



Our Vision
*To make Anchorage the first city
without prejudice as the first step
to eliminate racism in Alaska*



Bridge Builders of Anchorage

**November Newsletter
2008**

Dear Members & Friends,

Don't forget November 1st, 5pm -8pm is our International Potluck and Annual Membership Event at West High School, 1700 Hillcrest Dr. The easiest way to get to the cafeteria is to drive all the way around the school by the pool. As you can tell from the picture above, the food and friends are great fun. Hope to see you there!

Please help me thank our outstanding Committee for this year's International Potluck!
Committee Chairs: Pastor Thomas Davis and Gabrielle LeDoux
Committee Members: Barbara Niziol, Table Captains; Angelina Estrada-Burney; Arthur Yang.

Elsa Sargento, President
Paula Pawlowski, Director

The **Census Bureau** is offering an exciting opportunity to enhance job skills, further careers and improve communities. The new Local Census Office in Anchorage, Alaska is beginning operations for conducting the 2010 Census, and office jobs and field jobs throughout the state are now available. For job descriptions and to find out how to apply, call 1-866-861-2010 or go online to:
<http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>

The count of the population in the United States, otherwise known as the Census, occurs once every ten years. Data collected from the Census is essential to determining the distribution of over \$300 billion dollars of federal funding to tribal, state and local governments as well as non-profit organizations each year. This helps to fund schools, roads, emergency services and community services.

Keep an eye here for future information.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services

NEW REFUGEE ARRIVALS - November Update

We have just been notified about 22 individuals arriving this week and in November. Here is information about them:

NOVEMBER (Second week of the month):

A family of 7 from Former Zaire. They are French-speaking and Christian. (Mother, Father and 5 children ages 2, 6, 9, 11 and 15)

A family of 6 from Former Zaire. They are French-speaking and are Christian. (Mother, Father and 4 children ages 1, 9, 11 and 14)

A single man from Sudan. He is 28, speaks Arabic and is Christian.

Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day:
Jan 20, 2009

Meet the World:
Feb 28, 2009
Place: TBA

March in the 4th of July Parade:
July 4, 2009
Anchorage Parkstrip

Gala 2009 Honoring Excellence in Community Service

If you would like to volunteer on a committee for Bridge Builders, please call: 277-1882

The Pledge of Mutual Respect:

"We the people of Anchorage, Alaska, pledge to respect one another, celebrating the differences that make us unique: our customs, spiritual beliefs, cultures, colors, dreams and ancestral

Donations needed:

- Laundry Baskets
- Laundry Detergent
- Garbage Cans - kitchen and bathroom sizes
- Buckets
- Mops
- Brooms
- Dustpans
- Shower curtain rods and hooks
- Cutting boards
- Sets of knives for cooking
- Pots and pans sets
- Silver wear sets
- Gloves -- mittens for kids and gloves for grownups
- New Socks -- for all ages and sizes
- Winter Hats -- for all sizes
- New pillows
- New car seats -- infant and toddler
- Blankets and comforters
- Mixing Bowls
- Tea Kettles
- Irons
- Vacuum cleaners
- Gift cards - Walmart and Fred Meyer generally the most useful
- Warm meals for new arrivals

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Family Mentoring
- English Language tutoring
- Assisting in Orientation and Job Readiness Classes
- Many other project-based opportunities

Karen Ferguson, Program Director/ State Refugee Coordinator 222-7376,
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Linda McCarthy Beckworth

traditions. Standing together, hand in hand, young and old, we affirm that through mutual respect we can build a stronger more harmonious community, a more unified nation and a better, safer world."

Bridge Builders is a membership based organization and is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

Great News! You will be able to make your donation by participating in the PFD checkoff! Keep posted for how that will happen.

Membership forms can be found on our website: www.bridgebuildersak.org

Core Purpose:
To promote and celebrate harmony and respect among all cultures.

Core Values:
Dignity/Respect/
Personal
Trust/Openness/
Personal
Commitment/Activism

Join us and discover a whole new world!!

Date: 11/13/08

Will host a book party to benefit: Hospice of Anchorage

PartyLite ~ Pampered Chef Book Party to benefit Hospice of Anchorage. You can view some of the catalog items on the links listed below or stop by Hospice at 500 West International Blvd., Suite C to see a book and place an order; payment is due at the time of order.

Your order should arrive in Anchorage by December 1st and be available for pick up at Hospice of Anchorage, please call 531-5322 so that we can have your order ready for you.

We hope you will consider ordering!
Please RSVP to Anna Fairclough at 561-5322 or
anna@hospiceofanchorage.org

Friends, I am hosting this party as a board member and volunteer of Hospice of Anchorage (HOA). I will donate all "hostess" items I earn from sales to HOA to use as silent auction items for their major fundraiser in April 2009, Heroes of Healthcare. Please join me for an evening of fun, food, and some early holiday shopping to support a very worthwhile community organization!

If you are not familiar with Hospice, it is a philosophy of care that is taken to those experiencing a life-limiting illness wherever they are at home, in assisted living, a nursing home, and even in the hospital. Hospice provides a family-centered approach to care emphasizing quality of life offered by a team consisting of doctors, nurses (with expertise in pain and symptom control), social service support, bereavement support, and trained volunteers. Each team member works together with the family to focus on the dying person's needs: physical, psychological, social, and spiritual. Trained volunteers are available about 4-6 hours each week, sometimes more, to offer support and respite for families.

HOA does not receive reimbursement for our services from third party payers like Medicare or any insurance company. We are a totally non-profit organization and support individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay; there is never a charge to families for any of our services. We care for people of all ages, from infants to seniors, many without insurance or underinsured. We are honored to provide this care on behalf of the larger community that generously provides funding for our programs.

View PartyLite/Pampered Chef catalogs by following these links:
http://www.partylite.co.uk/home/lang_uk.htm

Don't forget! You will now be able to give directly to Bridge Builders when you fill out your application for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend.

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Thank You!

Greetings,

As many of you know, Habitat for Humanity-Anchorage is a Christian, non-profit housing ministry. We build homes with families who have limited income and a need for simple, decent housing. When complete, we sell the homes to the families at or below our construction costs with a zero interest loan.

Currently, we build 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedrooms homes, either as single family homes or in duplex or multi-unit condominium communities. Typical monthly payments will be between \$600 and \$950, including property tax and insurance or condo dues. We really do get families into simple, decent, affordable homes!

Ours is not an easy program. Partner Families must attend credit counseling and address their financial issues. Partner Families do "sweat equity", working alongside our community volunteers to build their homes and we ask that they work with us in other ways to further our mission in Anchorage.

Applications will be available November 15 thru December 5. We hope to identify 8-10 families who would qualify for our program. (In our experience, that means we may need to interview and work with as many as 200 families.) We will be able to work with small and large families in 2009 and will have both condos and single family homes available.

Please note that the period to obtain applications is brief and the number of meetings is limited.

Margaret Forbes
Family Service Coordinator
mforbes@hfhanchorage.org

Build and Purchase Your Own Home:
You must attend an Informational Meeting for details and to begin your Application for Homeownership.
Meetings will be held November 15, 17, 19, 21, 22 and December 2, 4, 5.

Lusiana Hansen
Samoan American

SJ Klein
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Modou E. Manneh
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Call 272-0800 for times and location.

To apply for a Habitat Home, you must:

- Be US Citizen or Legal Resident.
- Have lived in Anchorage at least one year prior to purchasing your home.
- Have income between 30% and 60% of the Median for your family size.

Successful applicants will demonstrate:

- Need for adequate housing
- Ability to pay a monthly mortgage and other costs of homeownership
- Willingness to Partner with HFHA as we build your home together

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Volunteers of America Alaska

ARCH Open House

November 18th

1:00 - 4:00

Opening Ceremony

begins at 1:00

Thank you for sending us information about your special event. We think this tool will help keep you informed and give you your options for activities of interest.

Contact Information

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