

SATS co-sponsored 'Drug Awareness Month' in February

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SATS joined the Alaska Legislature and the North Slope Borough in sponsoring the DRUG AWARENESS MONTH in February. The purpose of the activities during this month was to increase Arctic Slope residents' awareness and knowledge

love, encouragement and support to seek the help they need.

SATS wishes to announce the opening of a six-bed co-ed Halfway House located in the Friendship House facility where Outpatient Services and the Drop-in-Center are also housed, the Halfway House is another step added to the continuum

willing to participate in a seven-day incommunicado period upon entering.

Once this period is completed, residents are encouraged to work, and if unemployed, residents are assisted in finding employment.

The purpose of the House is to assist its residents to transition back into their home community while living in a suppor-

tive atmosphere. Residents are assisted in building non-drinking or drug abuse support systems and may stay in the Halfway House up to three months.

The Friendship House - Drop-in-Center is open to the public Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. till 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday 1 p.m. till 2 a.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. till 8 p.m.

This is a place where people

can enjoy sober companionship and a listening ear. Come and visit the Friendship House. Please call with any questions dealing with alcohol and drug abuse information or ways to help yourself or those around you.

The number at the Friendship House is 852-HOPE (852-4673). The SATS staff is looking forward to meeting you.



concerning alcohol and drug abuse.

Alcohol and drug abuse has affected the lives of many of our family members and friends. Those who suffer alcohol and drug addiction have lost control of themselves and their lives.

They need help. We, as a community, can help them by learning more about what substance abuse is and how it affects people. They need your

of services offered on the North Slope.

It is an especially needed element since clients must participate in off-Slope treatment programs and the Halfway House provides a supportive environment in the transition of the newly sober back into the community.

In order to qualify for services, a person must be sober for thirty days prior to his admission to the House and be

