

Alcohol, drug panel receives \$45,000

Two recent major donations totaling nearly \$45,000 have been made to the Alaska Native Blue Ribbon Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to help the group achieve its vision of a sober, drug-free Alaska, according to the panel.

Earlier this month Alascom agreed to contribute \$25,000 to underwrite

the production of a series of television public service announcements. Klukwan Inc., a Southeast Alaska village corporation, contributed \$19,991 in October to help offset other costs of the Blue Ribbon Commission's campaign.

The panel was created as the result of a resolution passed by delegates to

the 1988 Alaska Federation of Natives convention which directed AFN to "monitor, evaluate and coordinate efforts to curb alcohol and drug abuse" and work with local Native organizations to develop community-based alcohol and substance abuse programs.

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"The funds donated by Alascom, Klukwan and a number of other individuals and businesses will help us to educate Alaska Natives throughout the state about the problems and about existing sources of information and help. Education is an essential first step in realizing our goals," said Ethel Lund, commission chairman.

In addition to conducting a public information campaign, the commission is supporting and promoting healthy alternatives to using alcohol and drugs.

Other businesses and individuals that have donated to the commission include Ahtna, AFN, Alaska Native Health Board, Arctic Slope Regional Corp., Capital Office Supply, Charter North Hospital, Compass Ahtna, Cook Inlet Region Inc., Far West Corp., Food Services Distribution Co., Golovin Native Corp., H.C. Price Co., IBM, J.B. Gottstein & Co., J.C. Penney Co., Kenai Natives Association, Kevin Waring Associates, Kikiktogruk Inupiaq Corp., Klukwan Forest Products, Koncor Forest Products, Kotlik Yupik Corp., Kuskokwim Corp., Kwik, Lakeside Recovery Centers, Lamonts Apparel, Marathon Asset Management Co., Marianne Gilmore, MarkAir, McDowell Group/Data Decisions Group and Mikunda, Cottrell & Co.

Others include NANA; National Bank of Alaska; North Slope Borough; Olgoonik Corp.; Peterson Sullivan & Co.; Qanirtuuq; Rainier Investment Management; Ruddy, Bradley & Kolkhorst; Sea Lion Corp./Hooper Bay; Security Pacific Bank; Seldovia Native Association; Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse and Miller; Stoel Rives Boley Jones & Grey; Taquan Air Service; Teller Native Corp.; The 13th Regional Corp.; *Tundra Times*; Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corp.; West Coast Stevedoring, Willowa Business Services; and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp.