

# Raven's Circle



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**A.** President Barack Obama waves to onlookers as the vessel Viewfinder disembarks for a tour of Resurrection Bay. **B.** The president's motorcade drives past the Seward Windsong Lodge on its way to Exit Glacier. **C.** CIRI shareholder Karen Caindec welcomed the president to Seward with signs posted on her house, including one thanking President Obama for restoring the Athabascan name "Denali" to the former Mt. McKinley. *Photos by Jason Moore.*

## PRESIDENT OBAMA COMES TO ALASKA

### A CIRI-eyed view of the U.S. President's visit

On August 31, nearly all of Alaska was abuzz with speculation and anticipation as President Barack Obama arrived in Anchorage for an extended visit to the state to address climate issues. While here, President Obama met with Alaska Native leaders, including CIRI shareholders, to learn more about the impact of climate change across Alaska, and particularly in rural communities.

"One of the biggest things that I heard during this discussion was the need for us to work more intensively and more collaboratively with communities, particularly in rural areas that are burdened by crippling energy costs," President Obama said.

CIRI shareholder and President and Chief of the Native Village of Eklutna Lee Stephan offered remarks for the traditional welcome ceremony at the Global Leadership in the Arctic: Cooperation, Innovation, Engagement and Resilience (GLACIER) conference. The event was held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage and attended by both President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry. Also in attendance was CIRI shareholder John Warren Jr. from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, who spoke on water sanitation in rural Alaska (see Shareholder Spotlight).

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— ANNA JOHNSON, EVENT MANAGER  
SEWARD WINDSONG LODGE

While in Alaska, President Obama also visited Kotzebue, Dillingham and Seward. Even before the president and his entourage moved south, staff at the Seward Windsong Lodge, a CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation (CATC) company, had already become accustomed to meeting the needs of the president's Secret Service team.

"We've had a pretty exciting past week here. We've had about 80 Secret Service staying with us," says Anna Johnson, Seward Windsong Lodge's event manager. In preparation, Johnson briefed her staff on security procedures and gave tours of the property to Secret Service officers. "They had a lot of questions about securing the area."

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## SAVE THE DATE

### CIRI and TCF's Friendship Potlatches

Fall is in the air, and that means one thing: It's time, once again, for CIRI and The CIRI Foundation's annual Friendship Potlatches.

First held in 1985, the Friendship Potlatches offer CIRI shareholders an opportunity to socialize and celebrate important cultural traditions with family and friends. The program will include cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, CIRI-affiliated nonprofit information booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native foods. Attendance is limited to CIRI shareholders, descendants and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse and children), and daycare is available upon advance request.

#### Please RSVP

Please RSVP and help CIRI plan for enough food for attendees and their families. Visit [www.ciri.com/RSVP](http://www.ciri.com/RSVP) by the deadlines below, or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-CIRI and choose option 5.

#### Arts & crafts

CIRI shareholders who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts can email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 263-5113 for more information.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### ANCHORAGE FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Sunday, Oct. 18 | 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bartlett High School, Anchorage, Alaska  
**RSVP by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12**

#### KENAI FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Saturday, Oct. 24 | 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Kenai Middle School, Kenai, Alaska  
**RSVP by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16**

#### NORTHWEST FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Saturday, Nov. 14 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Chief Leschi School, Puyallup, Wash.  
**RSVP by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

This issue of Raven's Circle features coverage of President Obama's recent trip to Alaska to promote action to combat climate change. CIRI was honored to welcome the president to our region. Three days of beautiful weather allowed President Obama to see the best Alaska has to offer.

CIRI is acutely aware of the concerns facing our state, the nation and the world as we all face climate change. We have taken several measures and made significant investments to reduce our reliance on carbon emissions. At the same time, we realize that there are potential economic consequences to the policy decisions made by our government.

Those of you who read the Alaska Dispatch News on the day the president arrived may have seen CIRI's open letter to the president. It outlined the ways in which CIRI has actively pursued energy-related investments.

**"No matter your political beliefs, we can all agree that good stewardship of our lands is essential to CIRI's future success."**

– SOPHIE MINICH

Above all, CIRI's investment strategy is targeted at fulfilling our company's mission – to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders for generations to come. We invest in the latest technologies and finance strategies to harness the power of renewable energy, which creates jobs and generates profits for shareholders.

But that's not the only reason CIRI chooses to invest in renewable energy. For centuries, Alaska Native people have thrived in harmony with the land. Our ancestors have been stewards of the land, harvesting its plants and animals, managing its resources, learning from it and growing with it. As an Alaska Native company, we recognize that we have a duty to continue responsible stewardship of CIRI lands so that future generations of shareholders and descendants not only profit from our

### HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Above all, CIRI's investment strategy is targeted at fulfilling our company's mission – to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders, now and into the future.
- We recognize that we have a duty to continue responsible stewardship of CIRI lands so that future generations of shareholders and descendants can continue to practice the customs and cultures of generations before them.
- As our region's first major independent power producer, we'll continue to explore other ways to produce energy with minimal impact on the land and our environment.

investments, but continue to practice the customs and cultures of generations before them.

No matter your political beliefs, we can all agree that good stewardship of our lands is essential to CIRI's future success. Like the president, we believe that an all-of-the-above energy policy serves our community and shareholders best. That's why CIRI has invested in projects like Fire Island Wind, which delivers carbon-free energy to power roughly 6,500 Anchorage homes. At the same time, we lease CIRI lands for responsible oil and gas exploration in the Cook Inlet area.

Energy efficiency is another technique to combat climate change. It also happens to be one of the most effective methods of saving money. For those reasons and more, when CIRI built its new Fireweed Business Center, we employed the latest innovations in energy-efficient design to reduce our carbon footprint. Building systems in CIRI's new headquarters use less electricity, water and natural gas. Adding a large array of solar panels will allow us to harvest solar energy to supplement those systems. Soon, the Fireweed Business Center will earn a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, thanks to CIRI's commitment to environmental stewardship.

When the president visited our state, we recognized a commonality between his climate change agenda



PHOTO BY YUIT COMMUNICATIONS

and our commitment to preserving the land and environment for future generations. So, as our region's first major independent power producer, we'll continue to explore other ways to produce energy with minimal impact on the land and our environment – and we'll work with President Obama and his administration as we bring new energy and opportunities to CIRI shareholders and the people of our region.

On a related note, I would like to congratulate Cook Inlet Housing Authority on being designated by President Obama as one of six organizations to participate in the ArtPlace American Community Development Investments program. You can read more about this national program in this issue of the Raven's Circle. ☰

Sophie Minich

## SAVE THE DATE

Second annual holiday craft bazaar

Friday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

725 E. Fireweed Lane, first floor conference room

CIRI invites its shareholders and descendants to showcase and sell their handmade Alaska Native crafts and artwork.

Contact Carolyn Bickley, CIRI Front Desk Coordinator, at (907) 274-8638 to register as an art vendor. Deadline to register: Nov. 25. Vendor tables available on a first come, first served basis.

## SPOTLIGHT



COURTESY OF ANTHC

John Warren Jr.

### Solving sanitation issues in the Arctic

When the White House asked what the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) had been doing to address climate change, the organization pointed to several ongoing initiatives, including its network of local environmental observers, its Center for Climate and Health and an environmental atlas ANTHC engineers can use to project future changes to the climate. But the project that really piqued the interest of White House representatives was based in a tiny village that sits on a barrier island only slightly above sea level.

“What we were doing to address health and sanitation in Kivalina – that really grabbed their imagination,” says CIRI shareholder John Warren Jr., director of engineering services at ANTHC. He was invited to speak at this year’s Global Leadership in the Arctic: Cooperation, Innovation, Engagement and Resilience (GLACIER) conference, held in Anchorage on Aug. 31 during President Obama’s visit.

Born and raised in Alaska, Warren earned his civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, then returned home to put his knowledge to work for the people he cared about. “I’m passionate about helping the Alaska Native people,” he says. It’s a quality that runs in his family. His daughter, now in medical school with help from The CIRI Foundation scholarships, chose to do her research on the effects of iq’mik, or punk ash tobacco, on Native communities. And his sister, Charmaine Forbes, assisted CIRI shareholders and their families during her many years of managing CIRI’s Shareholder Relations Department. “We get a certain satisfaction out of doing something meaningful,” Warren explains.

So when a series of ANTHC climate impact studies in 2008 revealed that sanitation was a serious issue in Kivalina, Warren was moved to do something about the situation.

“As an engineer, I couldn’t look the other way,” Warren says. But there was a significant hurdle to get over first: Already impacted by flooding and erosion, Kivalina residents had elected to relocate. “So the funding agencies basically said, ‘We’re not putting any money into this community.’ So do you just give up and say, I can’t do anything?”

Not if you’re John Warren. He saw three sanitation issues he could address in Kivalina. First, he wanted to provide clean drinking water to residents, who typically collected snow and rainwater but had no way to treat the water so it was safe to drink. Residents also had to haul their own bags

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## SATISFY YOUR CIRloSity

Have you tuned into CIRI’s new podcast, CIRloSity?

Brought to you by CIRI’s Corporate Communications Department, CIRloSity tells stories about CIRI, its shareholders and descendants, its businesses and its affiliated nonprofits.

Recent episodes explore CIRI’s land history, the CIRI Golf Classic and President Obama’s visit to Alaska.

Subscribe in iTunes, or download episodes at [www.ciri.com/ciriosity](http://www.ciri.com/ciriosity).

## COOK INLET HOUSING AUTHORITY EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

On Monday, Aug. 31, while visiting Anchorage, President Barack Obama announced that Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA) was one of six organizations nationwide to be selected to participate in the ArtPlace American Community Development Investments program. The program’s goal is to help shape the social, physical and economic futures of communities.

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– CAROL GORE, CIHA PRESIDENT AND CEO

Through the ArtPlace program, CIHA will receive \$3 million over three years to incorporate arts and cultural strategies into its work.

“We have not yet determined how the funding will be deployed, but we do intend to explore new neighborhood revitalization strategies that bring arts and culture to the table early in the development

planning process,” says CIHA President and CEO Carol Gore, a CIRI shareholder.

Gore had a chance to personally thank President Obama for the ArtPlace opportunity when she met the president at a tribal leaders’ roundtable the same day.

“There were about a dozen of us who engaged in a conversation about Alaska Native issues – including housing,” Gore says. “Much of the conversation was about high energy costs, lack of infrastructure, erosion in coastal communities and closer collaboration in our work with the federal government. My interest was one of providing evidence of our high cost of living and examples of using local decision making to identify innovative solutions.”

In addition to engaging in meaningful dialogue about Alaska’s housing issues and offering her gratitude for the ArtPlace selection, Gore was also able to make contact with President Obama – literally. “Perhaps the most exciting was getting a hug from the president!” she shared.

Congratulations to CIHA on becoming an ArtPlace program! 📣

## NEED HELP? DIAL 2-1-1

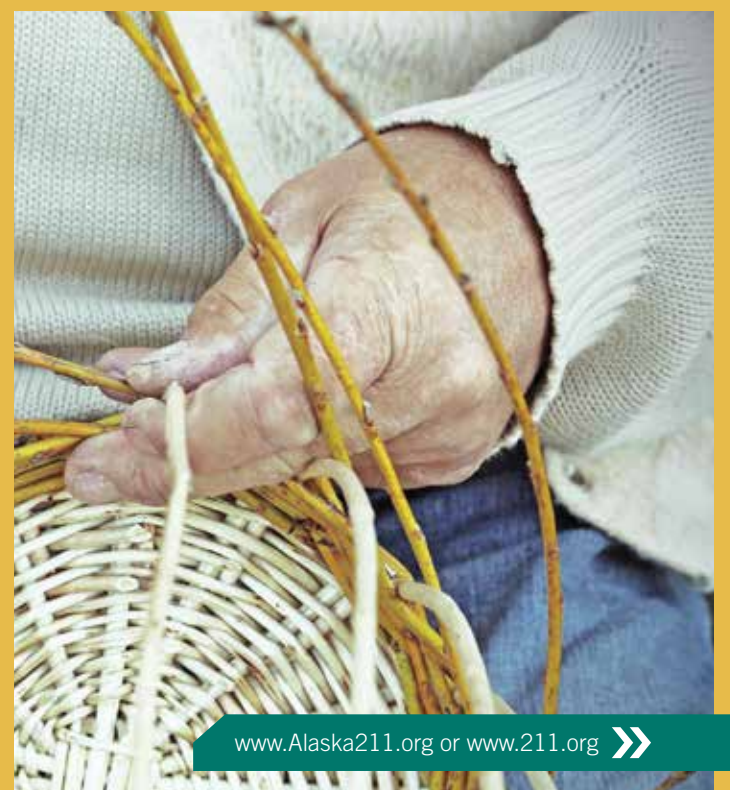
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## 2015 ELIZABETH PERATROVICH LEGAL CLINIC

Free legal clinic at the AFN Convention  
Fri., Oct. 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., by appointment

In honor of civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich, volunteer lawyers will assist Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) convention attendees by appointment with a variety of personal civil law (i.e., not criminal) matters, including family law, difficulties with receiving public benefits, safe housing, consumer issues and completing estate planning with a will. The Alaska Native Justice Center, a CIRI-founded nonprofit, is cosponsoring the event.

To make an appointment, email [EPLC@alaskabar.org](mailto:EPLC@alaskabar.org). Include your name, city, contact address, phone number, legal issue, the name of the opposing party and whether you have need for a language interpreter. If you have questions, please contact the Alaska Bar Association at (907) 272-7469.

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of waste to a landfill, where animals and birds could break the bags and spread the waste. In the winter, many residents would store bags outside, where they would freeze until spring, at which point the bags would sometimes break and contaminate puddles. Finally, bucket latrines, wash basins and poor ventilation inside homes were all contributing to the spread of disease and infection.

Warren and his team devised an elegant solution that also drew the interest of funding agencies. They created a home-based unit that includes a rainwater collection and water treatment system, storage tank, low-flow faucet, ventilation fan, waterless urinal and a separating toilet that isolates liquid waste from solid waste.

“We could put this thing together as a module and drop it right into the house,” Warren says. The mobility of the unit means that Kivalina residents can easily take it with them when they relocate.

Having demonstrated the potential for such a system, Warren managed to get additional funding from ANTHC’s Strategic Initiatives, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Indian Health Service agency and other partners to install units in nine Kivalina homes this summer as part of a demonstration project.

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- JOHN WARREN JR.  
CIRI SHAREHOLDER

“It took six weeks for installation, which is pretty phenomenal,” he says. The module is compact, taking up very little space in already small homes, it’s inexpensive to operate and it’s significantly improving the health of those families who use it. Based on the success of the demonstration project, Warren hopes more homes will be fitted with modules soon.

“The plan was to do something meaningful and not let it take a lifetime to address the needs of this community,” he says. 📧

## NEW DIRECTORY TO CONNECT ARTISTS WITH BUYERS

After the success of last year’s inaugural Holiday Craft Bazaar, CIRI shareholder and employee Carolyn Bickley wondered if there was another way she could help connect CIRI artists with customers. The bazaar, which was her brainchild, had been a huge success, and she wanted to capitalize on its popularity.

“I was looking at the shareholder business webpage when it dawned on me: Why don’t we do something similar for artists?” Bickley describes.

**“People who are looking to buy art, and artists who want to sell what they make – now they have a place to find each other.”**

- CAROLYN BICKLEY

That’s how the Alaska Native Artist Directory was born. Since early this year, Carolyn has been collecting information from interested CIRI shareholder and descendant artists and preparing to launch the directory, due to go live online in January 2016. The directory will be a free public resource that features information on artists and one optional photo of their original handmade

Alaska Native crafts and artwork. The intent of the directory is to connect artists and artisans with potential customers.

“People who are looking to buy art, and artists who want to sell what they make – now they have a place to find each other,” Bickley says. “It’s a good situation for both the artists and the public.”

Bickley worked with CIRI Shareholder Relations and Corporate Communications to develop the directory and make it available on the CIRI website.

To be eligible to showcase handmade items on the site, an artist must be a CIRI shareholder or confirmed, registered CIRI descendant and 18 years or older. There is no charge to participating artists for this service, and artists remain responsible for selling their own artwork. CIRI is simply providing an avenue for artists to connect with members of the general public.

For more information about the Alaska Native Artist Directory, call (907) 274-8638 or email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com). Visit [www.ciri.com/descendants/](http://www.ciri.com/descendants/) to learn how to register as a CIRI descendant. 📧



➤ CIRI artists will soon be able to use the Alaska Native Artist Directory to connect with potential customers. Photo by Joel Irwin.

**Cookie M. Goetz, 68**

Cookie M. Goetz passed away July 17, at Southampton Hospital in Southampton, N.Y. Ms. Goetz was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Seattle, Wash. She is survived by her husband, Thomas C. Goetz Sr.; sons, Thomas C. Goetz Jr. and Joseph J. Goetz Sr.; father, Charles R. Burke Jr.; sisters, Juliana M. Weier and Joyce N. Sojot; and brother, Jerome M. Ofrancia.

**Thomas Jay Harmon, 54**

Thomas Jay Harmon passed away Aug. 1, at home in Seward, Alaska. Mr. Harmon was born July 22, 1961, in Sitka, Alaska. He is survived by his mother, Helen K. Harmon; father, Jay F. Harmon; sisters, Cathy R. White and Elizabeth A. Harmon; and brothers, Floyd J. Harmon and Joe E. Harmon.

**Anna Marie Joe, 83**

Anna Marie Joe passed away Dec. 8, 2014, at home in Las Vegas, Nev. Ms. Joe was born April 30, 1931, in Angoon, Alaska. She is survived by her sons, Gary J. Dumlao and Brian J. Dumlao; daughter, Gina A. Treadway and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Gene M. Petersen, 73**

Gene M. Petersen passed away June 24, at home in Ocean Park, Wash. Mr. Petersen was born May 15, 1942, in Portland, Ore. He is survived by his brother, Gerald R. Petersen; daughters, Kim Petersen and Linda Pomeroy; grandchildren, Jamie, Mackenzie, Madison and Shaun; great-grandchildren, Beto, Aleya, Monique and Jayden; aunt, Elvina Anderson and her daughter, Donna Peters.



Courtesy of Kim Petersen

**Edward James Schweitzer, 74**

Edward James Schweitzer passed away April 30, in Chester, Mont. Mr. Schweitzer was born May 12, 1940, in Havre, Mont. He is survived by his wife, Donna Marie Schweitzer; and sons, Kenneth and Ronald Schweitzer.

**Daniel Standifer Sr., 72**

Daniel Standifer Sr. passed away Aug. 11, at home in Tyonek, Alaska. Mr. Standifer was born April 13, 1943, in Tyonek, Alaska. Mr. Standifer was an Army veteran, who served in Germany. He was a commercial fisherman, partner in Arctic Tug and Barge and worked for the Kodiak Mill in Tyonek and at the Beluga Power Plant. In addition, he served on the Tyonek Native Corporation Board for many years and on the Native Village of Tyonek Council as President and member. His family recalls his love of hunting, fishing, trapping and his kids' basketball games and school activities. He is survived by his brothers, Bill and Joe Standifer; daughter, Sharon and her husband Jack Williford; sons, David and Simeon Standifer; and grandchildren, Matthew, Kate and Laural Schadle and Antonia, Lucas, David, Darius and Niko Standifer.



Courtesy of Sharon Williford

**Condolences**

Francine Renee Penn, 61      Elsie Ann Williams, 57

**SUMMER PIKE DERBY REMOVES INVASIVE FISH**

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District leads environmental effort



Tyonek and Beluga residents show off the pike caught as part of the 2015 TTCD Summer Pike Derby. Courtesy of TTCD.

This August, fishing in Tyonek and Beluga, Alaska, was more than just a fun way to spend some time outdoors. Participants in the 2015 Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD) Summer Pike Derby fished for pike as part of an effort to remove the invasive species from area lakes.

“Pike have been in the Tyonek and Beluga area for less than a decade,” says Christy Cincotta, TTCD’s executive director. “These fish are known to be a potential threat to salmon, as they prey upon juvenile salmon. TTCD held community meetings in both Tyonek and Beluga to determine priority threats to the

watershed, and in each community, pike ranked high on the list.”

The Derby was part of a larger effort to restore, enhance and protect freshwater systems from Nikolai Creek to Beluga River on the west side of Cook Inlet.

In addition to catching fish, participants of the Summer Pike Derby provided valuable information for other TTCD environmental projects. “This information will help TTCD to plan and coordinate future conservation efforts to address invasive pike in West Cook Inlet,” Cincotta says.

Throughout the month, 18 participants caught pike in Threemile, Chuit and Second Lakes. Altogether, participants removed 79 pike from the bodies of water. Awards were given for the largest, smallest and most pike caught. CIRI donated a Kenai Fjords Tours package for two and a \$500 cash prize, the latter won by youth participant Rocky Standifer.

Says Cincotta, “The exciting prizes offered by CIRI and other donors in our summer derby were a great incentive and wonderful way to reward community members for getting out and doing their part to address a threat to their watershed.”



Rocky Standifer, right, won the Youth Participant prize in TTCD’s Summer Pike Derby. Courtesy of TTCD.

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COURTESY OF STAN BRANDENBERGER.

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

CIRI descendant Daniel Brandenberger, a recipient of a scholarship from The CIRI Foundation, graduated from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) on June 20 with a bachelor’s degree in English. Daniel is the son of CIRI shareholder Stan and Kathleen Brandenberger of Lake Arrowhead, Calif. and a descendant of original enrollee Madge Fay Bagley of Port Townsend, Wash. Daniel plans on continuing his education at CSUSB working toward his teaching credentials. The entire Brandenberger family would like to extend their appreciation for all the support and opportunities The CIRI Foundation has provided.



COURTESY OF BRIDGET JAMES

**HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY**

CIRI shareholder Peter Paul Shadura celebrated his 104th birthday on July 2, making him CIRI’s oldest living shareholder. Mr. Shadura lives in Mesa, Ariz.

## SHAREHOLDER 101

So you don't have a valid, up-to-date Stock Will on file with CIRI:  
What's the big deal?

While it's not comfortable to think about what happens to your CIRI stock after you die, it is important. Under ANCSA and Alaska law, CIRI stock is subject to special estate settlement procedures. The law requires that CIRI determine the proper heirs of CIRI stock in accordance with a valid will or under Alaska laws of intestate succession if there is not a valid Will.

One way a CIRI shareholder may specify who should receive their stock is by completing a CIRI Stock Will. Here's a real-life example of how complicated a CIRI stock estate settlement can be without a valid will:

Shareholder A died without a valid will for his CIRI shares. He wasn't married, had no children and his parents died before him. Although he had five siblings, only his sister survived him. His four brothers passed away before he did; all four left children, and those children were still alive at the time of Shareholder A's death.

Because there was no will, no surviving spouse, no children and no surviving parent, the current law required that Shareholder A's CIRI stock be divided into as many equal portions as there were: 1) surviving descendants in the generation nearest Shareholder A's deceased parents that contained one or more surviving descendants; and 2) deceased descendants in the same generation who left descendants. In this case, each surviving descendant in the nearest generation (i.e., Shareholder A's sister) is allocated one portion, with the remaining portion combined and divided in the same manner among the surviving descendants of the deceased descendants (i.e., Shareholder A's four deceased brothers).

Confused yet? Basically, in accordance with the law

and CIRI's fractional share policy, Shareholder A's sister was allocated one fifth of the shares, with the remaining four-fifths combined and divided between the children of Shareholder A's predeceased brothers.

In the end, Shareholder A's 100 shares were distributed to 27 people, 25 of whom were new shareholders. Unfortunately, five of the shareholders who inherited three shares each are now deceased—which means their CIRI stock estates must now be settled. (See graphic below.)

As you can see, settling the estates of shareholders who don't have a valid Will on file can be complicated and difficult. The same is true if a shareholder dies with an invalidated or outdated will on file. (Marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of children, the death of a designated beneficiary, the inheritance of additional shares and giving or receiving a gift of stock are all reasons to complete a new Will.)

You can make sure your shares pass according to your wishes by contacting CIRI Shareholder Relations to ensure that your CIRI Stock Will is valid and current.

You may also complete a general will; however, it is important to note that an earlier CIRI Stock Will controls the distribution of your stock unless your later-dated General Will specifically identifies and disposes of your CIRI stock. As an added bonus, by having a valid Will on file with CIRI that complies with its fractional share policy you'll be eligible for monthly and quarterly prize drawings!

Ready to complete your CIRI Stock Will? Visit [www.ciri.com/shareholders](http://www.ciri.com/shareholders) to get started! 📧

**SUMMARY:**

- 100 shares were distributed to 27 people, including 25 new shareholders and 2 existing shareholders
- No fractional share certificates were issued

One new shareholder receives 20 shares	Two new shareholders receive 4 shares	Twenty-two new shareholders and two original shareholders receive 3 shares	5 of the shareholders who inherited 3 shares each are now deceased, and their CIRI stock estates must now be settled
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## RAVEN FUND TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

New TCF funding opportunity for Alaska Native shareholders

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) has traditionally provided scholarships and vocational training grants to CIRI original enrollees and their direct lineal descendants. As CIRI shares continue to be gifted and inherited, the number of Alaska Native shareholders who are not original enrollees or lineal descendants has been increasing. In order to better serve this growing population, TCF has created the Raven Fund.

The Raven Fund is a trial fund that provides scholarships and vocational training grants to this new eligible group of Alaska Native shareholders. Scholarships support applicants who are degree-seeking students, while vocational training grants support certificate-seeking students.

The Raven Fund has been approved for a two-year trial period. After the trial period, TCF will review the success and use of the Raven Fund for the future.

TCF encourages you to visit its website at [www.thecirifoundation.org](http://www.thecirifoundation.org) to learn more about the Raven Fund and other funding opportunities. Not sure if you are eligible? Call (907) 793-3575 or toll-free at (800) 764-3382 to chat with a TCF team member.

### Raven Fund Award Details

Award Type	Award Amount	Funding Term
Full-time scholarship*	\$1000 (up to)	Academic Year
Part-time scholarship*	\$750 (up to)	Academic Year
Vocational Training Grant	\$1500 (up to)	Calendar Year

\*Scholarships can be awarded for a single term at a lesser amount.

## REMOTE DEPOSIT OPTION FOR PAPER CHECKS

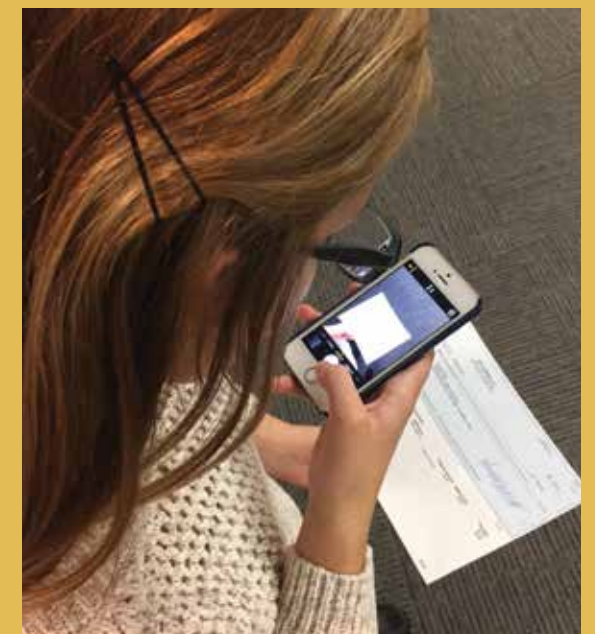
Not interested in direct deposit of your CIRI distributions, but having difficulty getting to the bank to cash your checks? Many banks are now offering a new technology called "remote deposit." If you have a bank account, a smartphone and an Internet connection, you may be able to take advantage of remote deposit to deposit your checks without having to make a special trip to the bank.

There are many advantages to remote deposit:

- It's fast and easy.
- You won't have to drive or stand in line.
- Checks may be deposited anytime of the day or night, and on any day of the week.
- There is a reduced risk of lost or stolen checks.

Generally, you'll need to download an app from your bank's website and also create an account with your bank. To deposit a check, in most cases you'll: **1)** sign into the app; **2)** select the deposit option; **3)** snap a picture of the front and back of your endorsed check; and **4)** click a button to upload the photos and make your deposit. When you're done, it's a good idea to make a note on the check so you don't forget that you've already cashed it.

Shareholders who are interested in remote deposit should contact their banks directly to see if the option is available (URLs to remote deposit information at the banks most popular with our shareholders are listed below). Because processing times vary for remotely deposited checks, be sure to confirm with your bank when funds will be available. Your bank can also tell you about the security measures they've taken in connection with remote deposit. 📧



### Alaska USA Federal Credit Union

[www.alaskausa.org/service/ultrabranh/remotedepositdemo.asp](http://www.alaskausa.org/service/ultrabranh/remotedepositdemo.asp)

### Bank of America

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### Credit Union 1

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## INTERN-al Affairs

by Josh Henrikson

What a year! The other interns and I had a blast this summer working behind the scenes at CIRI and getting to know the nice folks who make up the corporation. For most of us, this was our first taste of corporate life and working behind a desk. Sometimes I found myself having flashbacks to the manual labor jobs I've had in the past – toiling in the kitchen or boxing up Bratz dolls at Target at 3 a.m. It all seems to be in the rearview mirror now, but having worked those jobs, I've gained a great deal of perspective.

Right now I'm sitting at a desk wearing a button-up shirt and tie, typing away at my keyboard. After work, I'll take the button-up shirt to the dry cleaners and figure out some way to make it through the week without having to do two laundry runs. But more than dress shirts and coffee runs, this internship marks the beginnings of my entry into a professional career.

One of the things I truly enjoyed about this program is CIRI's involvement with its nonprofits, which provided an opportunity for us to help out the community. Other internships might include some small community-

oriented activity, but giving back to the Alaska Native community is integral here at CIRI. Each week, there was an intern team-building activity during which we helped out at one of the many different nonprofit organizations affiliated with CIRI.

Ask anyone here in the summer program what they're going to do next, and you'll be met with blank stares and nervous laughter. And that's just fine. I don't even want to know the 20-year-old who has his or her life mapped out for the next 40 years. That's part of what makes life so interesting – not knowing what's next, but taking on the next hurdle even so. You have to be prepared, and you have to have the right tools in order to overcome those challenges. This internship, The CIRI Foundation and the friendships and working connections made here are exactly the kind of preparation that will help me face future challenges.

If you're interested in next year's summer internship program, I encourage you to apply at [www.ciri.com/internship](http://www.ciri.com/internship). There are a wide range of opportunities that will be available. If you didn't see something you were looking for this year, there may be different CIRI departments – like Real Estate or Human Resources – participating in the internship in – the future. And while you're online, you can check out the video I helped produce! 📺



Participants in CIRI's summer internship program met with the CIRI Board at a lunch organized by Darla Graham, CIRI shareholder and manager of CIRI Shareholder Employment Programs. Photo by Joel Irwin.

PRESIDENT OBAMA COMES TO ALASKA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01



A Blackhawk helicopter monitored Exit Glacier Road, where onlookers eagerly awaited the presidential motorcade. Photo by Jason Moore.

On the day of Obama's Seward visit, Johnson made sure guests were accommodated despite disruptions caused by the presidential visit. "Exit Glacier is the only thing people are disappointed with; they're not able to get out there until later this evening," Johnson said, referring to the closure of the Exit Glacier Nature Center and Exit Glacier Road during the president's visit to the glacier.

Housing Secret Service staff gave the Windsong Lodge a nice boost during what industry professionals refer to as "shoulder season" – that time of year when tourism drops off as the weather grows cooler.

"Typically, we'd be twiddling our thumbs now after being so busy," Johnson describes. "But we went from about 120 [booked] rooms, and we have 180 altogether – and now we're sold out."

Meanwhile, CATC's Kenai Fjords Tours (KFT) staff provided equipment to screen the dock the president used to board a vessel for a tour of Resurrection Bay.

"We've hosted past presidents before," says Ron Wille, KFT general manager. "[Former President] Jimmy Carter actually stayed at Fox Island for two nights. So you never know what's going to happen, and we were a little hopeful, but we're happy to participate in the manner we are now."

You can hear more about President Obama's visit to Alaska on Episode 3 of CIRI's podcast, CIRIosity ([www.ciri.com/ciriosity](http://www.ciri.com/ciriosity)). 📻

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: CIRI SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S LUNCHBOX AT MULDOON ELEMENTARY

Imagine looking forward to school on Monday just because you know you'll finally get a solid meal.

That scenario is a reality for one out of every five students in the Anchorage School District. These children leave school Friday knowing they likely won't get anything to eat until Monday when they come back to class.

CIRI is proud to support The Children's Lunchbox, a local nonprofit that not only provides free meals for qualifying students in seven Anchorage schools, but sends those students home with a bag of food items to get them through each weekend.

In 2012, CIRI designated The Children's Lunchbox as a proceed recipient of its Golf Classic – a relationship that led to CIRI advocating for Muldoon Elementary to be

added to the schools that benefit from The Children's Lunchbox program. For more than a decade, CIRI and Muldoon Elementary have been in a School Business Partnership, through which CIRI has provided funding for field trips and academic awards, encouraged other partners to donate school supplies and encouraged its employees to volunteer at the school.

Today, nearly every student at Muldoon Elementary is eligible to receive free food and meals through The Children's Lunchbox. Since this partnership, Muldoon Elementary principal Leroy Grant has seen significant academic improvement in his students and has experienced fewer disciplinary problems.

"If you're hungry, you won't listen to a teacher, no matter how good the teacher is," Principal Grant said. 📺



CIRI employees prepare snacks for participants in The Children's Lunchbox program.

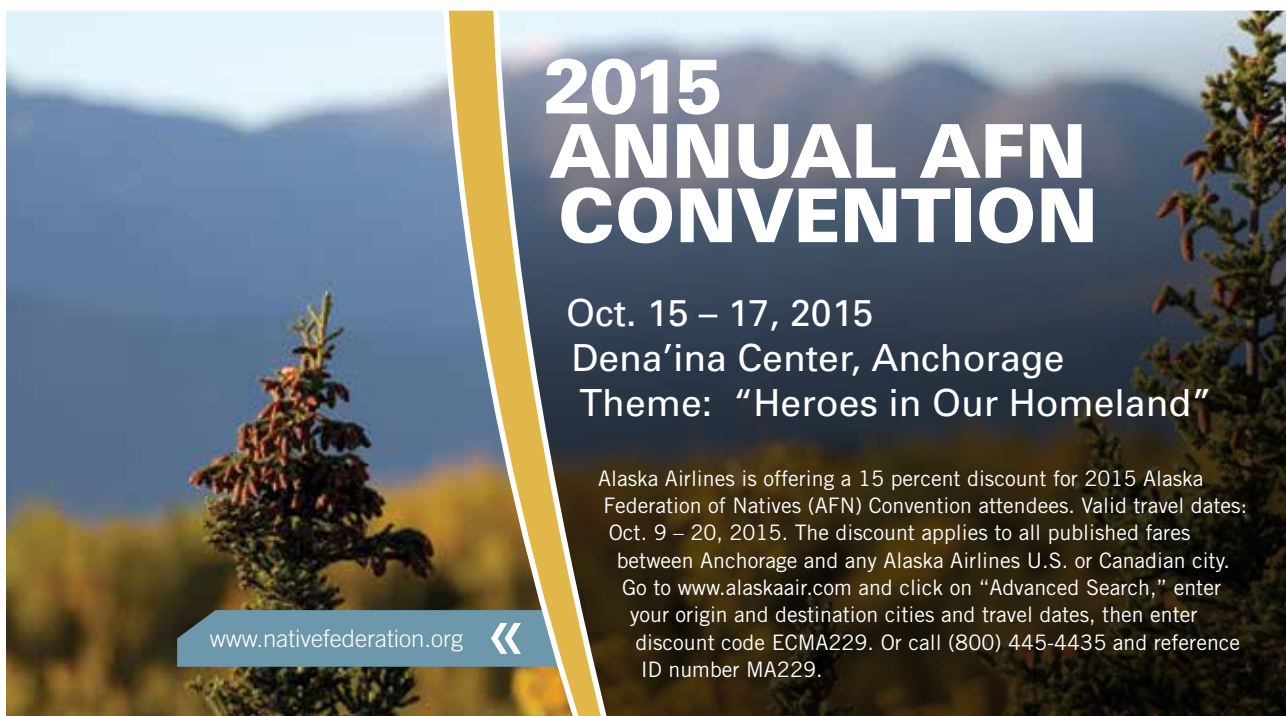
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## NORTH WIND EARNS ACCOLADES, NEW CONTRACT



For the seventh consecutive year, North Wind Group (NWG), a CIRI company, has been recognized by Engineering New Record (ENR) as a top environmental firm. This year, North Wind ranked as the 109th U.S. environmental firm, up from number 131 last year. ENR is a national news magazine for the engineering and construction industry and has been issuing the Top 200 Environmental Firms rankings annually since 1996.

In September, North Wind Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of NWG, was also awarded a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contract to provide technical and administrative support services to the West Valley Demonstration Project site in New York state. Under this contract, North Wind Solutions will provide support services to the DOE such as database maintenance, subject matter expert assistance and technical consultation and implementation of safety, environmental, quality and health programs.

"We are extremely excited about this opportunity to support the DOE and the West Valley Demonstration Project on their exciting and important mission," said NWG's Eastern Regional Manager, Jeff Scott.

The NWG companies provide a variety of environmental- and construction-related services for government and private projects. CIRI owns NWG, along with its family of companies, which are known for exceeding customer expectations.

North Wind, a CIRI company, was recently awarded a contract from the U.S. Department of Energy, and was also ranked as a top environmental firm. Photo by Jason Moore.