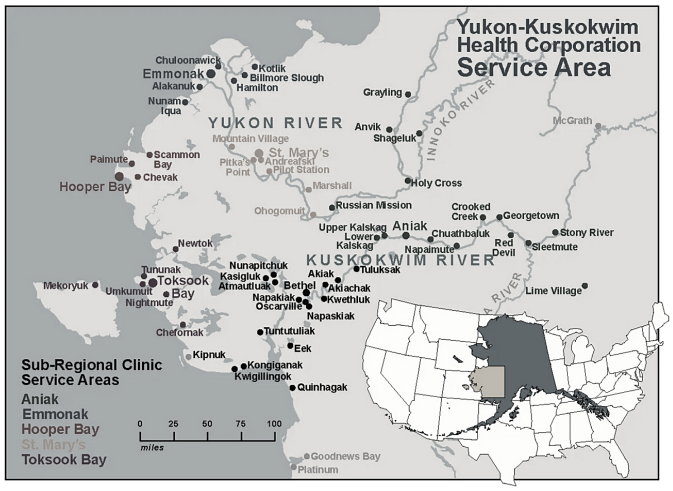
Community Health Aide Emergency Fund

Lifeline for Rural Health

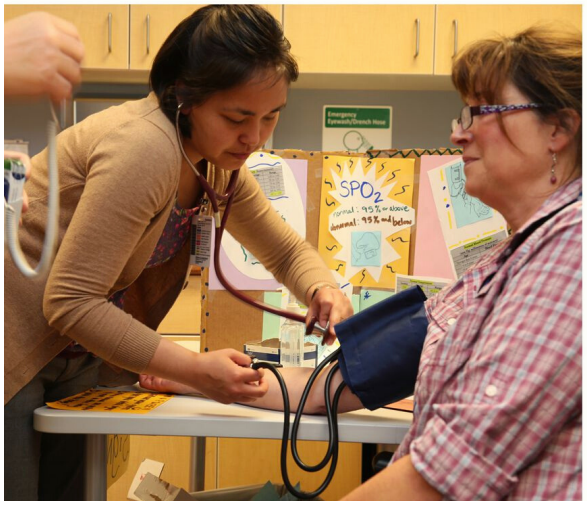
In rural communities, the healthcare system relies on Community Health Aides. They are the first resource for the sick, injured and frail, and are trained and certified to provide primary care services. Each of the 41 village clinics operated by the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation are staffed with local Health Aides.



Investing in Long-Term Change

The Community Health Aide Emergency Fund was established by long-time Bethel resident and Health Aide trainer, Chester Mark. In his 25 years working with the Health Aide Program, Mark was endlessly inspired by the dedication of the health aides he worked with and felt compelled to give back to the individuals that give so much to the region. He recognized the need for funding to help Health Aides with major transitions in their lives.

Many health aides or former health aides struggle financially to move and settle in Bethel, pursue further education, or cover unexpected health costs. This donor-specified fund provides grants to Health Aides in times of need.



Top: community Health Aide in action (ANTHC)
Bottom: Chester Mark, Fund Founder