

Spirit Worth Celebrating

Sharing Joy

In the spirit of spreading joy throughout the year, Four A's staff and clients celebrate the annual special Friday Lunch - *Christmas in August*. Surrounded by friends and family, Four A's celebrated Christmas in August on Friday the 18th. This year was our biggest yet! Four A's served 56 clients a holiday meal of turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, salad, cranberries, and decadent desserts; a real Christmas feast! The room was decorated in a holiday theme and filled with the spirit of the season. Old friends and new joined together to celebrate health, happiness, and the coming of Fall. "Four A's always brings fun into my day! I'm so glad to have a place that helps me feel like me," declared an exuberant client.



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It's not every day that we have the opportunity to celebrate each other: the joys we share, the hardships we endure, the lives we live. For many, these special celebrations are the only ones they have. Thanks to your support, Four A's has a spirit worth celebrating all year round.

A Bright Future



Ernest immigrated from the Dominican Republic to the United States three years ago. He arrived in Alaska speaking no English, knowing none of his neighbors, and reeling from the effects of HIV. Within the first months of arriving in Alaska, Ernest landed a stable job working in housekeeping. Just as he was about to get his footing in the last frontier, Ernest was suddenly let go from his position. Devastated, Ernest came to Four A's and expressed his growing concern over his inability to afford basic needs, and his ongoing struggle to stay healthy. In the midst of expressing these concerns to his case manager, Ernest mentioned he was interested in HazMat Technician training. Ernest and his case manager, Angela, worked diligently over the next couple months to make sure he would qualify for his licensing exam.

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Thanks to your donations, Four A's was able to invest in the licensing fees for Ernest's HazMat course and he is now gainfully employed as a certified HazMat Technician. "I am proud of the work I have done, and thankful for the help of Four A's. You believed in me when I couldn't believe in myself." Thanks to your generous support, our most vulnerable clients have access to education, opportunity, and care.

Donor Spotlight: *Serving Smiles* Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Karel Henkel, Pat Kennish, and JoAnn Ackerman serve a pirate themed lunch at Four A's.

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (SEAS) has been a partner of Four A's for over 9 years. In that time they have committed many persons, pennies, and pound cakes! After their next lunch, the Saint Elizabeth group will have served 20 Friday lunches to our clients living with HIV and their families. When asked how they got started, Pat Kennish expressed a found common value in serving our communities, "It comes from being Catholic, I think. Sharing a meal brings us together in a powerful way."

While initially engaged through shared values, it is joy that keeps the ladies giving. "We have so much fun at Four A's! What a gift to share a meal with our Four A's friends, and honor our commitment to serve our community."

We would like to pass on a sincere thank you to our friends from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for their dedication to our community, continued support of Four A's, and the joy they bring to all of us!

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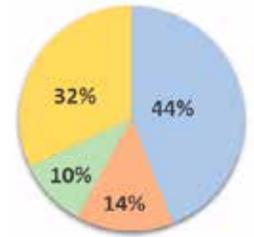
Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 15th & 16th: **Femme Fatale** Annual Southeast Fundraiser in Juneau
- ◆ December 1st: **World AIDS Day**

We hope to see you there!

How Your Gifts Are Used

- ◆ 44% Client Resources
- ◆ 14% Prevention & Education
- ◆ 10% Four A's Syringe Access Program
- ◆ 32% Area of Greatest Need



Saving Lives

Rose has utilized the exchange for several years and is always spreading the word about our services to her peers. More recently Rose participated in one of our overdose response trainings to receive a Narcan Kit. One week after receiving her Narcan Kit, Rose came back to Four A's and sheepishly asked for another kit. Rose divulged to our Prevention Coordinator, Matt, that she had

overdosed over the weekend. It took four doses of Narcan to pull her out of her overdose; "I would have been dead without Narcan," she admitted. Rose is

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certain her heroin was unknowingly cut with Fentanyl, a high potency opioid hitting communities across Alaska. "I think everyone deserves a second chance; I just wanted to thank Four A's for giving me that option. Without Narcan I don't like to think where I might be."

Four A's believes every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect; that every individual



deserves life. Everyday your support makes a life saving difference, Thank you.

THANK YOU, DONORS!

January 2017—August 2017
Sorted by number of years giving

VISIONARIES (Over 25 years)

Drs. Joan & Robert Bundtzen
Corbett Mothe

CHAMPIONS (20-25 years)

Bagoy's Gallery of Flowers
Cara, Davin and Ruari O'Brien-Holen
Carolyn Foust Stiles
Credit Union 1
David Kasser
Dean Nelson & Rhonda Roberts
Donna & Edward Hyatt
Gail & Jan Sieberts
Heather Davis
Jane and Norman Schlittler
Laurie Gregory & Griffith Steiner
Drs. Louann Feldmann & Charles Herndon
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Mari Jamieson
Marie Matsuno Nash
Marjory & Lee Wiley
Mary Ann & Michael Lee
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Pat & Brooke Corkery
Penny Cordes
Pride Foundation
Providence Alaska Medical Center
Rick Miller & April Arnett
Susan Orlansky & Jim Bouchard
Sylvia Short

GUARDIANS (15-19 years)

Allison Brandt
Broadway Cares
Christopher J. Taylor
Deborah Nance
Donald & Debby Hudson
Halero Family Foundation
Jacqueline & Gordon Higby
Mary Parker
Dr. Morris and Lorrie Horning
Nordstrom Cares
Sherry Eckrich & Paul Winkel
Susan Williams
Thomas Williams
Trevor Storrs & Stephan Smith

AMBASSADORS (10-15 years)

Anchorage Moose Lodge No. 1534
Anita & Clair Dalton
Bear Tooth Theater Pub
Heather and Josh Harris
Peg Faithful & Bob Hume
Peter & Jo Michalski
Richard Helm
Teddy & Cindy Michel
Timothy Pearson & Brian Chen

LEADERS (5-10 years)

Aaren MacKenzie
AIDS United
Alaska Advanced Dentistry
Alaska Railroad Corporation
Angela Dunn
Brian Chen & Timothy Pearson
Candace Bell
Comer Foundation
Derek Johnston
Dianne Bigge
Diane Timberlake
Great Land Infusion Pharmacy
Kelly & Karl Pasch
Lt/Col Majorie Ream

Michael Mraz
Modern Dwellers Chocolate Lounge
Nancy Eliason
Nancy Groszek & Margi Mock
Omer & Carol Carey
Paige & Jason Bohall
Pamela Reil
Phyllis Rhodes & Pam Richter
Robin Lutz
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sharon Gaipman

PARTNERS (1-5 years)

2 Friends Gallery
AK Starfish
Aisha Barnes
Alaska Women's Giving Circle
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Arlene Schmuland
ASD Charitable Giving Campaign
Beauty Nails & Spa
Bobbi Holsman
Brandi & Keegan Richardson
Carol Belenski
Carol Johnson
Carolyn & Garris Covington
Carlyn Larsen
Castle Megastore
Chris Jones
Chris Logan
Chris Terry & Bob Hancock
Cindie's Boutique
Claudia Wallingford
Colby Blechier
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Lee Harrington
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Lynn Lewis
Mary Mandap
Mark Rhodes
Mary Ruebelmann
Melinda Freemon
Michael French
Municipal Employee Campaign
Mollie Bynum
Nick Whitmore
Pizza Man
Rita Eagle
Robin Lutz
Sam Jaquinta
Shades of Opulence
Stallard Family Fund of the YCF Sacramento Region
Sue Stone
Table 6 & Haute Quarter Grill
Tandy Leather
The Men's Wearhouse
Tim Riedell
UAA Charitable Giving Campaign
Wade Gruhl

FRIENDS (less than a year)

Aladdin's Fine Mediterranean Dining
Alexandrea Von Wichman
Alfred Perkins
Ariel Berg
Brooks Banker
First Congregational Church
Henry Dorsch
Jason Brune
Jenna Auguste
Judy Caminer
Judge Michael McShane
Kathryn Morin
Karina Simmers
Mara Camahan
Mark & Darcy Davis
Mexico In Alaska
Nathan Lindley
Paul Topol
Petra Davis
Rachael Carricaburu
Ryan Webb
Sandi Hicks
Sara Lovell
Steve Bower
Stacey Gill
Tim Mraz
Tracey Zietlow
The Carr Foundation
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William Aloes

IN MEMORY OF

Mike Bergsrud
Frank Foust
David Hyatt
Nygren Thomas

IN HONOR OF

David Sutton,
Four A's 2016 Volunteer of the Year
Ted Ryberg & Bob Williams
Laura Herman

A huge Thank
You to ALL our
donors for
spreading joy to
our programs.

You can make a BIG IMPACT by becoming a
Monthly Donor at www.alaskanAIDS.org

Femme Fatale!

Four A's is looking forward to hosting our annual Southeast fundraiser, *Femme Fatale!* Held in beautiful Juneau, Four A's presents two evenings of fabulous drag for a fantastic cause. All proceeds raised stay in Southeast Alaska to support individuals and families living with HIV, and our HIV disease prevention efforts.

Please join us for this special event September 15th at the Rendezvous & September 16th at the Rockwell in downtown Juneau.



More information and tickets available online at www.alaskan aids.org

Thank You, Robin!

Four A's would like to pass on a sincere thank you to Robin Lutz, our long-time Four A's Board member, staff, donor, and friend. Robin served first on Four A's Board of Directors for 2 years before transitioning into her 4-year role as Director of Client Resources.



Robin leaves Four A's with a legacy of care for all persons, a warm smile, great intellect, and many, many happy memories.

We wish Robin all the best as she heads to Albany, New York to continue her career in HIV/AIDS care while being close to family.



Our Mission: To support and empower people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and to work toward the elimination of HIV infection and its stigma in all Alaskan communities.

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