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Alaska Pharmacists Association Awards Southcentral Foundation's Pharmacy Department With Two Awards

(Anchorage, AK, June 4, 2009) – Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) Pharmacy department has been awarded the Innovative Practice Award and the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award for 2009 by the Alaska Pharmacists Association (AkPhA). Dave Campana, AkPhA Awards chair, presented the awards at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown hotel.

“Our pharmacy team is very effective in responding with creative ideas to the ever-changing needs of our customer/owners,” said SCF's Vice President of Medical Services Dr. Doug Eby. “It is an honor to have dedicated employees recognized by their peers around the state.”

The Medication Therapy Management Team of Mike Beiergrohslain, John McGilvray and Heidi Brainerd earned the Innovative Practice Award for developing new practices to advance reimbursement funds.

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award recognizes practicing Alaskan pharmacists who entered the field less than 10 years ago and actively participate in pharmacy associations and programs. This was awarded to SCF's Sara Doran-Atchison for her work in the Rural Anchorage Service Unit Pharmacy, as well as her work on AkPhA's Continuing Pharmacy Education Committee.

AkPhA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and represents the pharmacy profession in Alaska. AkPhA's awards committee recognizes pharmacists using innovative new health care solutions to improve patient care. Award information can be found at www.alaskapharmacy.org. There are approximately 140 licensed pharmacies in the state.

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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 Cook Inlet Region, Inc., 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 administers a budget of more than \$181 million annually to manage more than 60 health care programs and services.