ABOUT

ARCTIC SLOPE NATIVE ASSOCIATION (ASNA) is an Alaska Native-Owned, non-profit, health and social services organization based in the northernmost region of Alaska, serving the villages of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiaġvik, and Wainwright. Formed in 1965, by original founders Samuel Simmonds, Guy Okakok, Sr., and Charles ‘Etok’ Edwardsen, Jr., ASNA was created to help protect the lands of the Arctic Slope region, beginning the process that led to the eventual passage of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

Today, ASNA manages the Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital (SSMH), the only critical access hospital and Level IV trauma center within the region. SSMH has become the center of an increasingly agile health care delivery system that spans the North Slope of Alaska. Our Joint Commission accredited hospital services begin in Utqiaġvik and reach throughout the region.

The facility includes:
- Fourteen (14) outpatient exam rooms
- Four (4) emergency department beds
- Two (2) trauma bays
- Ten (10) inpatient beds, including two (2) Labor and delivery rooms
- Physical Therapy
- CT scan/Coronary Computed Tomography Angiogram (CT) Scan/DEXA bone density scan
- Specialty Clinics: Audiology, Cardiology, Colonoscopy, Dermatology, Diabetes, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Gynecology, Hepatology, Neurology, Nutrition, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Sleep Medicine, and Surgery

MISSION

Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of the people of the Arctic Slope.

VISION

The people of the Arctic Slope are healthy and content.

OUR VALUES

ASNA and all operations of the Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital are guided by the values of the Iñupiat people of the Arctic Slope:
- Nagiliktautiaqiq — Compassion
- Paqaqlautiaqiq — Resolution of Conflict
- Piaqikkutiaqiq suli qiksiksrautiaqiq utsqqanaamuni allanullu — Love and Respect for our Elders and One Another
- Piaaamutiaqiq — Cooperation
- Quvianü NGIQ — Humor
- Aviktaqungiyiqiq — Sharing
- Ilagiyiqiq — Family and Kinship
- IluqinaulluNGIQ — Knowledge of Language
- AguniulluNGIQ — Hunting Traditions
- Qiksiksrautiaqiq luqinaullu — Respect for Nature
- QiñuunNGIQ — Humility
- Ukpiaqungiyiqiq — Spirituality
Moving forward together

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The ASNA Board formed a hospital governing committee that oversees the operations of Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital. The governing committee includes tribal council representatives, the ASNA President/CEO, the SSMH Hospital Administrator, the SSMH Medical Chief of Staff, and the North Slope Borough (NSB) Director of Health & Social Services.

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SSMH Medical Chief of Staff

MURIEL BROWER
NSB Director of Health & Social Services
Cardiology — Implantable Loop Recorder

An implantable loop recorder (ILR) is a diagnostic device that can now be implanted in patients at SSMH. This recorder is programmed to detect an abnormal heartbeat that could be fast, slow, or irregular. It is placed underneath the skin in a minor procedure taking less than five minutes. The ILR can remain in place up to four years. The ILR is the most effective tool to diagnose atrial fibrillation which many times is asymptomatic. Atrial fibrillation is irregularity in the heartbeat in which a blood clot forms in the heart that goes to the brain which causes a stroke. Atrial fibrillation is a leading cause of stroke accounting for over a third of all cases. When it comes to evaluating a patient who has had a stroke, for example, this device is valuable in diagnosing atrial fibrillation. In addition, this device is extremely important in the diagnosis of syncope or loss of consciousness. It allows us to better treat patients and to find the appropriate medication or other treatment modality.

Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT)

Pulmonary Function Tests are now available at SSMH. The testing measures lung function and the amount of air that is in your lungs after taking a deep breath, it also can show how much air is left after exhaling as much as you can. This test is helpful in assessing breathing patterns that can identify health related concerns and helps guide providers in your plan of care for lung related conditions such as asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

SSMH Provider Achieves Wound Care Certification

Dr. Susan Blanchard achieved the National Wound Care Certification from the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO).

This highly respected certification allows SSMH to provide treatment of wounds that would have otherwise required treatment off-slope. This treatment helps protect and save patient arms and legs that might otherwise be lost due to infection.
LABORATORY

College of American Pathologists (CAP) Accreditation

SSMH operates a full-service laboratory open seven days a week that provides diagnostic and phlebotomy services for our patients. The lab successfully achieved accreditation through 2024 by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). With our CAP accreditation, we can standardize testing and focus on continuity of quality patient care.

The laboratory continued to provide uninterrupted laboratory services for providers and patients throughout the Delta and Omicron COVID-19 surges in our communities. Lab personnel staffed the COVID-19 drive-thru testing center and worked as screeners to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

The laboratory expanded to the 16x16 Cepheid GenXpert Analyzer to increase capacity for onsite COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, and validated the multiplex test cartridge for COVID-19, FLU A and B, and RSV testing. COVID-19 testing capabilities became essential for detecting and preventing the spread of the virus.

DENTAL CLINIC — DENTURE CLINIC EXPANSION

Good dental health is an important indicator of overall health and well-being. The SSMH Dental Clinic is supporting the Arctic Slope through community-based and patient-specific dental disease prevention, education, and clinical delivery of general dental treatment. Despite the pandemic, dental care can and should continue to be received by patients of all ages.

Services include:
- Dental examination, periodic and emergency
- Preventive services, such as oral health and nutrition counseling, cleanings, sealants and more
- Restorations and routine oral surgery, including removal of most wisdom teeth
- Services for limited root canal therapy, crowns, bridges, and dentures are available in the hospital

The dental staff continues to provide routine dental care, specialty clinics and overall access to care in the NSB village clinics. The clinic also expanded denture clinic services to the NSB village clinics to make it easier for patients to access care. This has made a difference for our elders who might have difficulty traveling.
Medical Imaging
The Medical Imaging Department produces diagnostic studies ordered by SSMH providers and are submitted for interpretation by Radiologists at Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Imaging staff are responsible for performing a variety of specialized tasks involved in the performance of Computed Tomography (CT), Radiographic, Mammographic, and Ultrasound exams utilizing radiation and ultrasound, while adhering to patient safety protocols. The Medical Imaging Department consists of the Director of Medical Imaging, Mammographic/Radiologic Technologist, CT/Radiologic Technologists, and Sonographers.

In partnership with the NSB CHAP Program, the SSMH Medical Imaging staff trained 25 NSB community health aides (CHAs) to perform x-rays on patients and consult with SSMH Village Health Providers. A total of 335 x-ray exams were performed in the village clinics by the CHAPs, eliminating the need for travel to Utqiagvik for these services. This means a faster diagnosis, and fewer Medevac transports.

Nursing
COVID-19 Response
SSMH deployed Rapid Response Teams to Arctic Slope villages to offer COVID-19 vaccines, testing when there was an increase in cases, and monoclonal antibody therapies as needed. The Rapid Response Team consisted of a group of patient care technicians, nurses, and medical providers.

To increase vaccine participation, Saturday clinics were held in the SSMH front lobby. An ambulance bay at SSMH was converted for COVID positive patients to safely receive monoclonal antibodies without exposing other patients in the hospital. SSMH Medical Providers were able to complete nearly one hundred (100) village clinic visits to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and monoclonal antibody therapies in our remote communities during the year.

Eye Clinic
The SSMH Eye Clinic provides high-quality services and products at an affordable price to all Arctic Slope residents.

Services include:
- Comprehensive eye exams, which include screening and treatment for eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetes-related eye problems
- Refraction for glasses
- Contact lens fitting, ordering and management
- Eye disease evaluations and treatment or referrals
- Consultation, pre and post-surgical care for cataract and refractive surgery (LASIK)
- Glasses ordering, repairs and adjustments (outside prescriptions welcome)

The optometry clinic staff utilize special testing instruments to help with patient education, diagnosis, treatment, and management of ocular disease. These instruments allow our patients to be monitored at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital instead of being referred off-slope, which increases productivity and decreases anxiety for many that have not wanted to travel during the pandemic.

Healthcare Moving Forward
SCREENING FOR LIFE

The SSMH Screening for Life (SFL) Program handles the management of Centers for Disease Control funds for breast and cervical cancer screenings and Indian Health Service funds for diabetes treatment and prevention. The program also provides for non-grant covered colorectal screenings. The aim is to reduce the incidence of breast, cervical and colorectal cancers for people of the Arctic Slope by providing access to life-saving, early detection screening services like pap smears, mammograms, and colonoscopies. The program also provides diabetes education and prevention services. SFL offers year-round breast and cervical cancer screenings and colorectal cancer screenings through scheduled colonoscopy clinics and FIT testing to the residents of Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Lay, Utqiaġvik and Wainwright.

SFL has been working on integrating the low-dose CT for lung cancer screening (LDCT) program into the department to provide outreach, patient navigation, and case management services.

- 370 breast cancer screenings performed
- 224 pap smears performed
- 173 HPV tests performed
- 104 colonoscopies performed

SPECIALTY CLINIC — AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE CLINICS

The Specialty Clinic worked with the SSMH Village Health Team to provide the following specialty care in the villages: Cardiology, Dermatology, Pediatrics, and Sleep Medicine Specialists. Evening and weekend appointments are available to accommodate patient schedules.

In 2021, the SSMH Specialty Clinic also increasingly expanded services in Utqiaġvik to bring patients necessary care without the inconvenience of having to leave their communities. The following specialty clinics were offered at SSMH in 2021: Audiology, Cardiology, Colonoscopy, Dermatology, Diabetes, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Gynecology, Hepatology, Neurology, Nutrition, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Sleep Medicine, and Surgery.

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VILLAGE HEALTH SERVICES

As the only critical-access hospital in the Arctic Slope region, SSMH provides medical oversight and preceptorship training for the North Slope Borough (NSB) Community Health Aide Program (CHAP). CHAPs are often the only primary care providers serving vital roles in the health and well-being of our residents.

In addition, SSMH Physical Therapy continued providing treatment to patients via telehealth and began village outreach to expand services for our patients closer to home.

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**DIABETES PREVENTION**

The SSMH Diabetes Prevention Program, in conjunction with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium hosts ongoing quarterly Diabetes Clinics at SSMH. The clinic offers services from a medical provider, nurse practitioner, dietician, pharmacist, podiatrist, diabetes educator, and physical therapist. This clinic is focused on ensuring all of our diabetic patients receive the best possible care.

**PHARMACY**

The SSMH Pharmacy operates to meet the general pharmaceutical needs of the Arctic Slope, by providing access to medications necessary for the treatment of various disease states. Services include village medication inventory and stock prescriptions through the Pick Point dispensing system.

Patients now have the ability to request text message notification when their prescriptions are ready for pick-up.

The retail pharmacy hours are open from Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

The SSMH Physical Therapy (PT) Department provides culturally sensitive, compassionate and encompassing care for the people of the Arctic Slope. The PT Department is staffed with three physical therapists, one PT assistant, and two PT technicians. The department assists patients of all ages, from infants to elders, including but not limited to: orthopedic, hand, neuro, manual pediatric, and ergonomic assessments. Services involve outpatient, inpatient/swing bed, and PT treatment in the villages.
SOCIAL SERVICES

The ASNA Social Services Department administers programs for residents throughout the Arctic Slope, including job placement, higher education scholarships, adult vocational training, family preservation, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) assistance, preventative behavioral health services, tribal child/elder care, and medical and burial assistance. Social Services staff collaborated with SSMMH Diabetes Prevention to provide wellness activities throughout the year, including summer camps in the villages. This created community bonding and healthy activities for all participants.

Tribal Child Care Program

ASNA Social Services sponsors the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Tribal Child Care program for children ages 13 and under whose parents are employed and/or actively taking classes. The child must be enrolled or eligible to enroll in a federally recognized tribe. Eligibility is also based on family size and income. Currently, our staff is certified to train and certify the child care providers for CPR/First Aid in the villages.

During 2020-2021, the Family Preservation Program served 86 adults and children. Some of the services include: buying groceries for families in need; paying for hotel in emergency medical situations; paying for utility bills for families whose power was going to be shut off; purchasing winter clothing for families in need; and assisting families in obtaining birth certificates.

Through the CCDF Program, the number of children that received services increased to 53 in 2021.

Independent Living Program

Working in collaboration with different entities throughout the state, the ASNA Social Services program began the Independent Living Program, which focuses on youth who are on the cusp of adulthood and need additional help and guidance. The program focuses on empowering the youth to be able to learn important skills such as: applying for jobs, filling out an application, self-advocacy, budgeting, setting up a bank account, and much more. Currently this program is on a referral basis meeting one-on-one with clients.
### Nursing
- Babies Delivered: 23
- Prenatal Care Expectant Families: 138
- Primary Care Visits: 8,618
- Primary Care Telehealth Visits: 188
- ANMC VTC Encounters: 226
- Inpatient Admissions: 223
- ER visits: 7,492
- Specialty Clinics Offered: 71
- Specialty Clinic Patients: 722
- Swing Bed Days: 265
- Sleep Studies: 39
- Diabetes Education Appointments: 392

### Dental
- Dental Patient Visits: 5,920
- Dental Procedures: 25,812
- Sealants/Preventative Resin: 5,027
- Fluoride Treatments: 2,039

### Imaging
- DEXA Scans: 76
- X-Rays: 2,671
- Village X-Rays: 335
- Computed Topography (CT) scans: 1,322
- Mammograms: 367
- Ultrasounds: 888
- Low Dose CT scans: 1,322
- Lung Cancer Screenings: 92

### Lab
- Chemistry test and panels: 17,683
- Urine assays and panels: 3,160
- Hematology assays and panels: 6,057
- Transfusion Services test and panels: 275
- Microbiology procedure: 1,720
- Send Out procedures: 25,781
- POC test and panels: 16,619

### Social Services
- Total Children Served for Year 2021: 53
- Family Preservation/Food Assistance served: 86

### COVID-19 Numbers (through December 31, 2021)
- COVID-19 Cases: 1,872
- SSMH Hospitalizations: 145
- Resident Deaths: 5
- COVID-19 Tests: 37,990
- Completed Vaccines: 2,969
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatments: 344
RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

2021 Employee of the Year: Marie “Iqilan” Solomon

The ASNA Employee of the Year Award is a special recognition for the employee who represents ASNA’s mission, vision, and the guiding principles of the Iñupiat Values. Marie Solomon, Vice President of Administration, has been selected as ASNA’s 2021 Employee of the Year.

For those that may not have met Marie, her Iñupiaq name is Iqilan, she supports the Corporate Travel, MTFA, Human Resources, Communications, and Administrative functions of ASNA. She has been with ASNA since 1999 and is a great asset for the organization. One nominator noted, “Vice President Solomon is an amazing leader and boss. She goes above and beyond for the patients and clients we serve at MTFA. Keep being amazing to all you serve.” Congratulations, Iqilan!

Iqilan joins a distinguished list of individuals who have received Employee of the Year honors since its reintroduction in 2014.

- 2021 Marie “Iqilan” Solomon
- 2020 Kris Elkins
- 2019 Amber Leavitt-Hopson
- 2018 Becky Andrew
- 2017 Hermie Romero
- 2016 Cynthia Nethercott
- 2015 Dr. Joan Gaela
- 2014 Audrey Saganna

ASNA Staff Recognitions

Service awards recognize employees that have completed key milestones in their careers with ASNA. Each employee has grown with the organization and provides leadership and support for new employees in their areas. We would like to thank them for their commitment to ASNA and all that they do to build up our organization.

5 YEARS
- Mark Hermon / Martha Monnin / Irene Dagun / Victoria Elkins / Rosemarie Galang / Imelda Maravilla / Lailanie Nobleiza / Paulita Ortiz / Pilipina Silvays / Leila Valencia / Manilyn Balancio / Analiza Santos / Moli Tiai / Virma Dowdy / Maria Juan / Nick Miguel / Leilanie Alcantara / Adam Crosswhite / Gilbert Dino / Daniel Hartman / Roger Jones / Sosiaa Mahe / Pamela Amling / Caroline Uluave / Heather Nayokpuk / Dr. Gregory Engel / Dr. Paul Raymond / Coby Hatcher / Tereisita M. Balanza / Arthur Parks / Mark K. Balanza / Pamela Balanza / LaDona Haman / Dorothy Hallhill / Ginger Thrash / Jan Rey Tolentino / Joanne Neakok

10 YEARS
- Liberty Alcantara / Sherly Alcantara

15 YEARS
- Dr. Kimlea Medlin

our people moving forward

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OUR PEOPLE MOVING FORWARD
2021 Health Care Heroes Award

SSMH depends on our Health Care Heroes serving on the front lines—physicians, nurses, pharmacy, imaging, patient registration, environmental services, dietary services, social services and clinical administrative support staff to deliver care for our patients. Health care delivery is a demanding profession in the best of times; the COVID-19 pandemic stretches us even further. Delivering health care requires exceptional personal strength, competence, and character; amidst this pandemic, ASNA would like to recognize individuals that are serving our communities in exceptional ways during this difficult time.

Congratulations and Quyanaqpak to all of our 2021 recipients!

Nagliktuutagmiugñiq — Compassion Award
» 2021 Dr. Susan Blanchard, Physician
» 2021 Art Parks, Chronic Disease Management Outcome Coordinator

The awardees are the second cohort of award recipients since its inception in 2020.

Nagliktuutagmiugñiq — Compassion Award
» 2020 Dr. Kohhei Nakagawa, Physician
» 2020 Denise Irizarry, Chief Nursing Officer
» 2020 Dr. Alanna Small, Medical Chief of Staff

Paammaagmiugñiq — Cooperation Award
» 2020 Amanda Stein, Dental Hygienist

Daisy Award Quarterly Nominees

The Daisy Award is a nationwide program that recognizes nursing excellence and the compassionate care given by nurses everyday. Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital is proud to be a Daisy Award hospital to honor the extraordinary work nurses do for patients and their families.

Daisy Award 1st Quarter Nominee, Suzana Terzioski, RN
One thing that Suzana's nominators agree on is that Suzana Terzioski is extremely kind. "Thank you for the excellent care and treatment we received." Thank you Suzana for your great work. Congratulations!

Daisy Award 2nd Quarter Nominee, Geneva Akootchook, RN
Geneva Akootchook can be described as welcoming and her presence is calming. One nominator stated, “Her kindness and caring attitude is exemplary! She delegated tasks and demonstrated leadership...” Way to lead, Geneva!

Daisy Award 3rd Quarter Nominee, Angela Maslov, RN
Angela Maslov has always exemplified the greatest qualities of nursing. Her nominator continued with “I've witnessed her outstanding performance on many occasions. She is a qualified care-giver and a friend to all!” Wow, thank you Angela for leading by example.

Daisy Award 4th Quarter Nominee, Adam Burnett, RN
Adam Burnett’s nomination speaks to the competence and calmness that Adam exuded. His nominee stated, “He is a wonderful, caring nurse and is always willing to help.” Congratulations Adam!
Sunshine Award Quarterly Nominees

The Sunshine Award recognizes the care team that supports nursing staff and works closely with them to provide patients with the compassion and care they need. The Samuel Simmonds Sunshine Award is dedicated to non-nursing care-givers, including patient care technicians and other vital team members.

Sunshine Award 1st Quarter Nominee, Sarah Hopson

Sarah’s nomination is a testament to her kind heart and obvious care for her patients. This is the third time Sarah has been nominated, in 2019 she was selected by her peers as the 2019 Sunshine Award Winner. One patient recalled, “Sarah is so great with the patients. She always helps without hesitation.”

Sunshine Award 2nd Quarter Nominee, Dorothy Halfhill

Dorothy’s multiple nominations speak to the clear passion and commitment she has for her patients. One nominee noted, “She never left the patients side while in constant communication with the medical provider and making many adjustments in care, utilizing skill and knowledge to save a patient’s life.” Thank you, Dorothy!

Sunshine Award 3rd quarter Nominee, Teresita Balanza

The individual who nominated Teresita stated, “Teresita has a very loving and giving spirit, and the patients love her.” There is no doubt that Teresita deserves this nomination. Congratulations Teresita!

Sunshine Award 4th quarter Nominee, Kayla Young

It is very clear that Kayla is an enthusiastic individual who truly cares for her patients. Her nominator stated, “You can tell she is very confident and passionate in what she does. Kayla was very patient with me and she made sure that I understood everything completely.” Well done Kayla!

GROWING OUR OWN

ASNA Leadership Scholarship Awardees

The Guy Okakok, Sr. Leadership Award was established in 2015 in recognition of ASNA’s 50th Anniversary. It is named after one of the ASNA founders, Guy Okakok, Sr., who championed the rights of Alaska Natives. The purpose of the award is to provide academic scholarships to eligible North Slope tribal members who are interested in post-secondary health care, social services, or health-related certificate programs. Scholarship awardees receive a one-time issuance of $2,500 per semester or $5,000 per academic year, based on financial need.

ASNA is proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Guy Okakok, Sr. Leadership Award: Jenessa Oviok and Madeleine Stewart.

Jenessa is from Utqiaġvik, Alaska. She is the daughter of Roberta Oviok, granddaughter of Samantha Ruth Leavitt and Morris Oviok. Jenessa is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Madeleine is the daughter of Jared and Stephanie Stewart and granddaughter of Martha Brower of Utqiaġvik and Gary Stewart. Madeleine is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Biology and Native American Studies at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school.
ASNA Internship Program

ASNA hired summer interns for a variety of positions working throughout the organization. Each placement was based on their interest and experience. The 10-week program provides valuable work experience by learning the roles of each department and gaining experience in a health care setting. Interns also participate in special presentations with community leaders, elders, and hospital staff that share their wisdom and personal experiences.

The following interns were hired for the program:

Katelyn Kaleak  Lee Guthrie  Emmanuel Custodio
Charlie Kaynak  Elania Gueco  Eve Negovanna
Jenessa Oviok  Racquel Rexford  Robin Masterman

We wish you the best in your educational endeavors!
Amaagvik Assisted Living is a 12-bed facility that provides 24-hour care and assistance to elders who live there. The Amaagvik staff assist with the elders’ activities of daily living, provide opportunities for onsite and offsite group and individual activities, coordinate health care for the elders and provide routine on-site wellness visits from the SSMH health care providers. ASNA manages the Amaagvik Assisted Living under contract with the North Slope Borough (NSB).

Medical Travel and Funeral Assistance Program (MTFA)

Some of the hardest decisions to make in health care involve how to pay for and access the services we need and where to get help when someone we love passes on. The Medical Travel and Funeral Assistance (MTFA) Program supports the traditional Iñupiat values of compassion, cooperation, and love and respect for one another.

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) and the NSB have granted funds to ASNA to manage the MTFA Program. MTFA helps ASRC shareholders and residents of the North Slope Borough in medical or funeral crisis when no other alternative funds are available to pay for such services.

The MTFA Program serves the communities of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiaġvik and Wainwright.
ASNA would like to honor and remember a beloved employee, Qiilu Yazzie, Indian Child Welfare Act Program Manager.

Qiilu’s dedication to assisting families as ICWA Program Manager is well-known throughout the Arctic Slope. She began her employment with ASNA in September 2017 as the ICWA Advocate, and soon after she discovered a career in advocating for the children across the Arctic Slope that became her passion. Qiilu loved learning about her Inupiat culture and sharing her knowledge with others. She deeply cared for the children and families receiving services at ASNA. Her relentless determination to protect and preserve Inupiat cultural ties within families and the tribes made her exceptional working within the child welfare system. Qiilu’s heart for children and the care she provided will be greatly missed by many.
As we reflect on the resilience of our organization in 2021, we extend our heartfelt quyanaqpak to those who made it possible. It is because of the leadership of our board of directors, administration, hospital administration, physicians, nurses, and support staff that we can ensure that the people of the Arctic Slope are healthy and content.

We are thankful to the tribal councils for their support: Naqsraqmiut Tribal Council, Native Village of Atqasuk, Native Village of Barrow, Native Village of Kaktovik, Native Village of Nuiqsut, Native Village of Point Hope, Native Village of Point Lay, and Wainwright Traditional Council.

In addition, thank you to our partners North Slope Borough, NSB Emergency Management Services (EMS) staff and volunteers, NSB Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) staff, NSB Search & Rescue, Public Health Nursing staff, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), Indian Health Service (IHS), Arctic Slope Community Foundation, SKW Eskimos Inc., North Slope Borough School District, State of Alaska, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Manilaq Association, and outside partners the Alaska Chamber of Commerce, the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, the Alaska Children’s Trust, the First Nations Development Institute, Ilisaġvik College, and the Rasmuson Foundation. We look forward to our continued partnerships in 2022.
## Balance Sheet

### Assets
- **2021**: $299,522,566
- **2020**: $259,403,787
- **2019**: $234,211,596

### Liabilities
- **2021**: $253,469,274
- **2020**: $232,580,672
- **2019**: $217,696,392

### Net Position
- **2021**: $253,469,274
- **2020**: $232,580,672
- **2019**: $217,696,392

## Income Statement

### Operating Revenue
- **2021**: $97,835,770
- **2020**: $86,872,267
- **2019**: $79,411,549

### Operating Expenses
- **2021**: $80,611,768
- **2020**: $75,915,892
- **2019**: $69,308,194

### Operating Income
- **2021**: $9,223,962
- **2020**: $6,356,375
- **2019**: $8,388,066

### Net Non-operating Revenues
- **2021**: $20,888,602
- **2020**: $14,884,280
- **2019**: $8,388,066

### Change in Net Position
- **2021**: $20,888,602
- **2020**: $14,884,280
- **2019**: $8,388,066

### Net Position at Beginning of Year
- **2021**: $232,580,672
- **2020**: $217,696,392
- **2019**: $209,388,526

### Net Position at End of Year
- **2021**: $253,469,274
- **2020**: $232,580,672
- **2019**: $217,696,392

### Notes
- **Net investment in capital assets**
- **Capital contributions**
- **Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets**
- **PPP forgiveness revenue**
- **Interest expense**
