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Southcentral Foundation's Alaska Women's Recovery Project celebrates 10 years of operation

Women supporting women key to program's success

(ANCHORAGE, AK) – Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) Alaska Women's Recovery Project has found success with its peer-led recovery support for women and their families. In 2001, SCF's Dena A Coy clinical staff saw a trend in women experiencing ongoing stressors after leaving treatment and the need for ongoing support. As a result, the idea of women supporting women in recovery was conceived.

The Alaska Women's Recovery Project received initial funding in September 2001 and began mentoring women in the recovery community to serve as peer leaders. The peer leaders helped women in recovery move from anonymity into active leadership roles.

In 2008, the Alaska Women's Recovery Project opened its doors to the community in its first permanent location. Today, the Gathering Place for Women provides a wide range of vital services including recovery support meetings, mentoring and coaching, skills training, outreach, information and referral, advocacy, and family strengthening activities.

This 10-year anniversary is an important milestone, a dream come true for the Alaska Women's Recovery Project's peer group, and the beginning of a new era for women in recovery in Anchorage.

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Established in 1982, Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) mission is to work together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services. The nonprofit health care affiliate of Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI), SCF has grown in its 27 years, from a single dental clinic to an internationally recognized, award-winning health care organization that employs more than 1,400 people and manages more than 60 health care programs and services.

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