receive the Elders Trust payments. For the December distribution, eligible Elders who have their CIRI dividends directly deposited will have their trust payments electronically transmitted by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Friday, December 13. Eligible Elders who do not participate in direct deposit will have their payments mailed in check form on December 13.

### Fourth quarter dividend

CIRI will mail or directly deposit the fourth quarter 2013 dividend of \$9.76 per share on Tuesday, December 10. If you own 100 shares of stock, your fourth quarter dividend will be \$976. If you participate in direct deposit, your dividend will be electronically transmitted by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on December 10.

### 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 amount of these checks are not large, the administrative costs involved in reissuing and accounting for checks not cashed by shareholders is substantial. For this reason, shareholders are urged to cash their annual checks promptly. CIRI will mail the 2013 annual check distribution to annual check program participants on Tuesday, December 17. If you receive an annual check, please ensure that the address on your CIRI records is up to date by 3 p.m. on Monday, December 2.

### Address changes

A list of shareholders who do not have a current mailing address on record is continually updated and located on the CIRI website.

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

DATE	WHAT	AMOUNT
Dec. 13	CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payment	\$450
Dec. 10	CIRI fourth quarter dividend	\$9.76 per share
Dec. 17	Annual check distribution for shareholders who own five or less shares not enrolled in direct deposit	-

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 mailed to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. All faxed requests should be followed up 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, dividends represent taxable income to shareholders and portions of the Elders' payments are also taxable. Although CIRI is unable to withhold taxes from distributions, 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.

For further information on dividend amounts, address changes, direct deposit or lost and missing dividends, visit CIRI's website. Shareholders can also call CIRI's dividend hotline at (907) 263-5100 or toll-free at (800) 764-2435. 📞

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*Politics, Activism, Culture*, which won the Canadian Women's Studies Association prize for Outstanding Scholarship.

Huhndorf is currently a professor at the University of California, Berkeley. She has also served on the board of The CIRI Foundation. She is of Yup'ik descent and the daughter of CIRI Board Member Roy Huhndorf and Charlene Huhndorf.

### CHARLES AKERS, YUPIK



Courtesy of SCF.

**The Health Award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health fields, and whose accomplishments have improved health care for Alaska Natives.**

If you have enjoyed the health services provided by Southcentral Foundation or the new *Benteh Nuutah* Valley Native Primary Care Center in Wasilla, you have experienced some of the contributions of Charles Akers.

Akers, who grew up in McGrath, Alaska, began his health career in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. After the military, he spent 12 years as executive director of the Alaska Rural Development Council where he was involved in the technology that came to be known as telemedicine.

Akers spent five years on the board of Southcentral Foundation and was involved in the Nuka System of Care Conference, which reinforces the power of relationship building in the health care setting and everyday life. He is a director on the board overseeing the *Benteh Nuutah* Valley Native Primary Care Center and helped to ensure the center opened ahead of schedule.

"He lives to take care of anyone and everyone in his path," said Akers' daughter Kate Beeman. "His joy is to see others' needs met and he makes sacrifices with no mention of his efforts to anyone. He really does live to serve." 📞

## FIREWEED BUSINESS CENTER PROGRESS

The late arrival of winter has allowed significant progress on the site work for the Fireweed Business Center in Anchorage. Deep utility installation was completed throughout the site and the old site improvements have been demolished. The site was balanced with additional gravel hauled to the site in preparation for an early spring start on the foundation. The project is in winter shut down mode as the building design continues to be refined.



Construction crews prepare Fireweed Business Center site for winter shutdown. Photo by Joel Irwin.

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Courtesy of Jennifer Leigh Norkett.

### JENNIFER LEIGH NORKETT GRADUATE ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Jennifer Leigh Norkett graduated with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology and Security on June 7 from Baker College of Muskegon. She is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Martha Chase. Norkett thanks The CIRI Foundation and Tebughna Foundation for supporting her educational goals.



Courtesy of Jennifer Leigh Norkett.

### ALYSSA N. HUDACIN GRADUATE ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI descendant Alyssa N. Hudacin graduated on May 29 with an associates degree in Surgical Technology from Brown-Mackie College. She received her certification on October 11. Hudacin is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Jennifer Norkett and granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Martha Chase.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ANHC Holiday Art Bazaar**  
 Alaska Native Heritage Center  
 Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013  
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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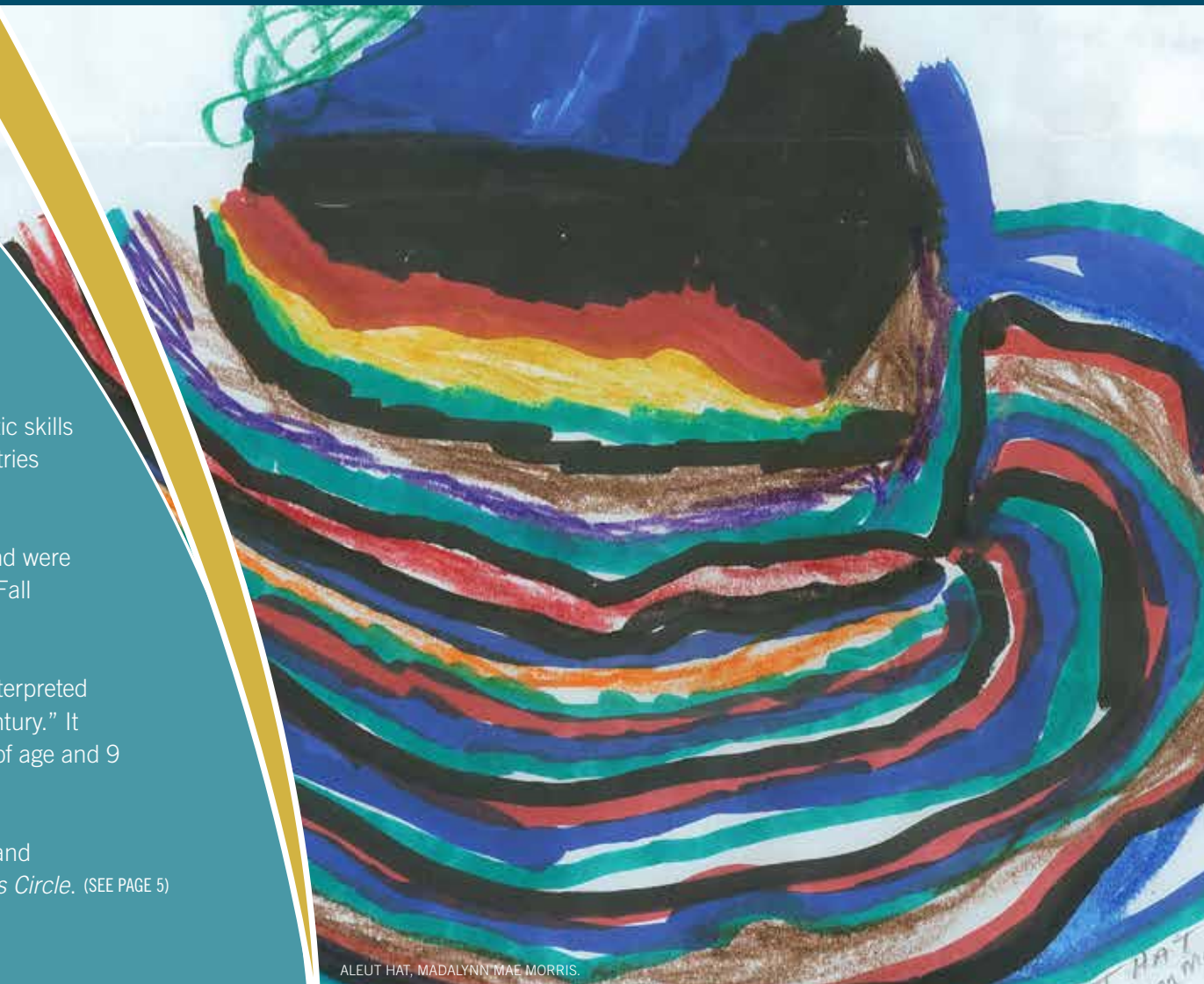
**Congratulations to the Youth Art Contest Winners**

Young CIRI descendants showed off their artistic skills in the first-ever CIRI Youth Art Contest. The entries featured vivid colors and imaginative scenes.

The winning entries earned monetary prizes and were featured in the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Fall Friendship Potlatch programs.

The contest requested original artworks that interpreted the theme, "Proud to be Native in the 21st Century." It featured two categories for artists 5 to 8 years of age and 9 to 12 years of age.

CIRI is honored to feature the winning entries and recognize the artists in this issue of the *Raven's Circle*. (SEE PAGE 5)



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