

# Hospital gift shop honored in D.C.

The Alaska Native Medical Center's auxiliary gift shop was recognized at the American Hospital Association's annual convention held in Washington, D.C., recently.

Ten hospital based volunteer programs, which include visiting persons with AIDS, comforting victims of sexual assault, arranging for prison inmates to help handicapped individuals and pairing pets with patients, were honored for the AHA Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence program.

Established in 1984, HAVE recognizes volunteers and encourages volunteer service and honors those who exceed usual expectations, creativity and leadership.

ANMC's auxiliary gift shop features local and statewide artists. The volunteers have raised funds to provide scholarships, supplies, furnishings and emergency funds to Alaska Natives and American Indians.