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## Sonterra hotel construction underway

Hyatt Place targets burgeoning San Antonio business district

Image by Justin Millar, courtesy of Architecture +



*This architectural rendering shows the front side of the Hyatt Place hotel being constructed at CIRI Land Development Co.'s Sonterra office park development in San Antonio, Texas.*

Workers are building the new 126-room Hyatt Place hotel at CIRI Land Development Co.'s (CLDC) Sonterra office park project in San Antonio, Texas. The hotel is phase one of the project, which is expected to include two hotels, three office buildings, parking garages, a restaurant and a coffee shop.

CLDC transferred ownership of the Hyatt Place site on Jan. 21 to Sonterra Hotel Investors LLC, which will develop the hotel. Sonterra Hotel Investors is a 50-50 partnership between CIRI and hotel developer Dewey F. Weaver Jr.

Weaver's company, InterMountain Management LLC, has developed and manages more than 60 hotels representing 12 different brands in 21 states, including Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott, Residence Inn by Marriott, SpringHill Suites by Marriott,

Hampton Inn & Suites, Homewood Suites by Hilton, LaQuinta Inns and more. InterMountain will manage The Sonterra Hyatt Place once it is completed.

"We're excited to be working with Dewey on this hotel project," said Ashley Schmiedeskamp, CIRI vice president of business development. "He's got more than 27 years of experience in this business, and has the knowledge and financial incentive to make this project succeed."

Hyatt Place is a newer franchise chain of Global Hyatt Corp. that primarily caters to business travelers. Hyatt Place hotels feature plush, oversized eight-foot sectional sofa sleepers; complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access; free continental breakfast; 24-hour room service; 42-inch high-definition flat-panel

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## CIRI executive team sets tone for corporate citizenship

Activism exemplifies company's concern for community welfare, sustainability

CIRI believes its long-term prospects are intertwined with the well being of the communities not only in its region, but everywhere it has a presence or does business. Its commitment to corporate citizenship stems from its recognition that organizations have a responsibility to be a force for social good as well as an economic force.

CIRI encourages its employees to demonstrate this social responsibility by sharing their time and expertise with charitable organizations and causes. The company's executive team exemplifies this commitment through a wide variety of community and charitable activities.

**Margie Brown** currently serves on the 21-member national board of The Trust for Public Land, the Alaska Federation of Natives board, the board of the Anchorage Museum Foundation and is a member of the board of trustees for the Nature Conservancy of Alaska. She serves on the advisory boards for Alaska Airlines and the University of Alaska Anchorage Honors College. Brown was Alaska's representative on the National Park System Advisory Board from 1999 to 2003 and served as board chair of Assets Inc., an organization that assists developmentally

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## Former director inducted into Women of Achievement

Agnes Brown recognized for life accomplishments

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. and YWCA Anchorage selected CIRI shareholder and former Board member Agnes Brown as one of its Women of Achievement at the program's 2008 awards luncheon on Dec. 10, 2008.

Brown was a member of the CIRI Board of Directors from 1974 to 2008 and is a trustee of CIRI's Elders' Settlement Trust. She currently serves on the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board and is a director of Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) and a former director of Southcentral Foundation (SCF). Brown is the president and chair of Kaloa & Company Inc., a family-owned fishing business, and is president of B. Agnes Brown Co., a management consulting firm.

The Women of Achievement program recognizes women who have contributed to their community and demonstrated a passion for their profession and for helping others. The Anchorage chapter of the program has recognized more than 200 women in the 19 years it has existed.

Brown joins many other Women of Achievement in the CIRI family, including Margie Brown, CIRI president and chief executive officer; Barbara Donatelli, CIRI senior vice president of administration and government relations; Katherine Gottlieb, SCF president and chief executive officer; Gloria O'Neill, CITC president and chief executive officer; Carol Gore, Cook Inlet Housing Authority president and chief executive officer; and Jaclyn Sallee, Koahnic Broadcast Corp. president and chief executive officer.



*Agnes Brown (right), shown with Southcentral Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Katherine Gottlieb (left), displays her award at the 2008 Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon on Dec. 10, 2008.*



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## CIRI board of directors

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*William D. English, Inupiaq*

*Douglas W. Fifer, Tlingit*

*Jeffrey A. Gommason, Haida*

*Robert W. Rude, Athabaskan*

*Harold F. Rudolph, Tlingit/Aleut*

*Michael Thomas, Tlingit*

## A word from the president

# Challenging economy is cause to be solemn, not paralyzed

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

Alaska has been weathering the national recession better than most of the country because our state's economy is based on a resilient mix of oil and natural gas development, U.S. military presence, tourism and income from other natural resources. Consequently, Alaska real estate markets are steady, relatively few Alaskans have lost their jobs and business confidence is generally positive.

Nevertheless, most forecasters predict that the national recession will end Alaska's 20-year streak of continuous economic growth this year, but our economy should remain stable. This news is good for CIRI's Alaska business interests because it means our Tikahtnu Commons project should remain on schedule and our tourism, heavy construction, energy development and real estate management businesses should be secure.

However, CIRI also has significant business and investment interests outside of Alaska that have been impacted by the recession.

Our Texas real estate sales and

development projects, for example, have slowed, though not as significantly as similar projects elsewhere in the country. We are delaying plans to build three office towers at our Sonterra project in San Antonio until market trends become clearer. But our partner, InterMountain Management LLC, has started construction on the Sonterra Hyatt Place hotel at the same site.

CIRI's sizable marketable securities portfolio has been hit hard and, like the Alaska Permanent Fund and our state's constitutional budget reserve, millions of dollars in value were lost when Wall Street and the banking industry collapsed. Because of the severity of the decline, no entity with these types of investments escaped losses.

We are still calculating CIRI's final 2008 profits and losses and will release those figures in our annual report in April, but we already know the company suffered a net loss in 2008 caused almost exclusively by the financial markets' collapse.

This recession has raised serious challenges for companies throughout the United States and probably the rest of the world. We must be solemn and cautious about the possible depth and length of this recession, but we must not be paralyzed. I have no doubt that the country will resolve its financial difficulties and the stock

market will eventually rebound, raising the value of CIRI's marketable securities portfolio.

Despite these market troubles, CIRI is a very healthy company. Its operating units performed well in 2008 and the company has little long-term debt and strong cash reserves. CIRI and its subsidiaries are protecting themselves by carefully managing their 2009 operating costs to match revenue. CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp., for example, anticipates reduced visitor traffic and is adjusting staffing levels and optimizing boat schedules to reduce costs by filling tours and leaving empty boats at the dock.

Depending upon future Board decisions, CIRI's 2008 losses should have a relatively small impact on shareholder dividend payments. In 2007 the Board of Directors adopted a policy that sets dividend payments at 3.25 percent of the total shareholders' equity, calculated as of Dec. 31 of the prior year. This formula is designed to reduce the volatility of dividends over policies based on annual net income or income averaging.

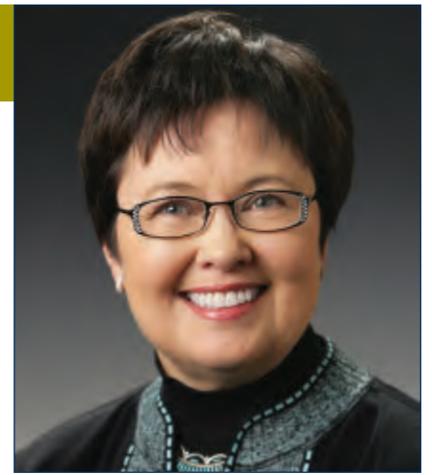
This recession has caused sobering losses, but it may also produce opportunities for CIRI's future growth and profitability. Experience shows that businesses can earn significant profits after a recession if they make savvy investments in emerging businesses or distressed assets while prices are down. I believe CIRI is well positioned to find and benefit from these types of investments.

1) CIRI has longstanding relationships with trusted private equity fund managers and is using these connections to place monies in several funds that are now forming. The investments acquired by these funds will be at distressed values, but their worth should increase as the economy rebounds.

2) Many companies overextended and borrowed too much money during the past few years and are now cash-strapped and forced to sell assets, often at great discounts, to stay in business. We are searching for suitable asset acquisitions that could boost CIRI's long-term growth and performance. These assets may include prime real estate parcels.

3) The federal government's economic stimulus package could produce opportunities, particularly in the government contracting arena around the infrastructure rebuilding efforts.

I believe that the stock market will rebound and CIRI's marketable securities portfolio will rise with the market. In the meantime, CIRI will aggressively pursue new business opportunities and, in accordance with Board strategy, expects to use them to emerge from this recession as a stronger, more profitable company than it was before the financial markets crashed.



**Margie Brown**

## Our Business

### Veteran lodge manager named interim COO

Sharlene Berg has been named CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp.'s (CATC) interim chief operating officer. Berg previously served as CATC's director of lodging, overseeing the company's lodges in Talkeetna and Seward, Alaska. Berg now manages all of CATC's day-to-day operations.

Berg joined CATC in 1999 as general manager of the newly opened Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. She was promoted in 2003 to director of lodging, where she managed the Talkeetna lodge and the Seward Windsong Lodge, CATC's other premier Alaska hotel.

"For many people, Alaska is their dream vacation," said Berg. "They have scrimped and saved to visit and experience Alaska. There are many people who have never seen our state's natural beauty. My job is to help them realize their dreams."

CATC's businesses include the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and

Seward Windsong Lodge, the marine day cruise companies Prince William Sound Glacier Cruises and Kenai Fjords Tours, the Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge on Fox Island, and the Alaska Heritage Tours tour booking company.

"CIRI Alaska Tourism operates Alaska's best lodges and tours," said Berg. "Our lodges feature some of the state's finest restaurants, and our marine tours let people see, feel and experience the real Alaska."

Berg said CATC's workers are the company's biggest strength.

"They treat our customers like honored guests," Berg said. "Our customer service is outstanding."

Berg said she is cautiously optimistic about the 2009 visitor season. Early bookings indicate it will be a good year, but the economic recession is expected to reduce cruise traffic. CATC



**Sharlene Berg oversaw CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp.'s lodging operations for five years before being recently named as interim chief operating officer.**

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# CIRI Shareholder News

## Shareholder question

**I am turning 65 soon. What do I need to do to make sure I begin to receive Elder payments?**

No action needs to be taken by Elders becoming eligible to receive payments from CIRI's Irrevocable Elders' Settlement Trust. That said, because receiving Elders' payments may cause some individuals to exceed monthly income limitations set by the Social Security Administration and to lose SSI benefits, shortly before each Elders' distribution any newly eligible Elders are sent a letter giving them an opportunity to "opt out" of receiving Elders' payments. If a completed "opt-out" form is returned to CIRI, Elders' payments will not be sent; otherwise, the Elder will receive the next scheduled Elders' payment. As a reminder, recipients of Elders' Trust payments must be:

- 1) original CIRI shareholders;
- 2) 65 years of age or older;
- 3) alive on the date of record for a payment distribution; and
- 4) own at least one share of CIRI stock.

The 2009 schedule for the \$450 quarterly payments is March 13, June 12, Sept. 11 and Dec. 11. The payments were scheduled to occur in the same months as CIRI's quarterly distributions, so as to reduce the number of months that some Elders lose their SSI payments.

## Patrick wins January Stock Will prize

Donald Lee Patrick of New York won the January 2009 Stock Will participation prize. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a Will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI Web site at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). To verify whether you have a Will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

## Shareholder-owned businesses

Ray Ray's Truck and Auto Repair LLC is owned by CIRI shareholder Raymond Rush. Rush has been a mechanic for 8 years and started the business in October 2008. Ray Ray's Truck and Auto Repair offers comprehensive auto repair services, from basic oil changes and tune-ups to engine overhauls.

**Ray Ray's Truck and Auto Repair LLC**  
 103 Harry Street  
 Girard, Ohio 44420  
 (330) 545-6011 (ph)



E-mail [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 263-5146 to submit your shareholder-owned business information.

## 2008 CIRI shareholder tax information

CIRI has mailed IRS 1099 forms to all shareholders for the 2008 tax year. Some shareholders will receive a second 1099 form if they also received 7(j) payments and/or shareholder prizes. The 1099 forms reflect payments including:

- Quarterly dividends (reported in boxes 1a and 1b on Form 1099-DIV)
- Irrevocable Elders' Settlement Trust distributions (reported in boxes 1a, 1b and 3 on Form 1099-DIV)
- 7(j) resource payments (reported in box 3 on Form 1099-MISC)
- Shareholder prizes (reported in box 3 on Form 1099-MISC)

CIRI paid a total of \$35.39 per share (\$3,539 per 100 shares) in 2008 quarterly dividends. These distributions are reported on Form 1099-DIV in box 1a (ordinary dividends) and box 1b (qualified dividends).

*Quarterly dividends and Elders' distributions are reported on Form 1099-DIV.*

The amount reported in box 1a of the 2008 Form 1099-DIV is the total of all taxable distributions CIRI paid in 2008 for quarterly and Modified Elders' Benefit distributions. Box 1b shows the same amount as qualified for a reduced tax rate. Qualified dividends may be less than the total for all distributions for shares inherited in 2008.

If you have held your shares for less than one year or inherited new shares during 2008, please consult your tax advisor for the appropriate treatment of distribution totals reported in box 3 (non-dividend distributions). In some circumstances, depending upon an individual's tax "basis" in their stock, some or all of the box 3 total could be subject to tax.

Distributions received in 2008 from the Elders' Benefit Program are also reported by CIRI on a Form 1099-DIV, both in box 1a (ordinary

dividends) and in box 1b (qualified dividends). However, payments made from the Irrevocable Elders' Settlement Trust had both a taxable and nontaxable component. The taxable distributions are reported on a Form 1099-DIV, both in boxes 1a and 1b, and the nontaxable portion is reported in box 3 (non-dividend distributions). If you received all four of the payments made from CIRI's Irrevocable Elders' Settlement Trust last year, \$551.20 is reported in boxes 1a and 1b, and the remaining \$1,248.80 is reported in box 3.

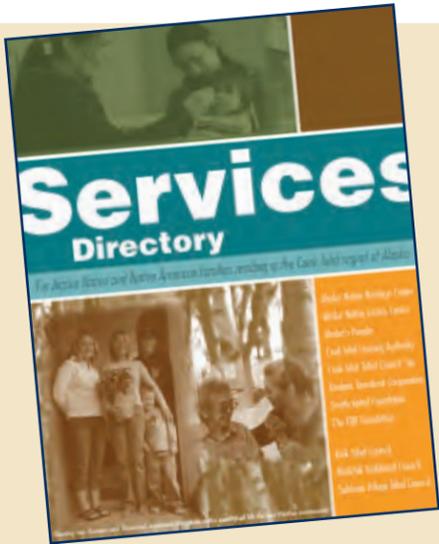
At-large shareholders received a \$10.0349 per share (or \$1,003.49 per 100 shares) 7(j) resource revenue payment in 2008. If you are an at-large shareholder, your 7(j) payment is reported on a Form 1099-MISC in box 3 (other income). The resource revenue payment derives from resource sharing among the 12 regional corporations as required by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Your 7(j) payment appears on a different form because resource revenue payments are not dividends and are not considered investment income. ANCSA requires that resource revenue be paid to village shareholders' village corporations, so that CIRI does not report these payments as individual shareholder income. CIRI reports payments made in 2008 to shareholders for prizes or awards on Form 1099-MISC in box 3 (other income).

*Shareholder prizes and 7(j) resource payments are reported on Form 1099-MISC.*

Remember, it is your responsibility to accurately report your CIRI income on your tax returns. Also, please note that the proper IRS forms and schedules to use when completing your tax return may vary depending upon the types of payments received from CIRI. For example, as stated above, the 7(j) payments CIRI makes to at-large shareholders are reported on a Form 1099-MISC, and IRS instructions stipulate that IRS Form 1040A is not the proper form to use if a Form 1099-MISC was received. CIRI cannot provide tax advice and shareholders are encouraged to consult with a tax advisor regarding individual circumstances and applicable federal and state tax requirements.



## Nonprofit News



### CITC to produce Cook Inlet region services directory

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) assumed the production of The Services Directory for Alaska Native and Other Native American Families, a community directory that has been published by The CIRI Foundation (TCF) since 1999. This helpful guide for Alaska Native and Native American families in the Cook Inlet Region includes a wide range of services such as housing, medical and educational services and child care.

CITC is honored to carry on the tradition that TCF began, and pleased that this vital community service will continue to connect our people with important services. Please contact Elaine K.C. Halloran at [ecooper@citci.com](mailto:ecooper@citci.com) for submission updates and information.

### "Pick-Click-Give" includes CIRI nonprofits

Permanent Fund charitable giving program allows donations online

Alaskans considering donating some or all of their Permanent Fund dividend to the PFD Charitable Contributions Program, known as "Pick-Click-Give," can find organizations in the CIRI family and other Alaska Native entities in the program's list of charitable groups.

Several CIRI nonprofit affiliates are listed in the "Pick-Click-Give" program. The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a well known Anchorage cultural center and museum that educates visitors on the rich heritage of Alaska's indigenous peoples and offers many educational programs for young people. The Alaska Native Justice Center serves as a bridge between Alaska Natives and Alaska's justice systems, providing programs and services that help Alaska Natives address and resolve their legal needs. Cook Inlet Tribal Council offers more than 35 social, educational and employment programs to Alaska Natives and Native Americans living in the Cook Inlet region, serving an average of 12,000 people annually. Koahnic Broadcast Corp. is a media center that brings Native voices to Alaska and the nation through a selection of radio programming broadcast by public and tribal radio stations across the country. Koahnic also owns KNBA 90.3FM, the first Native radio station located in an urban market.

While the CIRI family of nonprofit organizations provides services for Alaska Natives and Native Americans, all Alaskans in Southcentral Alaska benefit indirectly from their programs. The "Pick-Click-Give" program also includes other Alaska Native organizations, such as The Aleut



Image courtesy of Cook Inlet Tribal Council

**CIRI nonprofit organizations provide social, educational, cultural and employment services in the Cook Inlet region and are included in the Alaska Permanent Fund's "Pick-Click-Give" charitable giving program.**

Foundation, the Alutiiq Museum, First Alaskans Institute, Kawerak Inc., Koniag Educational Foundation, Qutekcaq Native Tribe, Sealaska Heritage Institute and Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center.

CIRI encourages its shareholders to consider donating some or all of their Permanent Fund dividend through the "Pick-Click-Give" program. To participate, fill out the Permanent Fund application online at [www.pfd.state.ak.us](http://www.pfd.state.ak.us). After completing the online application, several options for voluntary giving will be offered. Simply choose the Charitable Contributions program option.

For more information, go to [www.pickclickgive.org](http://www.pickclickgive.org).

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won't know how much cruise passenger business to expect before March.

"Our plan is to pay close attention to our expenses and scale our costs to match demand," Berg said. "We only plan to open as many rooms as our lodges can fill, and we'll tailor our boat schedules to make sure the boats only go out when they're full."

Berg moved to Alaska in June 1973. She is originally from Silverton, Ore. She has been married to husband Daniel Berg for 33 years and has two children, Tara and Robert Berg.

CATC is a wholly owned CIRI subsidiary. For more information about the company or its tours, visit [www.alaskaheritagetours.com](http://www.alaskaheritagetours.com).



**Sharlene Berg, now CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp.'s chief operating officer, oversaw its lodging operations, including the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, shown above, for the last five years.**

### CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI Shareholder Relations and the U.S. Postal Service of all address changes. The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record with the shareholder relations department, and should fill out the change of address form in this newsletter, at CIRI's offices, or download it at [www.ciri.com/shareaddress.cfm](http://www.ciri.com/shareaddress.cfm). You can also write a letter, signed by the shareholder, which includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

Ahmama, Bonney Jewell	Frostad, Rolf Edward	Munson, Carol Ann
Anasogak, Wayne Bert	Fuller, Richard Raymond	Nutt, Bambi Laura Laverne
Askay, Egan Hugh	Garrett, Marisa Anita	Oksoktaruk, Benjamin James
Bahr, Kenneth Clayton	Gesulga, Brenda Kay	Osborne, Thomas Albert
Barrett, Terri Lynn	Graves, David Allen Jr.	Peterson, Alan J.
Beach, Alton Lee III	Hand, Mary Joan	Peterson, Jamie Lance
Bostwick, Kelly Susan	Johannes, Kenneth James	Peterson, Michael Gary
Boyle, Kenneth Lawrence	Joy, James A.	Pickens, Diane Mattie
Bright, Steven Patrick	Katchatag, Bruce Arnold	Richardson, Gary A.
Brown, James Patrick	Keene, Lisa Lyn	Saffice, Marlene Annette
Bushey, Daniel James	Ketcham, Colleena Ann	Sampson, Jeanita Kim
Butler, Elizabeth M.	Kirsch, Cindy Lee	Santana, Xavier Emmanuel
Buzby, Janice Roberta	Komakhuk, Samuel Leonard	Schweitzer, Edward James
Chapman, Oliver Wendell	Kreun, Daniel Lee	Scott, Monika Louise
Cook, Tilford Don	LaFrance, Andrew Gene	Segura, David Lee Jr.
Copeland, Louise Ann	Larsen, Lorna Kay	Serradell, William Frank
Criss, Rose Marie	Long, Edward Ralph	Sonnen, Jennifer Renae
Crow, Don Dale-Lief	Lopez, Darren Lee	Sorensen, Viola
Dennehy, Timothy Joseph Jr.	Mack, Chester David	Soxie, Dalene Ruth
Dennis, Pondador Lee	Mack, Jennifer Lee	Stepanoff, Oleana
Finley, George Evane III	Manook, Arlene Lois	Takeuchi, Veronica Ann
Fortenberry, Ernest Edward	Mark, Helena Dimmick	Tootkaylok, Raymond Paul
Foss, Leonard Lee	McComsey, Angela VCL	Venturi, Sidney William
Frale, Wesley Frank	Miller, Michael Keith	Williams, Emmanuel Charles
Free, Matilda Marion	Moore, Shaun Michael	

## In Touch with shareholders



Image courtesy of Saundra Noble  
**Shyann Kennedy Bartley**

### Baby Shyann

CIRI descendant Shyann Kennedy Bartley was born Oct. 29, 2008, to proud parents Benjamin Bartley and CIRI shareholder Saundra Noble. Shyann weighed 10 pounds, 12 ounces. She is the granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Carol Endresen, Maneefa Bartley from St. Paul Island, Alaska, and Alfred Capsul from Holy Cross, Alaska. She is the great-granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Angeline Galbraith from Koyukuk, Alaska, and the late Carl Noble of Tanana, Alaska.

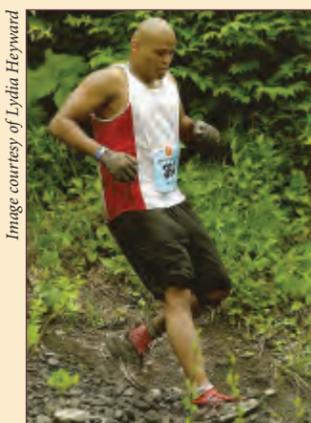


Image courtesy of Lydia Heyward

### Master of Public Administration

CIRI shareholder Michael L. Heyward earned his Master of Public Administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage in December 2008. Michael is the son of CIRI shareholder Lydia and Christopher Heyward and the grandson of CIRI shareholder Jennie Larson, all of Anchorage. Michael is an avid outdoorsman and the father of two children, Terrell and Marissa.

**Michael L. Heyward competing in Seward's Mt. Marathon race on July 4, 2008**



Image courtesy of Ruth Oskolkoff  
**Ruth Ann Oskolkoff**

### Master of Arts in Humanities

CIRI shareholder Ruth Ann Oskolkoff graduated Dec. 31, 2008, with a Master of Arts in Humanities from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is the daughter of the late CIRI shareholder John Charles Young from Anchorage and granddaughter of the late Daria Oskolkoff, from Ninilchik, Alaska. She will participate in the graduate hooding ceremony in Carson, Calif., in May. Ruth also possesses a certificate in poetry writing from the University of Washington and plans to finalize a book of poems she is writing.

Ruth is grateful to The CIRI Foundation, which not only funded scholarships for her education, but also instilled the idea that it is possible to gain a quality education. Ruth serves on CIRI's Lower 48 Shareholder Participation Committee.

### Baby Misty

CIRI shareholder Kathy King is proud to announce the birth of her second granddaughter, Misty Mildred Kay Waskey. Misty was born Jan. 1 at 6:36 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Misty's parents are Karena Elsie Anne King and Ernest Waskey. Baby Misty joins her 2-year-old sister, Sarena.

## Corporate Citizenship *continued from page 1*

disabled adults, from 1990 to 1996. She was a founding board member and board chair of The CIRI Foundation.

**Sophie Minich** currently serves as a director of The CIRI Foundation, Anchorage Economic Development Corp. and School of Business Partnership. She is a trustee of Alaska Regional Hospital and the CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust.

**Patrick Duke** serves as chairman of the Blood Bank of Alaska's board of directors. He also serves as a director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska.

**Barbara Donatelli** serves on the boards of directors of the Anchorage Museum Association, the Imaginarium and Cook Inlet Housing Authority. She co-chaired the 2002 United Way of Anchorage annual Community Giving Campaign, which achieved its \$9.4 million goal. Donatelli is a member of the Anchorage Downtown Rotary Club and a past director of Catholic Social Services, Breast Cancer Focus Inc., Alaska Children's Trust, Food Bank of Alaska, the Alaska Council on Economic Education and the BP Board of Community Advisors.

**Ethan Schutt** serves on the board of directors of Covenant House Alaska, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Resource Development Council. He served on the board of directors of Doyon Ltd. From 2003 to 2006, and as the board's secretary from 2004 to 2006.

**Bruce Anders** has served as a Special Olympics event organizer and contributed four years of weekly legal columns to an Alaska Bush newspaper. He also organized the "Wheels to Heels" Triathlon in Bethel, Alaska, an annual multi-sport community event.

**Stig Colberg** supports United Way, a number of conservation organizations and several education-focused nonprofit entities.

**Greg Jones** serves on the board of directors of Alaska Academic Decathlon and the Covenant House Building Committee.

**Greg Razo** serves as a director of The CIRI Foundation and Alaska Legal Services Corp. He previously served as a director of CIRI and Cook Inlet Tribal Council.

**Ashley Schmiedeskamp** is a past officer of the Anchorage Estate Planning Council. He served on the board of trustees of Walla Walla College in Washington and as a trustee of the Anchorage Senior Center Endowment



**CIRI's executive team. Seated, from left to right: Greg Jones, vice president of real estate; Greg Razo, vice president of government contracting; Margie Brown, president and chief executive officer; and Sophie Minich, chief operating officer. Standing, from left to right: Bruce Anders, general counsel; Ashley Schmiedeskamp, vice president of business development; Barbara Donatelli, senior vice president of administration and government relations; Patrick Duke, chief financial officer; Stig Colberg, vice president of business development; and Ethan Schutt, senior vice president of land and legal affairs.**

## Hyatt *continued from page 1*

televisions; 24-hour fitness centers; and panels that allow guests to connect laptops, MP3 players, DVD players or other portable media devices to the television.

There are approximately 130 Hyatt Place hotels in key business and leisure markets throughout the country. Hyatt Place was named the top mid-scale full service brand

in the J.D. Power and Associates 2008 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index.

The Sonterra project is located in north San Antonio on a 21.5-acre parcel of land next to U.S. Highway 281, an important highway artery into and out of the city. CIRI acquired the former federal surplus land as a result of the Cook Inlet Land Exchange.



**Rendering of the 1400 Sonterra office park development, with the Hyatt Place circled in red.**

## Condolences

**Pamela Anne Darwin, 52**  
Pamela Anne Darwin died Oct. 3, 2008, at home in Palmer. Ms. Darwin was born Feb. 24, 1956, in Seattle, Wash. She is survived by her husband, Gary Darwin; daughters, Heather Betts and Anna Lockhart; son, Lawrence Darwin; and father, Sam Biggar.

**Nora Martha DeSylva, 84**  
Nora Martha DeSylva died Nov. 13, 2008, at the South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, Alaska. Ms. DeSylva was born Dec. 24, 1923, in Kakhonak, Alaska. She is survived by her sons, Edward A. DeSylva and Ralph Norman DeSylva.

**Jimmy James Johnson, 74**  
Jimmy James Johnson died Sept. 10, 2008, at home in Saint Marys, Alaska. Mr. Johnson was born July 30, 1934, in Mountain Village, Alaska. He is survived by his daughters, Betty E. McIntosh, Adeline and Linda Johnson; sons, Michael, Clarence and Kenneth Johnson; granddaughters, Jennifer, Janine and Emily Arnold and Rene, Katelyn and Celina Johnson; and grandsons, Barry, Keefe and Kalen McIntosh, Earl and Carlton Johnson and Christopher Arnold.

### Condolences

William R. Edelen, 63  
Anita Carolyn McClure, 76  
Marie Margaret Silook, 26

## CIRI Spotlight: Chrystal Moon

CIRI shareholder on the front line of health care in Tyonek

CIRI shareholder Chrystal Marie Moon is the only health aide in her village of Tyonek, Alaska, and that means high stress and being on-call virtually any moment of the day for a minor health concern or a serious injury or illness.

Health aides provide direct care, and that may be during normal business hours, or it may be at night or on weekends or holidays.

For Moon, it's all part of the job. And while the stress and responsibility weigh down one side of the coin, she points out that the flip side is "the satisfaction and the joy of being able to give back and enjoy what I do and be able to call it a job."

Moon isn't satisfied with standing still and recently attained the Community Health Aide IV Status, after successful completion of a month-long commitment to elevating her skill set at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's Community Health Aide Program Training Program in Anchorage late last year.

The 30-year-old Moon is the daughter of Arnie and Susanna Moon, and the granddaughter of Susanna Tumbleson. She is the great-granddaughter of Nora McCord.

"I relocated back to Tyonek in 2005 where my maternal family is from. I grew up and was raised in Anchorage," she said. "I am the proud mother of Christy DeAnn, 12; Dominic-James Kolea, 10; Desmond Ka'eo, 10; and Dulcinea-Jade Ku'uipo Roselani, 5."

Becoming a Health Aide has taken a lot of dedication on Moon's part. As a prerequisite, she attained her ETT (Emergency Trauma Technician) status as well as her EMT I status. Prior to beginning her Health Aide career, Moon graduated with honors from Certified Medical Assisting training and also Phlebotomy training. She said The CIRI Foundation (TCF) assisted with scholarship funding for both.

Moon said she feels that her cultural background is a big plus for her in Tyonek because it helps her connect with people. Moon said among the health issues in Tyonek is the prevalence of diabetes. She is



*Chrystal Moon and her four children display her certificate at the graduation ceremony of her Community Health Aide IV training at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage on Nov. 21, 2008.*

also concerned about obesity, tobacco use and alcohol abuse.

Moon said education is important to her because of how it benefits her as well as her children. She feels it's important for her children to see that education never ends and that there are opportunities for all.

Moon credits her parents as being her mentors and said she is inspired by their dedication to their children's happiness. She also credits her Aunt Betty for her no-nonsense advice and her CHAP advisors Paul Hagar and Carolyn Craig, her supervisor Cassandra Trenton and previous health aide Walter Starkloff for their mentoring. Moon also said she is also grateful to Dr. Shanda Lohse, her referral doctor from Southcentral Foundation, and her case manager, Susan Thompson.

Moon said her advice for young people (and those young at heart) is to focus on education. "Always move forward. Road blocks may slow you down but don't stop moving forward even if you have to take a step back to redirect. Take a look at where you are and what you want. Don't lose sight of your goals. Keep working and take each day for what it is. Don't give up."

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