

## **SCF BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD AWARD**

### **Charles Anderson recognized for dedication to improving health care**

**(Anchorage, AK, Sept. 28, 2012)** – Long-time Southcentral Foundation (SCF) board member Charles G. Anderson has been recognized with the 2012 National Indian Health Board Area/Regional Award. This prestigious award pays tribute to Mr. Anderson for his dedication to improving Alaska Native and American Indian health care.

The award was presented on Wednesday, Sept. 26 during the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Consumer Conference, held in Denver, Colo. The annual NIHB conference brings together tribal leaders, tribal health administrators, area health boards, health care professionals, and individuals to discuss successes, challenges, opportunities, and the future of health care for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Mr. Anderson, who is chairman of Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) board of directors and vice chairman of the SCF board of directors, has provided strong, consistent leadership in continuing to build Southcentral Foundation's momentum as a leading health care organization.

“As an Alaska Native leader who is genuinely interested in the welfare of the people, and as a person who has dedicated his life and career to public service, he works together with the community to make measurable progress in achieving our vision: *A Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness,*” said SCF President/CEO Katherine Gottlieb.

Mr. Anderson started his career in public service in 1953, a career that spanned decades and included distinctions such as graduation from the FBI national training academy and service as Anchorage Police Chief. He was elected to Alaska State House of Representatives in 1981. During his time in office, Mr. Anderson served as vice chair of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee and chair of the

House Judiciary Committee. In these vital positions, he promoted strong communities and healthy economies and proved he was a responsible steward of public resources.

“Mr. Anderson has long been known for his impeccable integrity, transparency and his unwavering commitment to public safety. He has inspired, motivated, listened, and led by example. His care for the safety and well-being of the people of Alaska continues today, and he is ever vigilant of his responsibility and accountability to those he represents,” adds Gottlieb.

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#### **About Southcentral Foundation**

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 30 years, from a single dental clinic to an internationally recognized, award-winning health care organization that serves some 1,500 people and manages more than 65 health care programs and services. SCF is a recipient of the 2011 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award – now one of 15 health care organizations in the nation to ever receive this prestigious recognition.