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Commissioned Officers Association Honors Southcentral Foundation's Donna Brown with Lucille Woodville Memorial Award

(Anchorage, AK, July 21, 2009) – Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) Commander Donna Brown has been awarded the Lucille Woodville Memorial Award for 2009 by the Commissioned Officers Association (COA), an organization within the U.S. Public Health Service.

Brown is a Commissioned Corps officer and registered nurse case manager in SCF Women's Health Clinic, coordinating the prenatal, postpartum and gynecological care for customer/owners in over 50 villages. She has been recognized for her exceptional contributions to the improvement of the health and wellness of mothers and newborn children.

“Brown's dedication to assisting customers with triage, education and travel has made it possible for so many of our customers in the rural areas of the Anchorage Service Unit to receive the specialized care that we provide,” said SCF Vice President of Medical Services Dr. Doug Eby. “We're delighted to see that her accomplishments have earned this recognition.”

The COA represents and advocates for the officers of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. With over 82 branches, the COA works on behalf of its members in the U.S. and throughout the world. Its annual awards honor those officers who are committed to improving and protecting the public health of the U.S. Information on the COA can be found at www.coausphs.org.

SCF is a leader in the health care industry, having earned awards and recognition both statewide and nationally. SCF's Nuka Model of Care, built upon proven best practices in partnership with its customers, has also received attention and visitors from around the world.

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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 nonprofit 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.