

# *CINA provides human services*

The Cook Inlet Native Association (CINA) was founded in 1964 as a small social organization and has grown into an important part of Anchorage.

CINA is a non-profit native corporation which serves more than 12,500 Alaska Natives and American Indians living in the Cook Inlet geographic area. CINA provides services for the individual, family and community, with programs for

poration. In 1974, the Indian Self Determination Act designated the Cook Inlet Region Inc. tribal authority to the Cook Inlet Native Association for the purpose of performing human services.

CINA is now one of Anchorage's major employers with more than 150 full time employees and 20 part-time employees. CINA's 1980 budget tops \$9 million. Funding for CINA



Paul Tiulana (left), builder and Captain and Program Coordinator for CINA Native Community Center, Robert Rude (center), Senior Vice President of CIRI and President of CINA, and Jake Lestenko (right) Executive Director of CINA, are shown here with the oomiak CINA sponsored as a cultural activity.

all races in health care, community development, and training and employment. In addition, CINA provides cultural and recreational activities for urban Natives for building a sense of community and maintaining Native identity.

CINA makes available medical, social, educational and cultural services to all Alaska Native people living in Anchorage and the smaller communities in the Cook Inlet Region whether or not they are shareholders in the Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI)

CIRI is the regional corporation created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. For each region there is one profit and one non-profit cor-

poration comes primarily from grants and contracts with the federal and state governments.

Through this separate but related arrangement, CIRI can operate its profit making ventures from which shareholders receive employment opportunities and CINA can provide services in social, educational, health and cultural areas for all Native peoples living in the Cook Inlet region geographical area.

CINA also generates self-supporting monies through its state licensed bingo operations. Last year, over \$100,000 was distributed to various service projects and CINA programs for charitable, educational and civic purposes.