Unsung Heroes

Outstanding volunteers who work behind the scenes to improve lives across the Bering Strait region
Youth Sports Coaching Volunteers
  ⚾ Youth softball – 7 years
  ⚾ Youth basketball – 5 years
  ⚾ Inclusive, sportsmanlike, fun, dedicated

Jr. and Sr. High School Sports Volunteer Scorekeepers

Fundraising Supporters

Alyssa Heers and Hannah Katongan
Nome, AK
Organizes Children Activities
Planned Community Wellness Potluck and activities 2017 & 2018
Volunteers for Gym Nights 2017-2019
Volunteers or Donates for Community Events 2018-2020

Angela Crisci
Wales, AK
Savoonga Clinic Manager
- Former Community Health Aide
- Was recognized as an EMS Provider of the Year

Vocal Housing Advocate
- Savoonga commissioner to BSRHA

Community Leader
- Led a fundraiser to allow local church’s water and sewer remain operational
- Encourages traditional customs and language speaking

Brianne Piyu Gologergergen
Savoonga, AK
Volunteer Patient Driver from 1997-2017
- Picked up health care skills to assist health aides and with emergencies

Volunteer Elder Driver
- Transports them to lunches and activities

Charlie Lee
Teller, AK
Teller Cultural Festival Organizers

- They fundraise, book travel, cook, clean, provide transportation, schedule events, shop for food, sew, subsistence hunt and fish, and provide a safe & healthy environment for attendees
- Takes months of preparation and planning to make possible

Charlene Isabell and Cora Ablowaluk
Teller, AK
Organizes Children Activities
Opens Her Home to Dance Practices and Eskimo Games 2017-present (summer months)
Volunteers for Open Gym 2017-present
Organized Easter Activities for Community 2019

Cynthia Crisci
Wales, AK
Search and Rescue Volunteer
  - Always the first to respond and organize the search team
  - Always prepared with transportation and gear
  - Communicates well between all organizations and partners
  - Positive Role Model for Younger Generations

Dale Sookiayak
Shaktoolik, AK
Danielle Slingsby
Nome, AK

- Youth Sports Coaching Volunteer
- Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. Volunteer EMT
- Preschool Association President
- Active Fundraising Supporter
Search and Rescue Coordinator
- Backbone of volunteer team
- Is always available to initiate first search and rescue responses

Fundraising

Diane Miller
Teller, AK
Active Fundraising Supporter and Organizer
- Will often put together fundraisers for people in medical or financial distress
- Does everything she is capable of to help – if not financially or physically, then through organizing community support

Volunteers to Bring Food to People or Families in Need

Doris Angusuc
Nome, AK
Event Planner Extraordinaire

- Plans Halloween contest, 4th of July events, annual basketball tournament, Christmas games
- Ensures children have fun and memorable holidays

Fred Daniels
Elim, AK
Serum Run Veterinarian Participant

Offering pet vaccines and education to villages along the Serum Run route (Nenana to Nome)

Gil Van Sciver
Nome, AK
Search and Rescue Volunteer
Elder Supporter
Shares his bounty: fish, whale, seals, moose, reindeer
Volunteers to help out

Glen Shipton, Sr.
St. Michael, AK
Selfless Caretaker

- Nightly care for elder with kidney disease
- Daily check-ins and medication support
- Escorts elder to all appointments

Jolene Nanouk Jones
Unalakleet, AK
Organizes Children’s Activities
- Lemonade Day
- Honoring Our Children
- Halloween Carnival

Fundraising Supporter
- Families in need
- School sports and play equipment

Kirstie Ione
Nome/Golovin, AK
Supporter in Family Loss
- Brings comfort to those who lose loved ones
- Provides food and help during Celebrations of Life
- Offers smiles, encouragement and advice

Selfless Caregiver

Linda Towarak
Unalakleet, AK
Lydia Raymond-Snowball
Stebbins, AK
Mary Reader
Nome, AK

- Roadside Litter Pick-up Volunteer
- Quyanna Care Center Events Volunteer
- Pioneer Club Member
- Church Member
  - Advocate of the Methodist Thrift Store
  - Working to raise funds to replace building
- Volunteer Sports Scorekeeper
Nome Arts Council Member
- Organizes snow sculpture contest
- Organizes Iditarod Art Show
Donates Time and Services
- Offered See It Paint It Nights as prizes

Michael Burnett
Nome, AK
Community Casket Builder
Builder and Restorer
  Can restore/repair cabins, sleds, boats, fish racks, fish nets

Paul Nagaruk
Elim, AK
VFW Auxiliary Volunteer
- Provided services for many years
- Turned VFW into a welcoming community center for not only military members, but everyone
- Can be found at VFW working hard behind the scenes

Peggy Darling
Nome, AK
White Mountain Search and Rescue Team
Volunteers for numerous years
Ready to go at day or night
They know it could be life or death

Jack Adams, Jay Adams, Davis Lincoln, Henry Titus, Sr. and Martin Lincoln
White Mountain, AK
Ronald Ongtowasruk – Posthumous
Volunteer Maintenance
- Offers services to community members in need, especially elders
- Fixes heating problems or frozen pipes

Richard Kuzuguk and Ronald Ongtowasruk
Nome, AK
Posthumous

Committed to Keeping People Safe
- Served as Village Police Officer
- Bering Sea Women’s Group Advocate
- Nome Police Dept. Dispatcher

Survivors Advocacy Group Member
- Urged bringing issue of sexual assault to public attention

Laverne Ashenfelter
Nome/Elim, AK