

# ANCHORAGE YOUNG CANCER COALITION

December 2016

## AK RUN FOR WOMEN GRANT FOR WINTER CABIN RETREAT

In October, we received a grant from the AK Run for Women to fund our first ever Winter Restorative Retreat coming up in February 2017. The summer retreats have been such a success but once a year was just not enough! The retreats truly do have a magical restorative quality. With peer-to-peer support, we look forward to providing another healing space for those affected by cancer.

## WHO IS AYCC?

The Anchorage Young Cancer Coalition (AYCC) provides emotional support and empowerment to young adults who are in treatment for cancer or who have finished treatment and are moving ahead with the challenges of living as a survivor. Through our community events, AYCC improves members' quality of life at all stages of cancer. We believe that nobody should ever have to go through cancer--and figuring out life after cancer - alone.

Nobody understands what a cancer patient goes through more than other cancer patients – especially when we are at the same stage of life.

## CANCER IS EXPENSIVE, AYCC SUPPORT IS FREE

We want our events to be available to all cancer club members, regardless of their financial situation. All of our donations go to covering the costs of our events such as:

- Annual Thanksgiving Celebration @ the Kincaid Chalet
- Summer Cabin Retreat in Big Lake, Alaska
- Painting Art Therapy @ Arctic Canvas
- Stupid Cancer Road Trip Meetup @ Moose's Tooth Pizza

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a Foraker Group partner. We welcome donations at our website at [anchorageyoungcancer.com](http://anchorageyoungcancer.com) or through the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend application on Pick Click Give.

## WE HAVE ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Partnership with Let Every Women Know to bring a speaker to Alaska to address the subject of sexuality after cancer.
- Partnership with Anchorage Concert Association to receive free tickets to various events at the Performing Arts Center throughout the season.
- Volunteered at Jewish Cultural Gala to honor Dr. Bleicher for her work.
- Partnership with Arctic Entries to receive free tickets to a show.



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*Studies show that social support has a direct correlation with improving the overall quality of life for cancer patients and improving survival outcomes.*

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