

Chalkyitsik First to Give to Heart Fund

The village of Chalkyitsik in northeastern Alaska was first among villages to send in a generous contribution to the 1970 Heart Fund, the Alaska Heart Association announced this week.

About \$61 was sent to the fund as the result of a bake sale held by the Village Council and Women's Club.

Also, Eek, near Bethel, was the first village to agree to donate handicraft. The handicraft will be sold with the proceeds going to the Heart Fund. Each family in the village has been asked to donate one item.

For being first, both villages will receive balloons for their children and a Heart Fund Banner.

The Heart Association would like either a cash or handicraft contributions from other villages throughout Alaska.

President of the Heart Fund for northern Alaska, Dr. Charles Marrow of Fairbanks explained that part of the money collected finances the Annual Heart Clinic.

Held in Fairbanks, the clinic offers expert surgical diagnosis for patients referred by physicians throughout northern Alaska.

Also, the Heart Association sponsors an education program in all of the junior and senior high schools and hopes to reach about 12,000 students in the next three years, Dr. Marrow said.

Winners are currently being chosen for an essay contest sponsored by the association in the schools on the prevention of heart disease.

The Heart Fund monies also provide free penicillin for the prevention of rheumatic fever

which often damages the heart.

A continuing nurses training program for the intensive care unit in the hospital is another project.

All of these projects are in addition to contributing to the activities of the National Heart Association and to carrying on extensive public education program through the mass media informing people of the symptoms of heart disease.

About \$4,000 of a \$6,000 goal has been raised thus far to sponsor and carry out the goals mentioned above.

Dr. Marrow stressed that the association is primarily striving for a service goal with the monetary goal merely being the means to carry out the service projects.