

Volunteer Service Award Winners

2007

Outstanding Volunteer Program Awards

- Alaska Pro Bono Program
- Anchorage Literacy Project
 - Alaska Health Fair

Golden Heart Community Service Awards

Outstanding Business

Carlisle Transportation Systems — Big Brothers Big Sisters

Outstanding Community Service-Individual

Jeanne Dougherty— ANMC Auxiliary

Outstanding Youth Community Service

Nielson Family—Municipal Libraries, Loussac

Outstanding Volunteer Program Awards

Three volunteer programs have been chosen for their excellence in meeting clients' needs and making our community a better place through volunteer service and community involvement. BP provided each organization with a \$1000 cash award in recognition of their excellence.

Alaska Pro Bono Program

The Alaska Pro Bono Program is a statewide organization that provides free civil and legal services, legal clinics and workshops to help individuals represent themselves, and a one-time case consultation through the exclusive use of volunteer attorneys, plus additional paralegals, physicians, court reporters and accountants in communities throughout Alaska. The need for free and/or low cost legal services is acute for Alaska. It's been estimated that at least 50% of Alaska poor citizens are likely to face a legal need in any given year. From domestic violence, immigration, consumer rights, landlord tenant disputes to many other areas of law and the government funding is shrinking to help. Programs like Ak. Pro Bono provides equal access to justice for the financially disadvantaged. This program exists for the sole purpose of overcoming those barriers. Volunteering is the shortest route to protecting equal access to justice in Alaska.

Anchorage Literacy Project

The Anchorage Literacy Project helps functionally illiterate adults acquire basic literacy skills; like reading, writing, key boarding and speaking English, that they will need to survive and become self reliant and supporting in today's technologically literate society.