

# 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 Gologergen

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

- ⌘ Youth Sports Coaching Volunteer
- ⌘ Nome Volunteer Ambulance Dept. Volunteer  
EMT
- ⌘ Preschool Association President
- ⌘ Active Fundraising Supporter

Danielle Slingsby

Nome, AK

- ⌘ 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

⌘ Community Events Volunteer

⌘ Easter Games

⌘ Christmas Programs

⌘ Community Potluck Dinner

Lydia Raymond-Snowball

Stebbins, 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

Mary Reader

Nome, AK

- ⌘ 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