Fundraiser for Bernice M. Joseph

Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall Friday, July 27, 5PM



Fry Bread Taco Dinner & Raffle \$10/person for dinner

Bernice is originally from Nulato and is the daughter of Edith Nicholas. She lives in Fairbanks with her husband Stewart. She is the mother of Stewart Jr, Alice and Derek. Bernice has been a tireless advocate for education and a respected leader who has served Alaskans for decades. She currently works at UAF's College of Rural and Community Development (CRCD) as the Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education. She previously worked for the State of Alaska and the Fairbanks Native Association.

Bernice was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She will be undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Fairbanks and will travel to Seattle for surgery later this year. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to help offset costs incurred during Bernice's treatment.

Donations of raffle items are needed and may be brought to the CRCD office on campus (Brooks 4th floor), the Interior-Aleutians Campus (4280 Geist Road) or to the Tribal Hall beginning at 10am on the day of the event. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. There will be live raffles on raffle items, 50/50 raffles, and a baked goods auction.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact any of the following volunteers:

Peter Captain, Jr (Coordinator) @ 347-6679 Robin Renfroe @ 328-9260 Shirley Moses 978-1852 Dorene Bunch (UAF) @ 378-5266 Bambi Nelson (UAF) @ 322-0655 Rev. Anna Frank @ 460-7238 Teisha Simmons @ 378-6099 As you may be aware, Vice Chancellor Bernice M. Joseph has been diagnosed pancreatic cancer and will be on leave for several months. Since the initial announcement of her diagnosis, we have received numerous requests for ways to offer support to Bernice and her family. In response, the CRCD Vice Chancellor's Office is sponsoring a fundraiser to be held on Friday, July 27 at 5PM at the Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall in Fairbanks. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward expenses that Bernice and her family will incur during her upcoming treatment, surgery and recovery.

The event will consist of a fry bread taco feed (\$10/plate), live raffles, 50/50 raffles and a baked goods auction. If you would like to make a donation, we are in need of raffle items of all types as well as baked goods. In the past, it has been very successful when organizations have sponsored a themed basket to raffle (ideas below). If your campus, department or you personally would like to sponsor a basket or donate auction items of any kind, please contact Bambi Nelson at 322-0655 (bnnelson@alaska.edu), Dorene Bunch at 378-5266 (dkbunch@alaska.edu) or Teisha Simmons at 378-6099 (tmsimmons@alaska.edu).

For those outside of Fairbanks, we have additional options for participation. Again, you are welcome to sponsor a basket or other auction items by mailing them to Bambi, Dorene or Teisha. You may also choose to contribute funds to participate in the various raffles during the event. Funds may be deposited to Teisha Simmons' account at Alaska USA Federal Credit Union (808378) or through her PayPal account (teishamarie@hotmail.com). Please be sure to let her know when you have deposited funds and specify whether you would like an item purchased and donated for the raffle or if you would like raffle tickets purchased in your name.

Donations may also be made directly to Bernice at Mount McKinley Bank (9004-4).

Lastly, we will need lots of help from those located in Fairbanks. We will REALLY need help with food preparation on Thursday, July 26 from 1-5PM as well as cooking and serving on Friday, July 27 from 10AM to 9PM. On the next page of this note, you will find an information sheet listing the various activities and needs. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support. Please feel free to share this announcement with your contacts.

Possible Basket Themes:

Boys Toys and Games	Car/Truck Care	Coffee or Tea
Girls Toys and Games	Camping	Baking
Summer Fun	Fishing	Back to School
Movie and Game Night	Canning and Jarring	Gardening
Beading and Sewing	Gift Card Basket	Baby Boy
Alaska Native Foods	Tools and Hardware	Baby Girl
Sports	BBQ	Scrapbooking

^{***} Big items that generate donations: Kids' bikes, Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, spa packages, mosquito eaters***

Volunteers Needed!!!

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Dorene Bunch (378-5266, <u>dkbunch@alaska.edu</u>)

Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15

We will need fliers hung at a LARGE number of places. We will need 5 people to do this over the weekend. Once we have volunteer names, we will get them the fliers and the names of the businesses.

Thursday, July 26

1PM to 5PM

• 10 people needed for food preparation

Friday, July 27 from 10AM to 9PM

10AM to 3PM

- 12 people needed to cook
- 5 people are also needed to make bread (this is a VERY important job and we need people who know how to make bread and will commit to the full shift)

3PM to 6PM

• 10 people needed to continue cooking, as well as boxing and serving meals

5:30PM to 8PM

• 10 people to cover selling raffle tickets on the floor

6PM to 7PM

• 10 people needed to continue cooking, as well as boxing and serving meals

7PM to 9PM

• 5 people to clean the kitchen (10 people if we want to get it done in an hour!)