



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich

It is my pleasure to wish our shareholders and their families a wonderful holiday season. As we celebrate the gifts of the season, may your home be filled with joy, your heart with gratitude and your life with love.

Earthquake Update

At 8:29 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Southcentral Alaska. The epicenter was about 10 miles north of Anchorage, with tremors felt as far away as Fairbanks. Residents have experienced many aftershocks in the days and weeks since.

I am profoundly grateful to share that no deaths or serious injuries occurred as a result of the quake. After the 1964 Good Friday earthquake, Alaska adopted some of the most stringent building standards in the nation to help structures withstand seismic activity.

CIRI's corporate headquarters at 725 East Fireweed Lane fared very well, with only minor damage. We are indebted to the architects, building code enforcement officers, contractors, designers and engineers who assisted us in constructing such a strong, safe building.

We were very sorry to have had to cancel CIRI's Fifth Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar. Work and safety crews were occupying our building the weekend after the quake, assessing damages and cleaning up broken glass and other debris. For the health and safety of all involved, it was necessary to cancel this year's event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Craft Bazaar. Until then, we encourage you to support CIRI's family of artists throughout the year. CIRI gives Alaska Native artists the opportunity to sell their handmade crafts every Tuesday and Thursday at the Fireweed Business Center. You can also connect with CIRI shareholder and descendant artists via our online [Alaska Native Artist Directory](#).

Helping our Neighbors

While CIRI was fully operational the Monday after the quake, others were not so fortunate. The building that houses CIRI-affiliated nonprofits The CIRI Foundation (TCF), Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) and Koahnic Broadcast Corporation/KNBA 90.3 was badly damaged.

- Although we are not sure when TCF's offices will return to full service capacity, until such time occurs, CIRI is pleased to offer TCF temporary office space in our building. TCF has set up basic and limited operations, including email, its online application system and main phone line. Please note that staff are not set up to assist applicants in person at this time.
- CITC's efforts to relocate programs and services as quickly and efficiently as possible remain ongoing. Staff have set up temporary offices in locations throughout Anchorage, and the majority of CITC departments and subsidiaries are operating at 100 percent or near complete service. Employee capacity and participant services have resumed at some level across all departments.
- KNBA 90.3 operations have temporarily relocated and the station is broadcasting at a limited capacity. KNBA and Native Voice One streaming services are not available, while The RIVR stream is running.

We are grateful that the staff of TCF, CITC and KNBA are safe and well. The most up-to-date information is available on each organization's website and/or Facebook page.

CIRI Office Closure

As a reminder, CIRC offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 through Tuesday, Jan. 1, and will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2. We look forward to serving our shareholders in the New Year! Should you have a time-critical request to verify the distributions paid to you during the office closure, you may generate a dividend confirmation via [Qenek](#).

Upcoming Deadlines

- The deadline for quarterly [prize drawing participation](#) for confirmed descendants, direct deposit, eNews and stock will is Monday, Dec. 31.
- The deadline to apply for CIRC's [Next Generation Day](#) and [Pop-Up Art Contest](#) is Friday, Jan 4. (Next Generation Day will take place Monday, Jan. 21 at CIRC's corporate offices in Anchorage.)
- CIRC shareholders interested in nomination to the 2019 CIRC Board of Directors' candidate slate must complete and return a [candidate nominee application](#) to CIRC by 3 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Tuesday, Jan. 15.
- The [Youth Educational Incentive Prize](#) drawing deadline is 3 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Thursday, Jan. 31. This date is also the deadline for IRS Forms 1099 to be mailed to shareholders (available in the [Qenek](#) portal earlier).

This communication will replace the December 2018 Raven's Circle newsletter. We will resume our regular Raven's Circle publication schedule next month. As a reminder, 2019 CIRC Calendars will be hitting mailboxes soon. Please keep an eye out for yours! If you are a shareholder and have not received a calendar by Jan. 18, please [contact us](#).

In closing, I would like to recognize the employees at CIRC and our subsidiaries who work diligently and proudly to fulfill the company's mission of promoting the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders, each and every day.

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful holiday season,

Sophie Minich