



**Greetings Members and Friends!**

It's back-to-school time, when we say adios to the last of the summer weather and welcome gorgeous autumn: fireweed blooms reaching the top of the stalk and turning to seed fluff, termination dust in the forecast, and leaves beginning to turn bright colors.

We have an important update: our annual **Gala for Excellence in Community Service** has been scheduled for the evening of **Friday, October 9th** at West High School. We look forward to all our communities coming together again for this event!

It's National Hispanic Heritage Month, and here are some other events to be aware of during this busy September:

- 7th - Labor Day
- 11th - Patriot Day
- 13th - Grandparents Day
- 16th - Mexican Independence Day
- 16th - Stepfamily Day
- 19th - Rosh Hashanah



20th - Islamic Eid ul-Fitr  
21st - United Nations' International Day of Peace  
22nd - First Day of Autumn  
25th - Native American Day  
28th - Yom Kippur

Here's wishing peace and respect between all communities, every day!

*Elsa Sargento, President, and Paula Pawlowski, Director*

## Bridge Builders on TV TONIGHT!

Tune in to KAKM on September 1, 8:30pm, and watch Bridge Builders board members and community members speak out and help out with KAKM's live membership drive program focusing on the "Playing for Change: Peace Through Music" project.

**\* NEW \* NEW \* NEW \* NEW \***

### Board Spotlight

*"Meet" a new member of the Bridge Builders board of directors here every month!*

**ELLSWORTH JAMES, PhD**  
*African American/Lipan Apache*  
Vice President, Public Relations

### Cultural Events Calendar

Now available online at:

<http://www.bridgebuildersak.com/BridgeBuilders2009Calendar.pdf>

Please check back often for updates!

#### Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

**Gala for Excellence in Community Service:**

October 9, 2009

*West High School*

**International Potluck:**

*November 2009*

*Date and Location to be announced*

**Meet the World in Anchorage:**

February 2010

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

**March in the 4th of July Parade:**

July 4, 2010

*Assemble at 10:00am*

*at corner of 7th and G*

*If you would like to volunteer on a committee for Bridge Builders,*

Dr. Ellsworth James has 15 years of experience in the field of Industrial Psychology and Social Research. In 1992 as a consultant for Sigma Consulting Group, Dr. James provided coaching, program development and conflict resolution for expatriate executive personnel based in Europe. In 1995 he became the senior partner at Psychological Consultants International GmbH, in Berlin Germany. While there he developed communications and cultural diversity training programs for multi-national corporations in Europe and Asia. Returning to the United States in 1998, he participated in several international social development projects and in 2006 became a senior partner in the consulting group James, Velox and James. Dr. Ellsworth James has been married for 16 years has 3 children, and continues his work in cultural genetics and environmental trauma in Southeast Alaska.

His lectures topics include: Cultural Genetics, Traditional Grief, Intergenerational Trauma, Post Reconstruction Economics, From Slavery to Survivor

#### Publications Presentations and Training

Workshop Presentation Socio-Economics and Health Care in African America. 2007 African American Summit, Anchorage, Alaska  
Closing Plenary Speaker Beyond the Epidemics November 30- and December 1, 2006  
HIV and Traditional Grief, Building a Foundation in HIV Prevention, sponsored by  
All Nations Hope, Regina, Saskatchewan  
Embracing Our Traditions Values and Teachings  
Natives Peoples of North America HIV/AIDS Conference  
Anchorage, Alaska May 2-6, 2006  
Presenter Third Annual Tribal Wellness Program December 10-12, 2003  
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
Alaska Tribal-State Forum on Domestic Violence April 4-5, 2005  
World Psychology Congress in Hamburg. Evolution of Psychotherapy. Victor Frankel and some other pioneers such as Bandura, Beck, Bugental, Ellis, ...1994

#### Memberships & Associations

APA 1999 to 2003  
Society for Epidemiologic Research 2007-Present  
Applied Research Center 2007 - Present  
Association for Conflict Resolution - 2007 Present  
Alaska Native Brotherhood 2000 - Present  
JVJSP Primary Research Investigator  
Registered Government Contractor  
SBA 2007  
CCR 2005 - 2007  
Educational Chair NAACP Anchorage Branch 2008  
National NAACP Member  
Chair: Minority Education Concerns and Advisory Committee, Anchorage School District  
President-Elect: NAACP Anchorage Branch 2008-2009  
Commander: Sons of the Legion Post 34 Anchorage, AK

**Have you made your 2009 donation yet?**

*Please consider a donation of any size. Thank you!*

It's easy! You can use the PayPal button on our website: [www.bridgebuildersak.org](http://www.bridgebuildersak.org)

or mail it to:

Bridge Builders of Anchorage  
P.O. Box 240294  
Anchorage, AK 99524-0294

*Bridge Builders relies on private donations to fund our programs. With your*

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

**Our 2008 Annual Report and membership forms can be found on our website:**  
[www.bridgebuildersak.org](http://www.bridgebuildersak.org)

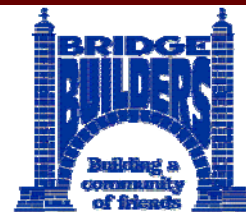
#### *Core Purpose:*

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!



support, we can continue building a more harmonious community.

## Bridge Builders is on Facebook

Come join and visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Bridge-Builders/1761601918>

## Bridge Builders PSAs

Our Public Service Announcements will be available on our website soon. In the meantime, please view the PSAs from Bridge Builders and Alaska Common Ground at:

[http://www.akcommonground.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=6&Itemid=8](http://www.akcommonground.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6&Itemid=8)

## Gala 2009 Invitation Letter and **Honoree Nomination Form** now available!

**Deadline: September 10th, 4:00pm**

Please go to our website to download them:

[www.bridgebuildersak.org](http://www.bridgebuildersak.org)

Thank you.

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*Bridge Builders of Anchorage will be celebrating its 4th Annual Bridge Builders Gala for Excellence in Community Service on Friday evening, October 9, 2009, at West High School. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cultural entertainment, a silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person.*

*The focus of this gala is to recognize an outstanding member and/or project of an ethnic community, and to honor those who have continuously made significant contributions to their communities through volunteer efforts.*

2009 Bridge Builders  
of Anchorage

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# The Anchorage Museum

## Summer Films

11a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. daily, Auditorium  
5/31/2009 - Sept. 16, 2009

Films focusing on history, nature, art and native cultures of Alaska are shown daily from May 31 to Sept. 16. This program is included with museum admission. For a daily schedule, please go the museum's online calendar.

## First Friday

6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 4

Opening receptions for two popular, biennial art exhibitions: "Earth, Fire and Fibre XXVII" and "Alaska Positive." Enjoy refreshments from Muse restaurant while visiting the museum's galleries and listening to the smooth sounds of the John Damberg Jazz Quartet. Free.

## The Artist's Eye Lecture Series: Bloody Tales

8 p.m., Sept. 4

The new, monthly Artist's Eye Lecture Series features informal, artist-led gallery discussions about works of art in the Anchorage Museum's collection. Free.

## Free Family Day: Hispanic Heritage Festival

1 to 4 p.m., 9/13/2009

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Latin music, dancers and a fashion show of traditional clothing. Free museum admission all day.

## Lecture: Kodiak and Chugach Mythology

7 p.m., 9/14/2009

Kodiak and Chugach Mythology: East Asian and Arctic Links. Free.

## I Wonder Preschool Program

2 p.m., beginning 9/23/2009

This weekly preschool program, begun by The Imaginarium, resumes Sept. 23, at the Anchorage Museum. At 2 p.m. every Wednesday, kids enjoy science and art activities with their guardians. Free to museum members/\$5 non-member children/\$8 non-member adults.

More events and information at [www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org)  
907-343-4326

## Anchorage Public Library Events

**Jim La Belle**

*Inupiaq*

**Gabrielle LeDoux**

*Eastern European*

**Modou E. Manneh**

*Gambian*

**Barbara Niziol**

*Polish American*

**Mabel Pike**

*Tlingit*

**Melvin Williams**

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*Hmong*

**Paula Pawlowski**

*German Welsh*

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The library's online newsletter will have details and events for September available soon at:

[http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/calendar/2009/Current\\_Calendar.pdf](http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/calendar/2009/Current_Calendar.pdf)

## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

### MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY EVENTS

#### Mayor's Diversity Month

Visit [muni.org](http://muni.org) for more information about Mayor's Diversity Month events and activities occurring throughout the month-long celebration (September 1 through September 30th).

### Anchorage Youth Development Coalition

#### Opportunities for Youth

##### **GED Information** (Graduation Equivalence Diploma)

Is it time to get that all-important GED? Are you rusty in the subjects you need to pass: Math, Writing, Social Studies, Reading and Science?

Fall classes start **September 21**.

Call Donn Liston, Nine Star Enterprises: 375-3735 or 297-5419

##### **Dare to Care**

The YWCA and Dare to Care are partnering up for the "I Make A Difference" Girls' Workshop to be held at the YWCA on **September 11th and 12th**.

The workshop is available to Junior High and High School aged girls. This weekend event is designed to encourage girls to make smart, healthy choices, take care of themselves, gain confidence, and have fun.

Guaranteed to be lots of fun! The fee is \$40 for the weekend (and includes free haircuts to girls with proper permission slips). There is a sliding fee scale - and scholarships available. No girls will be turned away - until capacity has been exceeded. We truly want this to be a life-time experience for the girls. For more information, please contact:

Bettsie M. Wild, Founder & Executive Director

Dare to Care, Inc.

907.264.6767

##### **Fall Career Fair**

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 ♦ 10 a.m-5 p.m.

SULLIVAN ARENA

1600 Gambell Street, Anchorage, AK

Employers, don't miss this chance to connect with some of the brightest people in our community! This is the perfect opportunity for you to introduce your company and recruit the right candidates to fill key positions within your business.

**HURRY!** Early Bird Registration Deadline is September 4th!

Call now to reserve your booth: 907-257-4414

Anchorage School District

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Census 2010

CIRI

Conoco Phillips

First National Bank Alaska

Immediate Care

Ninestar Education & Employment Services

Wells Fargo

Many more events, opportunities and details at:  
<http://www.aydc.org/>

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## Alaska World Affairs Council

Sept. 11, 2009

Speaker: Mick Dodson, Australian of the Year

Sept. 18, 2009

"The Real Work of Reconciliation: A Personal Story"

Speaker: Linda Biehl, Co-Founder & Director of the Amy Biehl Foundation & the Amy Biehl Foundation Trust

Sept. 25, 2009

"U.S. - Canada as Arctic Ocean Neighbors: Mostly Cooperation, But Some Irritation"

Speaker: Dr. Ted McDorman, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, B.C.

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AWAC weekly luncheons location: Hilton Hotel

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - Program begins at 12:00 p.m.

RSVP by telephone 276-8038 or by email to [info@AlaskaWorldAffairs.org](mailto:info@AlaskaWorldAffairs.org).

Lunch Program \$20 for Members - \$25 for Non-Members - \$6 for Coffee Only

For more information, go to <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/>

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## First Fridays Art Walk

**Sep 4, 2009, 5:30 - 8 p.m.**

Location: Local Art Galleries

Visual artists are in the spotlight the first Friday of each month when Anchorage art galleries stay open late to celebrate new works by local artists. A map for participating galleries is included in the Thursday edition of the Anchorage Press publication, one day prior.

Includes:

***35th Annual Juried Exhibition of the Alaska Watercolor Society***

Location: Virtu Gallery  
400 W 4th Avenue, opening reception 5-7 pm

# SAFE + SOUND

## Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009  
11:00am - 3:00pm  
*Anchorage Loussac Library*

### Are You Ready?

Are you and your family prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster? Do you have a survival kit and know what to do if you are unable to obtain emergency support during a disaster?

Want a **fun** way you can learn how to get ready and obtain the things you need to be prepared?

Please come to second annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. This family-friendly event will feature vendors and professional trainers from a host of companies and agencies who provide safety training. They will be conducting demonstrations, games, hands-on activities, workshops, information and products to help you and your family get prepared.

Disasters are not a matter of if - they are a matter of when. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month.

Find online resources, games and information at:

<http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/emergancy%20prep%20fair/empfair.html>

*Event hosted by the Anchorage Municipal Public Library, the Office of Emergency Management, Alaska State Troopers, Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the North America Outdoor Institute.*

*Contact: Toni Massari McPherson, (907) 343-2981,  
McPhersonTM@ci.anchorage.ak.us  
Or Debra McGhan, NAOI, (907) 376-2898; debra@naoiak.org*

Health Festival

## UMedFest '09

Goose Lake Park

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

Noon to 2 p.m. for a FoodFest picnic

Noon to 3 p.m. for the Activity Festival

[www.umedfest.org](http://www.umedfest.org)

The fourth annual UMedFest's great afternoon of fun activities will be held at Goose Lake, Saturday, September 12, from Noon to 3 pm. This annual health festival is a great event with **healthy food, fun games, music, art and recreation of every kind, for every age. This day is also a great opportunity if you have a favorite family or cultural dance, game or music you'd like to teach others.** Check our website: [www.umedfest.org](http://www.umedfest.org) for information on how to sign up and be a member of those sharing their healthy activities.

UMedFest has a continually developing youth leadership component that is playing a significant role in 2009. Preserving and maintaining health at all ages is challenging. Youth, however, are facing the greatest challenge as health care costs rise along with the prevalence of health risk factors as they move into adulthood. That is why a goal of the festival is to engage area students from high schools and the universities in health leadership roles. In previous festivals student volunteers have numbered up to 70, with credited internships sponsored by high schools and the universities.

In preparation for this year's festival youth leaders participated in a three-day training to increase their skills in team building, problem solving and event planning to equip them to coordinate and conduct UMedFest 2009. Join them and all of our Anchorage neighbors in having a great time!

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### Quality of Life Survey

*Because United Way does so much for our communities, we are asking you to please get as many members of your community as you can to participate in this project; it doesn't take much time. Please respond directly to Sandra Schubert of United Way to help her with this effort; she will get you all of the materials you will need. Thank you very much.*

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#### Survey Purpose

The purpose of the Community Assessment Project (CAP) is to learn **what people think about the quality of life in Anchorage.** United Way, in partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage and Providence Health & Services Alaska, first conducted the CAP in 2006 and is repeating it this year. Data

are collected through a telephone survey and a face-to-face survey.

The face-to-face survey is important because it's how we make sure the survey reaches a broad segment of Anchorage's population, including demographic groups that we may not reach with the phone survey alone. We greatly value your participation.

The survey questions are in the areas of health, education, income, social environment, natural environment & public safety. It takes about 10 minutes to complete. We'll provide you copies of the survey and collect the completed surveys from you. The survey report will be available on United Way's web page at [www.liveunitedanchorage.org](http://www.liveunitedanchorage.org) in January 2010.

#### Survey Instructions

1. To fill out the survey:

- must live in Anchorage (Eklutna to Girdwood)
- must be age 18 or older
- only one survey per family

2. You may administer the survey through interviews or you may give people the survey to fill out themselves. If you use the interview method, do not put the survey questions in your own words--please read the questions exactly as they are printed.

3. The answer circles must be completely shaded with a pencil or blue or black pen.

4. All surveys must be anonymous (no names, please). Individual survey responses will be kept confidential.

5. It's OK for people to refuse to complete some questions of the survey--do not insist.

6. All surveys need to be returned to Sandra Schubert (see contact information below) at United Way by **September 7**. If you need additional copies, please contact Sandra--because the survey will be read by a scanner, copies of copies cannot be used. Also contact Sandra if you have any questions or would like more information.

Sandra Schubert, Community Action Director  
United Way of Anchorage  
701 W. 8th Street, Suite 230, Anchorage, AK 99501  
907.263.3853  
sschubert@ak.org  
[www.liveunitedanchorage.org](http://www.liveunitedanchorage.org)

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## Concert: Foreign X Change

Leonid Grinberg, a member of the Anchorage Russian community, is having his debut concert on **September 12th**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Discovery Theater, of the APAC. He is presenting a mixture of Russian and American music, accompanied by choral groups and troops of dancers. Tickets and information are available at [CenterTix.org](http://CenterTix.org). Your support of this young, local talent would be greatly appreciated.

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## FREE Prostate Cancer Screening

Providence Cancer Center  
Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 2009  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
(By appointment only; space is limited.)

Call today at (907) 212-6870

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### Job Opportunity

Youth Development Specialist

This position is responsible for moving forward elements of the Anchorage United for Youth (AUY) initiative that involve: youth and governance; engaging youth in meaningful activities; and, providing training, consultation, coaching and assistance to Anchorage-based youth-serving organizations on positive youth development models. Job responsibilities include facilitating work of the Teen Advisory Council, training and coaching other youth workers, and becoming an active participant in AUY efforts. The position will work with several community agencies, including Anchorage Youth Development Coalition, United Way of Anchorage, the Association of Alaska School Boards, Anchorage School District and the state Division of Behavioral Health. The position is full-time with benefits. Interested applicants must submit a resume with a letter of interest to [jack@aydc.org](mailto:jack@aydc.org) before **midnight September 1st**.

Qualifications and complete job description available at:  
[http://www.aydc.org/index.cfm?fa=documents\\_search&doctype=Job%20Announcements](http://www.aydc.org/index.cfm?fa=documents_search&doctype=Job%20Announcements)

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### Job Announcement

Alaska Teen Media Institute Assistant Director  
40 hrs M-S. Flexible Schedule  
Salary: up to \$32,000 per year, DOE  
Supervisor: Director, Alaska Teen Media Institute  
Address: 203 W 15th Suite 105 Anchorage, AK  
For more information contact [kzeman@spiritofyouth.org](mailto:kzeman@spiritofyouth.org)

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

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.

*Bridge Builders of Anchorage is pleased to partner with Census 2010 due to its importance to the multicultural communities of Anchorage.*

## RAIS Update

It has been a very full summer for the Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services. Since the end of April we have received 38 new refugees. This includes 13 families coming from Bhutan, Sudan and Iran. We also had a refugee from Cuban come directly to Alaska. The families have been settling in well with lots of volunteer support. Almost all family units have a family mentor volunteer assisting in their adjustment to America. Here are a couple notes from the program:

1. Before summer ends remember to visit the refugee run Fresh International Gardens farmers market booth -- Wednesdays at the Northway mall and Saturdays at the University Mall. The produce is great and the refugee clients have worked hard all summer.
2. We have a new warehouse to store furniture in partnership with LOVE Inc. LOVE Inc will provide furniture for families in need for free and our newly arriving refugee families will be the priority group. We are in need especially of beds (mattresses, box springs and frames) and of dining tables and chairs. If you have furniture to donate please contact Kerina Vue at 222-7359 to arrange pick up or to set at time to drop off items. Please pass this message on ... we have several families coming in August and September and are out of beds at the moment.
3. We are searching for new employment opportunities for our clients. If you have ideas please contact us! Many of our employable clients speak at least some English and all are very motivated to work.

### COMING in AUGUST...

A family of 3 from Bhutan  
A single man from Iran joining family here  
and we are expecting several more families for August and September -- from Somalia and Bhutan primarily.

Please let us know if there is any further information you want. We appreciate all your support and look forward to the fall!

Karen Ferguson, Ph.D., Program Director/ State Refugee Coordinator  
Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)  
Catholic Social Services  
(907) 222-7376 phone, [Kferguson@cssalaska.org](mailto:Kferguson@cssalaska.org)

## Paint the Town!

This summer NeighborWorks® Anchorage and hundreds of volunteers painted 26 homes in the Anchorage bowl. Our Paint the Town signature event is a wonderful opportunity to help our friends and neighbors and to create spirit of participation and pride in our neighborhoods. We would like to get a head start on Paint the Town 2010 and are **looking for nominations of homes that need to be painted.**

There are no income qualifications as this program is based on need only. How can you help? Please pass this information on to your staff and list serves so we can get the word out. Contact us for nomination forms.

Paint the Town made a huge difference in the lives of the volunteers, homeowners and their neighborhoods. If you would like additional information about the various programs NWA provides or are interested in participating or supporting Paint the Town 2010, please call 677-8490.

Questions? Call us at 677-8490  
NeighborWorks® Anchorage  
480 West Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503  
[www.nwanchorage.org](http://www.nwanchorage.org)

## UNITED NATIONS' DAY OF PEACE

**September 21, 2009**

Notice of Event and Volunteer Opportunities

Event: 12 - 8pm  
Organizer: Regina Manteufel, The Back to Work Network  
The goal: To get more educated and keep teens in school.

Agenda:

12 noon to 3:30 -- BWN International Womens Dress for Success event free interview clothing, make up, GED info, school grant info, work info and work speakers. We need volunteer haircutters (or money donated at 5th Ave Key Bank for our Donation Account to pay haircutters) and noon snack food donated or \$100 to cover food/lunch pot luck. In multipurpose room with kitchen.

3:30 to 8 pm -- Keep teens in school time. I have plenty of teen/women's clothing that will be given away with the goal of giving them grant info from Alaska Advantage Program, GED programs and UAA will be asked to show up. We will have different men and women speak on how they made it with goal of not giving up. No boys /men will be turned away from afternoon this time period . Small groups are encouraged in talking circles.

5:30 to 6pm -- International churches are bringing in lovely table covers, 20 chairs, to gym; amounts are pledged in advance from various churches.

6 to 6:30 -- International community is coming in with a potluck food

6:45 to 8pm -- Entertainment time, with announcements between entertainments of educational agencies, social services phone numbers and groups to help parents.

Different groups may design handouts of what they are doing to make a safer, educated, counseled community and merge info with other groups in flyers of ones already working together. **We need more volunteers, ideas, and help with organizing.**

Questions can go to Regina Manteufel, 276-4904, [regina@anch.net](mailto:regina@anch.net). We will do **email meeting 11 am on Friday the 4th**, and **12 noon meeting Saturday the 5th** at 1100 East 10th Ave. (potluck, I provide tea) .

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## Camp Erin Anchorage

Hospice of Anchorage, the Forget Me Not Grief Program and the Moyer Foundation are pleased to announce the first annual Camp Erin Anchorage, a weekend children's grief camp, planned for **September 25 - 27, 2009**.

Camp plans are gaining momentum! And...we need both volunteers and campers. Can you help? There is a variety of volunteer possibilities: everything from Cabin Big Buddies to helping with gifts for the children or being part of the camp welcoming committee, for example. Also, is there a funding source that you think might be able to help or a business that could offer an in-kind donation?

Do you know a grieving child that could benefit from this weekend (ages 6 to 17 years)? The camp is free to participants and we have a limited number of spots available. A weekend with peer support and supportive, trained adults can be life-changing to a child or teen who is on a personal grief journey.

Please contact me if you'd like more information or would like to receive a Volunteer or Camper Application.

*Jane Barber, MEd*  
*Program Coordinator, Forget Me Not Grief Program*  
*[jane@hospiceofanchorage.org](mailto:jane@hospiceofanchorage.org), Office: (907) 561-5322*  
*[www.hospiceofanchorage.org](http://www.hospiceofanchorage.org)*

P.S. For more information on Camp Erins around the country, please visit [www.moyerfoundation.org](http://www.moyerfoundation.org). The pictures, testimonials and information show how the camp experience can be pivotal for the journey of these children through their grief.

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**Is there something happening in your community that you would like to see included here? Please email the details to us at least one week prior to the end of the month at [bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org](mailto:bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org).**

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

#### Contact Information

Paula Pawlowski, Director  
phone: 277-1882 fax: 277-1883  
email: [bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org](mailto:bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org)  
website: [www.bridgebuildersak.org](http://www.bridgebuildersak.org)

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