



A rendering of the Maple Springs of Anchorage project, a 107,756-square-foot assisted living and memory care facility due to be completed in 2021.

# CIRI INVESTS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Maple Springs of Anchorage will represent the company's foray into assisted living and memory care

Changing demographics will shape Alaska's future economy.

Compared to other states, Alaska's population growth rate is not exceptionally high, and the overall demographic is generally younger. However, the growth rate for the senior segment of the population (those 65 and older) is expected to far outpace the national average (139% versus 81% growth). In 2018, Alaska's senior population grew more than 5%, while the under-18 and 18-64 age groups each declined 0.9%.

For many years, Alaska's senior housing market has struggled to meet the needs of its older residents, especially in areas outside of Anchorage. Currently, there is a limited supply of investment-grade assisted living facilities, with care and housing rates nearly 50% higher than those in the Lower 48. In light of this, and given that Alaska's senior population is expected to more than double from 2009 to 2034, CIRI has identified the assisted living and memory care sector as a potential investment opportunity.

"Studies show that two-thirds of seniors will ultimately need some form of long-term care," said CIRI Real Estate Manager Kiya Irwin. "As Alaska's population ages, high-quality assisted living opportunities will become increasingly important for health care."

While most seniors prefer to remain in their own homes, the worsening of a condition, a fall, death of a spouse or partner, or even a desire for increased socialization can trigger the need for care at an assisted living facility.

As they begin to play an increasingly important role in the communities in which they operate, investing in assisted living is one of the best bets for real estate investment. More than just a promising business opportunity, such developments provide security, socialization and support for older adults well into their golden years.

"Investments into growth areas are an important part of CIRI's business strategy," CIRI Chief Operating Officer

Chad Nugent explained. "With local demographic trends outpacing national patterns, CIRI made a decision to develop an assisted living facility in Anchorage. We are certain this will be a successful development."

The project, Maple Springs of Anchorage, is being built on CIRI-owned land in South Anchorage. Having spent several years searching for the right partner, CIRI ultimately chose Utah-based senior housing developer and operator Maple Springs to construct and operate the 107-unit assisted living and memory care facility. The building is being constructed by Cadence General Contractors. Additional land acreage is available for future expansion as demand strengthens.

The 107,756-square-foot facility will feature high-quality finishes and furniture. Three meals will be prepared by an executive chef and served daily in the restaurantstyle dining area. Planned amenities include activity rooms, computer labs, an ice-cream parlor, library, movie theater, and salon and spa.

Preliminary civil work began in October and construction is expected to begin next summer, with substantial completion in early 2021.

Maple Springs has vast experience developing, managing and operating assisted living and memory care facilities. In Alaska, its communities include the newly opened Maple Springs of Wasilla and Maple Springs of Palmer.

"Maple Springs of Anchorage will provide assisted living services in an upscale, home-like community," Nugent said. "By offering personalized care, first-class service and opportunities for socialization, we look forward to bringing something new to the Anchorage senior housing market."

As construction commences in summer 2020, more information will become available in the Raven's Circle and at maplespringsliving.com/anchorage.

# »» SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT

# **Thomas Yates**

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, CIRI shareholder Thomas Yates (Athabascan) wanted to fight. "When I went to enlist, I was told my ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test scores were



high enough that I could become an officer and attend West Point, but I told the recruiter no—all I wanted to do was fight for my country."

As part of the first combat unit to go into Iraq in 2003, Thomas did just that. But little did he know the real fight would begin once he returned home.

Thomas inherited CIRI shares from his grandmother, original enrollee Virginia McMillan, whose family originally hails from Point Possession, Alaska. His mother, Janice Yates, is also an original shareholder. Thomas was born and raised in Oklahoma.

After graduating high school in 1997, Thomas came to Alaska on a CIRI-funded placement with one of Peak Oilfield Service's stick-picker crews. He enjoyed the work so much that he returned the following summer. "We worked 10-hour days, seven days a week, but it was fun and good money," Thomas said. "I'd only been in Alaska once before, so establishing that personal connection as a young adult really made a difference as far as my level of engagement with CIRI."

In 2002, almost a year to the day after the 9/11 attacks, Thomas walked into an Army recruiter's office. After signing up, he trained as a cavalry scout, graduating basic training in February 2003. He was assigned to his unit in early March and one week later was deployed to Iraq.

Thomas's unit performed reconnaissance missions, one of the most dangerous jobs in the military. Recon units gather intelligence, scout out enemy areas, perform dismounted patrols and conduct route-clearance operations.

In 2003, the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency developed a set of 52 "most-wanted" playing cards to help troops identify the prominent

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

Last month, I was pleased and honored to distribute the proceeds from this year's CIRI Golf Classic to three deserving nonprofit organizations that focus on youth and education.

Every year since 1983, participants eagerly anticipate CIRI's popular Golf Classic, which raises money for local charities. In its early days, proceeds from the event supported The CIRI Foundation. When the foundation reached its endowment goal, the tournament expanded to benefit other programs that focus on youth and education throughout the Cook Inlet region.

The whole community plays an essential role in the growth, development and success of its young people. While parents and guardians form the "first line" of defense, the broader community also has a responsibility to ensure our children's physiological needs are met and that they are supported and nurtured as they move through life.

These are critical times for our young people. Hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts to Alaska's fiscal year 2020 budget mean less money for public schools and Head Start programs. Over a three-year period, the University of Alaska system will be hit with a 20% reduction in state funding. Already, university enrollment is down 9.3% statewide and state legislators were told in a recent hearing that 27% of staff at the University of Alaska Anchorage are seeking jobs elsewhere (normal university turnover is less than 5%).

In Alaska, 15% of children and 30% of Alaska Native/American Indian children live below the federal poverty threshold. According to the National Center for Children in Poverty, poverty poses the single greatest threat to children's well-being. Effective public policies—to provide health care, child care and early-learning experiences to young people—can make a difference, but sweeping cuts to education, Medicaid and homeless services in Alaska mean our most vulnerable citizens face increasingly dire circumstances.

Nonprofit organizations play a vital role in building healthy communities by providing critical services that contribute to economic stability and mobility. In these times of growing needs and dwindling state resources, they're being called on more than ever.

With donations raised from the 2019 CIRI Golf Classic, the following organizations received funds to help them carry out their missions here in Alaska:

- Alaska Children's Services/AK Child & Family, which brings hope to troubled youth through a range of mental health services;
- Camp Fire Alaska's Before and After School Programs, which offer kids challenging activities and learning experiences while also providing support for working families; and
- Catholic Social Services' Clare House, a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and children.

I would like to thank the many generous sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this year's tournament a success. The sold-out event drew 150 participants and many others played a part by providing sponsorships, donating prizes or purchasing raffle tickets.

The 2020 CIRI Golf Classic will be held Aug. 7 in Anchorage. Proceed recipient solicitation will run



Jan. 1 to Feb. 21, 2020. Beneficiaries will be selected based on financial need, with preference given first to organizations/programs and nonprofits within the CIRI family, then to programs that benefit Alaska Native people, education and/or youth programs. To download an application, visit http://cirigolf.com and click the "Proceed Recipients" tab at the top.

Warm regards.



# **BOARD CORNER**

A Message from CIRI Board Chair Doug Fifer

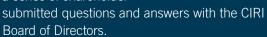
# Your CIRI Board of Directors wants to hear from you!

One of the CIRI Board of Director's primary goals is ensuring the financial health and growth of the corporation for the benefit of our shareholders, now and into the future. An important part of this duty is keeping you, our fellow shareholders, apprised of the corporation's activities. We should collectively learn from our challenges and celebrate our successes along the way.

Your Board strives to connect with shareholders at events like CIRI's Friendship Potlatches, Information Meetings and the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. We also regularly interact with members of the CIRI Shareholder Participation Committees (SPCs). Our hope is that through these avenues, along with written and digital communications such as the Annual Report, CIRI website, Raven's Circle newsletter and social media channels, shareholders remain informed and feel connected to their corporation.

From the Board's perspective, anytime we have the chance to engage with our shareholders, it is an opportunity for us to learn from you—how you view your corporation, what we can do better and how to keep you best informed. CIRI's SPCs have done an excellent job of assisting in this regard by providing a vital link between CIRI and its shareholders.

We understand that our shareholders are spread across the globe and engaging in person isn't always an option. Therefore, the Board is asking for your input and questions in the coming months for a new project we're working on. "Ask the Board" will feature a series of shareholder-



The Board wants to hear your questions about your corporation, be it lands, investments, business operations or anything else on your mind. We will choose a few questions each month and provide answers to them through a video series that CIRI will produce and post online. We hope that this new opportunity to engage with each other will be an impactful way to continue to communicate and work together.

Please join us in learning more about your corporation! We want to hear from you, and we are excited to start this conversation. Email the CIRI Board of Directors your questions, along with your full name and contact information, at board@ciri.com. We hope to hear from many of you in the coming months and look forward to our virtual visits!

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# **RUSSIAN TEA**

This warm, spiced, shelf-stable beverage mix is popular in Alaska and makes a great gift!

**START TO FINISH:** 10 minutes **SERVINGS:** 72-80 per batch

# INGREDIENTS:

20 ounces orange powdered drink mix, such as Tang

1¼ cups granulated sugar

½ cup unsweetened lemon iced-tea powder mix

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves

# **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Combine ingredients and store in an air-tight jar.
- 2. To serve: Mix 2 heaping teaspoons in 1 cup boiling water. Can add extra sugar to taste or sweeten with cinnamon imperials, such as Red Hots.



CIRI employees assembled 200 blessing bags as part of the company's Values Week celebration, held Sept. 23-27.

# CIRI in the COMMUNITY

#### **Cook Inlet Tribal Council Blessing Bags**

Each September, CIRI employees celebrate the anniversary of the company's corporate values: Mission Driven, Excellence, Honor, Respect and Unity. Developed in 2015 by a group of employees from all levels and departments, CIRI's values are expressed throughout the company, from the Board of Directors and executive management team, to each and every employee of the organization. We hold ourselves to these values as standards of professional conduct in our interactions with shareholders, descendants, business partners and customers, members of our community and each other.

On Sept. 26, as a show of Respect—"treat people with dignity, show empathy"—CIRI employees participated in an all-staff volunteer activity to put together blessing bags. Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) Child and

Family Services program staff then distributed the bags, which contained warm socks, gloves and toiletry items, to homeless individuals and to Anchorage nonprofits that serve the homeless population.

"It's amazing what we can accomplish when we come together around a common goal," said Corporate Administrator Rachel Batres, who oversees CIRI's community relations program. "We were able to assemble 200 blessing bags in just a few minutes because we took an all-hands-on-deck approach. CITC was incredibly grateful to have the bags, especially as temperatures drop around the Anchorage area."

For more information about CITC's Child and Family Services program, visit citci.org/child-family.

# APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN: 2020 NEXT GEN DAY

# **₩CIRI NEXT GEN**

CIRI's Next Gen Day provides an inside look into the company and future opportunities available to CIRI youth. Participants will learn about CIRI and its family of companies, gain exposure to future career paths and participate in Alaska Native cultural activities.

Interested young people—who must be a CIRI shareholder or confirmed CIRI descendant between 10 years old through high-school age are invited to complete an application. The parent or legal guardian of each minor must approve the minor's participation and arrange for his or

2020 Next Gen Day will be held Monday, Jan. 20. January to coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Anchorage School District holiday.

The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 3. encouraged to apply!

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individuals in Saddam Hussein's regime. "We were looking for those people," Thomas explained. "We were some of the first troops to go through the Anbar Province—Fallujah, Haditha, Ramadi—trying to find

Thomas was in Iraq about a year when the Humvee he was riding in hit a ditch and flipped. He was thrown from the vehicle and sustained a traumatic brain injury, rotator-cuff tear, back injury and three broken ribs.

"I was hurt bad enough that I couldn't do my job anymore," Thomas said. "The Army told me I could stay in and work behind a desk or get out, and I said I wanted out.

"Even with everything that happened to me, for anyone who wants to enlist, I say go for it," he continued. "I liked being with the guys, the camaraderie, getting to see the real story as opposed to what's on the news. Most of the Iraqi people we dealt with were some of the best people I've met very kind, very giving. I knew I couldn't get that experience sitting behind a desk."

After serving three and a half years, in 2006, Thomas was honorably discharged and given a 100% disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

What followed were dark times.

"We did a lot of bad stuff (in Iraq), and I had lots of mental health problems," he said. "On my unit's second deployment, which I wasn't part of because of my injuries, we lost a lot of men. When I got home, I acted as if nothing was wrong; what I did for a long

time was drink, just kind of self-medicating and trying to destroy myself."

This went on for about five years. "What changed my life was when my wife and I adopted our daughter in 2012," Thomas said. "She's full-blooded Sioux Indian, and the birth mother chose us in part because I'm a Native person. Four years later, we adopted her biological brother. We adopted them both as infants and now they're 7 and 4."

In May, Thomas graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a social sciences degree. He recently landed a job with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in permanency planning, which entails returning children who have been removed from home as soon as is safely possible or placing them with another legally permanent family.

Thomas has served on CIRI's Shareholder Participation Committee since 2017 (his term expires June 2020). With the goal of increasing two-way communication between CIRI and its shareholders, identifying issues of immediate and long-term importance to shareholders and descendants, and educating shareholders and descendants on the corporation's mission and values, business operations, corporate policies, shareholder and descendant opportunities and other matters, the SPC provides a vital link between CIRI and its shareholders.

The SPC is comprised of three subcommittees – the Anchorage Committee; the Alaska Committee, made up of shareholders who live in Alaska outside of Anchorage; and the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee. Thomas serves on the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee.

When he was in Alaska for the June SPC meeting, "I heard them talking about the CIRI C3 Experience and told them I wanted to help, so they flew me up as a chaperone. I was there the whole time and slept in the boys' cabin. I thought it was fun; I love kids and relate to them. After camp ended, one of the kids asked for my email so we could correspond. We still talk every other day."

Though he resides in a predominately white community, Thomas works hard to instill cultural pride in his children. "Last year, my daughter came home from school and asked me, 'Why am I darker than everyone else?' I told her, 'You're more special than everyone else,' and explained to her how she is Native American and how our people were here before any of these other people were here."

"One of the reasons I wanted to serve on the SPC is so I could come to Alaska, visit with family and try to learn more on my own," Thomas said. "If you're a shareholder who lives outside Alaska, try and learn as much as you can. Look at the website. Call and ask questions. Everyone is helpful. You can even email the individual SPC members. There are so many opportunities, including educational funding through The CIRI Foundation."

For a list of current SPC members and their contact information, visit www.ciri.com/ shareholders/being-a-shareholder/shareholderparticipation-committees/current-members. For information on educational and careerdevelopment funding through The CIRI Foundation, visit www.thecirifoundation.org.

# ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT APPLICATION PERIOD TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 2020

The John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, which was signed into law March 12, 2019, includes a provision (Sec. 1119) to help Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam War era select up to 160 acres of land in Alaska.

#### **Veteran Eligibility**

Eligibility is extended to any Alaska Native person who:

- 1. Served in the armed forces between Aug. 5, 1964, and Dec. 31, 1971; and
- **2.** Does not have a pending application or has not already received an allotment of land.

For this purpose, "Alaska Native person" is the same as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). The land allotment provision also includes members of the Metlakatla Indian Community. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will certify that an individual is an Alaska Native person, as defined by ANCSA.

# Other Eligibility

In the case of a deceased qualifying veteran, the personal representative of the estate, acting on behalf of the heirs of the deceased veteran, will also be able to apply for an allotment.

# How do I apply?

Applications are not yet available. Before applications can be accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, must prepare a list of potential applicants based on their service dates. The BIA will use the list to identify the potential applicants based on their Alaska Native heritage, and the BLM will review the list for those who have already received allotments. The BLM is also charged with drafting the regulations that will guide the program and identifying public lands that will be available for allotment.

Once BLM has worked through all of the processes, eligible Alaska Native veterans who served during Vietnam era will be notified to apply with a direct mailing in 2020.

Accordingly, it is imperative you ensure your contact information is kept current with the following agencies:

- BIA
  - Enrollment Verification: (907) 271-4506 Realty: (907) 271-4104
- Veterans Affairs: www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits
- Your Alaska Native Tribal entity, if applicable

For the most current information, visit www.blm. gov/ak-native-vietnam-vet-land-allotment-2019.

# **VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

Efforts underway to locate missing Alaska Territorial Guard members



With respect, honor and gratitude, CIRI would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

According to the National Congress of American Indians, Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people serve in the U.S. military in greater numbers any other ethnic group, with more than 24,000 current active duty AN/AI service members.

During World War II, approximately 6,300 Alaska Territorial Guard (ATG) members, known as the "Eskimo Scouts," safeguarded the only source of the strategic metal platinum in the Western Hemisphere against Japanese attack; secured the terrain around the vital Lend-Lease air route between the U.S. and Russia; and placed and maintained survival caches along transportation corridors and coastal regions—all without pay. In 2000, U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens sponsored a bill ordering the defense secretary to issue honorable discharges to all ATG members. The bill was signed into law by President George W. Bush.

An ATG task force was subsequently formed to find and assist ATG veterans, their families, dependents and survivors in receiving all the benefits and rewards entitled to them.

For more information, including discharge rosters listing the names of ATG members and ATG applications and instructions, visit http://veterans.alaska.gov/ATG.

IMPORTANT DATES	
NOV. 28, 2019	Thanksgiving: CIRI offices closed
NOV. 29, 2019	Native American Heritage Day: CIRI offices closed
DEC. 2, 2019	Fourth quarter change of address and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.
DEC. 7, 2019	CIRI Holiday Craft Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., CIRI Fireweed Business Center
DEC. 10, 2019	CIRI Settlement Trust distribution
DEC. 13, 2019	CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust distribution
DEC. 24, 2019- Jan. 1, 2020	Christmas and New Year's holidays: CIRI offices closed
JAN. 3, 2020	Deadline to apply for CIRI's Next Gen Day; more info at www.ciri.com/nextgen
JAN. 13, 2020	Deadline to apply for the CIRI Board slate: 3 p.m.; more info at www.ciri.com in the near future
JAN. 20, 2020	<ul><li>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</li><li>CIRI Next Gen Day</li></ul>
JAN. 31, 2020	<ul><li>IRS Forms 1099 mailed NLT today; posted in Qenek earlier</li><li>Youth Educational Incentive</li></ul>

#### **CIRI HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE**

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, CIRI offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. They will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Drawing Entry Deadline

During the closure, shareholders may continue to access the portal at https://qenek.ciri.com to perform a variety of record changes, produce payment confirmation reports and find the answers to many frequently asked questions.

We wish all our shareholders and their families a safe and joyful holiday season!

# **WINNERS' CIRCLE**

To increase participation in certain programs, CIRI holds periodic prize drawings from the names of those enrolled who meet certain criteria and have a current mailing address with CIRI. **If CIRI has returned mail,** a **different winner will be selected.** Visit the CIRI website or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 to learn more. The following shareholders have been selected as winners for the most recent CIRI drawings:

# STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES

\$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- July Larry Marks
- August Individual wishes to remain anonymous
- September Nancy Hunt

Third quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

Patricia Bryce

Must have a valid will on file that complies with CIRI's fractional share policy.

# **DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING**

Third quarter drawing for \$500:

Lorilee Nelkie

The direct deposit instruction must be current with CIRI to win.

# **ENEWSLETTER DRAWING**

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

• Leonard Joe Jr.

Must be enrolled in the eNewsletter program with a valid email address on file.

# CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

• Cora Clark

Direct lineal descendants of CIRI shareholders who are not themselves shareholders, who have submitted legal documents substantiating descent and who have a valid email address on file.

# **QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING**

Third quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:

Sherri Spratt

# »» NONPROFITSPOTLIGHT

# The CIRI Foundation

The third in a series highlighting the CIRI family of nonprofits

A private foundation established 37 years ago by the CIRI Board of Directors, The CIRI Foundation (TCF) has contributed more than \$35.5 million for the Alaska Native beneficiaries of CIRI to participate in post-secondary education. TCF offers funding for postsecondary education through scholarships, vocational training grants, individual fellowships, research and other education projects. A variety of village and Tribal scholarships and grants are available as well.

Prior to the establishment of TCF, CIRI awarded scholarships through two programs: the CIRI-H&N Scholarship Program and the CIRI/ARCO Scholarship Program. TCF was incorporated on July 9, 1982.

TCF's primary purpose was, and continues to be, expanding and enhancing the educational assistance programs made available to original CIRI shareholders and their direct lineal descendants. However, TCF's Raven Fund, created in 2015, offers funding to other Alaska Native voting shareholders of CIRI.

Individual TCF scholarship and grant opportunities

• General scholarships: Awarded to CIRI original enrollees or direct lineal descendants, up to \$6,000 per academic year for full-time students and up to \$5,500 for part-time students.



- Vocational training grants: Awarded to CIRI original enrollees or direct lineal descendants, up to \$5,500 per calendar year for students enrolled in a technical skill-training program.
- Raven Fund: Applicants are eligible for up to \$3,000 per term for full-time students and up to \$2,500 for part-time students, or up to \$5,500 per calendar year for vocational students. High-school students concurrently enrolled in a recognized or accredited college, training program or other authorized postsecondary education course of study are eligible for the Jump Start Award, which awards up to \$2,000 per calendar year.

**Project grants** are offered to nonprofit organizations, Tribal organizations and individuals. They include 1) Education Project Grants, 2) Heritage Project Grants and 3) A Journey to What Matters: Increased Alaska Native Arts and Culture Project Grants. Grants are available to support projects that affect and/ or involve Alaska Native beneficiaries of CIRI and further the education and heritage goals of TCF.

For more information, visit www.thecirifoundation.org.



# NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

History. Culture. Spirit. Pride.



National Native American Heritage Month is a celebration of the contributions America's First Peoples have made to the establishment and growth of the U.S.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

This November, please join CIRI in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people. While there is vast cultural diversity among the United States' more than 2,000 Tribal groups, Indigenous people played a significant role in the history of the Americas.

Long before their contact with Europeans, Indigenous people populated the present-day U.S. and were successful stewards and managers of the land.

European contact resulted in exposure to diseases, displacement and wars, devastating the underlying foundations of AN/AI societies.

Native people continue to fight to maintain the integrity and viability of Indigenous societies; our history is one of cultural persistence, creative adaptation, renewal and resilience.

CIRI is proud to count among its more than 9,100 shareholders virtually every Alaska Native group— Aleut/Unangax, Alutiiq/Sugpiaq, Athabascan, Haida, Inupiat, Tlingit, Tsimshian and Yup'ik. We recognize our diversity, respect our differences and celebrate our unity as Native people.

For more information, visit nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov.

# TCF PRESIDENT AND CEO **CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**



Anderson receives a resolution recognizing her 20 years of dedicated service from TCF Board Chair Jeff Gonnason. Photo courtesy of TCF.

In October, original CIRI shareholder Susan Anderson (Tlingit) celebrated 20 years with The CIRI Foundation (TCF).

Anderson was one of the first recipients of TCF scholarships, which she used to earn a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in adult education administration from Western Washington University. She also holds a post-graduate certificate in project management and was selected to attend the Stanford University Executive Program for Philanthropy Leaders.

In a 2017 Raven's Circle interview, Anderson likened her position as TCF's president and CEO to that of a fairy godmother. "It's not quite as simple as showing up and waving your magic wand, but when you get to come to work every day and actually change lives, what more could you ask for? It's pretty amazing," she enthused. "We have scholarship recipients who come and say that TCF has literally changed their lives, and it has changed the lives of their family members. The recipients are doing all the hard work, but we get to help them along the way."

Anderson's extensive list of volunteer and board service includes the Alaska Children's Trust, Alaska Humanities Forum, Best Beginnings Early Learning Council, Native Americans in Philanthropy, Philanthropy Northwest, United Way of Anchorage and Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education. She is currently a trustee for Alaska Pacific University and serves on the development committee of the University of Alaska Foundation.

In 2018, for her role in strengthening communities through a commitment to improving Alaska's social, economic and civic life, she received the Distinguished Service to the Humanities in Leadership award. The honor is given on behalf of the Governor's Arts and Humanities Awards, an annual partnership between the Alaska Humanities Forum, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation and the Office of the Governor to recognize and honor noteworthy contributions to the arts and humanities in Alaska.

Over the years, Anderson has also been recognized with a YWCA Women of Achievement award, an Alaska Village Initiatives Chief's Knife award, an Alaska Journal of Commerce Top 40 Under 40 business leader award, and induction into the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Society.

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# Youth Advisory Council Selection

Congratulations to CIRI descendant Cha'Miya "Maya" Hines, who was recently selected to serve on Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) Youth Advisory Council. Each year, five outstanding young people are selected to serve one-



year terms on the Council. Advisors work with the CITC board and president to bring new perspective, voice and direction to the programs and services CITC offers. Maya is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Andrea Heyward, granddaughter of original CIRI shareholder Lydia Heyward and great-granddaughter of late original CIRI shareholder Jennie Larson.

**SHAPE OUR FUTURE** 



# The 2020 Census is incredibly important for Native people

A version of this article first appeared in the Fall 2019 issue of First Alaskans Magazine.

Why is the 2020 census important? The data gathered will provide vital information to leaders in your school, your Tribal and local village governments, and businesses for use in community planning—to provide programs and services for you and your family.

Data collected in the census informs how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states, Tribes and communities each year.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that individuals living in the United States of America be counted every 10 years. Since 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau has been responsible for the count of the nation.

Do you know where the first count in the nation will start? In Alaska! The 2020 census kicks off in Toksook Bay, Alaska, where the first person will be counted on Jan. 21, 2020.

In Alaska villages, paper questionnaires will be used by the census takers. For those individuals residing in urban areas of Alaska and in most of the Lower 48 states, the Census Bureau will have the questionnaire available online for them to complete, or a paper survey will be delivered to their doors. Whether paper, online or by phone, the questionnaire will have 10 questions.

One of the 10 questions will ask about your race. An option for indicating your race will be American Indian or Alaska Native (AN/AI). The second step after choosing AN/AI is to print the name of your enrolled or principal Tribe(s) in the boxes provided.

Examples of federally recognized names include Chickaloon Native Village, Eklutna Native Village, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Knik Tribe, Ninilchik Village, Seldovia Village Tribe, Native Village of Tyonek, etc. There are 229 federal- and staterecognized Tribes in Alaska. If you know the village where you and/or your family are from but are not sure of the correct name or spelling,

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# FRIENDSHIP POTLATCHES

















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# Olga Hilleary, 91

Olga Hilleary passed away Aug. 23 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Ms. Hilleary was born Dec. 18, 1927, in Anchorage. A lifelong Alaskan and longtime Nikiski resident, she loved her cup



of coffee, sewing, subsistence and outdoor activities, picnics, sightseeing and spending time with family. Ms. Hilleary is survived by her children, Jean Smith, Richard Hilleary, Deb Little, Pam Moeglein and Ron Hilleary; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

#### **Buck Anthony Unsderfer, 40**

Buck Anthony Unsderfer passed away May 30. Mr. Unsderfer was born April 2, 1979, in Anchorage. He is survived by Lydia Guerrero, Tony Unsderfer and Mark Beach.

#### Condolences

Richard W. Deweil II, 70 Rose Kahklen, 73 Salina Jane Sheldon Tomlinson, 90

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you can search for it at www.ncsl.org/research/ state-tribal-institute/list-of-federal-and-staterecognized-tribes. Know the name of your Tribe or principal Tribe and how to spell it on the paper questionnaire, as this question relies on selfidentification.

Each Tribe has been asked to appoint a Tribal liaison to serve as the main point of contact between the Census Bureau and Tribal leaders. Tribal liaisons will receive updates from Census Bureau staff to share with their Tribal leaders, Tribal citizens and the community. They may increase awareness and Tribal citizen participation in the 2020 census by promoting the decennial census at Tribal or community events, distributing and posting 2020 census promotional materials and announcements, and promoting jobs to encourage Tribal citizens to apply for local census-taker positions in villages.

# **Become a Census Taker**

To be eligible for a census-taker job, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number and be a U.S. citizen. You can apply one of two ways:

- 1. Stop by your Tribal office and let them know you are interested in working as a census taker; or
- 2. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. If you have questions about job opportunities, call (855) 562-2020. Depending on the position, pay ranges from \$28 to \$31 per hour in Alaska.

# **Questions About the Census?**

If you have questions about the 2020 census, contact one of the Bureau Tribal Partnership specialists below:

 Donna Bach (323) 791-2381 donna.e.bach@2020census.gov Ms. Bach covers the following regions: Aleut, Bristol Bay, Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

# • Charmaine Ramos

(907) 952-6261 charmaine.v.ramos@2020census.gov Ms. Ramos covers the following regions: Ahtna, Arctic Slope, Bering Straits, Chugach, Interior, Northwest and Southeast

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• The primary piece of ID must be a driver's license or other state- or government-issued ID containing a photograph.

 The name on the secondary ID must match the name on the primary ID, and the ID must be issued by a recognized business, educational institution or government agency; contain a document number; and not be expired. For example, your CIRI ID card may be used as a piece of secondary ID.

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- Estate of Patrick Joseph Gutmann Buffy Switzer
- Estate of Francine M. Morris Flo Steitz

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