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Southcentral Foundation Celebrates Better Hearing And Speech Month This May

(Anchorage, AK) – Are you one of the estimated 28 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated? Southcentral Foundation’s (SCF) Audiology department is celebrating Better Hearing and Speech month in May with several events.

Indicators of hearing loss:

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- Understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- Lose your place in group conversations
- Keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- Have pain or ringing in your ears

When and where local Alaska Native and American Indian customer/owners can go:

- May 8, 15 and 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Anchorage Native Primary Care Center (ANPCC), 4320 Diplomacy Drive

Who will be there:

- Audiologists, licensed by the state of Alaska, can prescribe hearing aids and assistive listening devices. They can also teach people with hearing loss how to concentrate on hearing all sounds.
- Audiology will have a table set up at ANPCC for customer/owners to stop by and learn more about hearing and the services provided at Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC).

Quote:

- “Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life,” said ANMC audiologist, Linda Erb. “Hearing loss is treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life.”

ANMC is jointly owned and managed by SCF and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. The American Nurses Credentialing Center, the world’s largest nurse credentialing organization, has awarded ANMC with Magnet status twice. ANMC remains the only hospital in Alaska and the only tribal hospital in the nation to have earned Magnet status.

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Established in 1982, SCF’s mission is to work together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services. The non-profit health care affiliate of CIRI, SCF has grown in its 26 years, from a single dental clinic to an internationally recognized, award-winning health care organization that employs more than 1,350 people and administers a budget of more than \$181 million annually to manage more than 60 health care programs and services.

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