To whom it may concern,

The interior Alaska Cancer Association is a nonprofit organization that helps cancer patients and their families, and educates the community about cancer related issues.

We are here to help physicians and members in the Interior fight cancer. We provide support groups, financial assistance, and resource guidance for those who have cancer.

Overcoming the battle against cancer can sometimes depend on the availability of adequate diagnostic tools, therapies, medicines, and treatment. These things are costly and not always available to all who need them. For people without insurance or adequate coverage, and for those who are suffering the added anguish of financial catastrophe due to Cancer's costs, there is help. We offer that help.

IACA is an all volunteer organization, ensuring your donations go to serve Alaskans in need.

Thank you for your attention to our program,

Dorothy Steele

We will acknowledge Coop Market Grocery should we be chosen on our website and the Daily News Journal.
2021 LEND A HAND APPLICATION
Deadline: November 30, 2020

OUR MISSION
Co-op Market Grocery & Deli works for health and sustainability by providing healthful foods and products, promoting local suppliers, and offering consumer education in an open, community-centered environment, through a viable business.

OUR VALUES
• Service – We are committed to the joy of true service, putting the needs of others first in a way that touches lives and hearts. Our service is an honor and a privilege.
• Sustainability – We seek to sustain our co-op's financial health and growth while working toward solutions to economic development that consider the health of our community and planet.
• Social Responsibility – We believe that our actions must benefit the global community at large. This means that we promote justice and equity in all of our relationships and are committed to the people who use and work for our business.

Name of Organization: Interior Alaska Cancer Association
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Fairbanks, Ak 99708-0063
City, State, Zip:
Contact Name: Dorothy Stella
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Name and address for check remittance (if it differs from above):
Name: Gretchen Ray, Treasurer
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 80063
Fairbanks, Ak 99708_0063
City, State, Zip:

Is this a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization? Yes
If yes, please include certification with application.

Has your organization been a Lend a Hand recipient in the past? No
If so, when? 

Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? September or whatever is convenient
Note: December is not available. We cannot guarantee your month of choice.
2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?

Values & Mission: Supporting the health of our community through supplying the main source of human needs—food. We serve the community as volunteers and keep all with responsibility and dignity in our relationships.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

Requests for funds may vary in accommodate each individual request. Requests for food (groceries) and/or funds to purchase groceries for the patient. Funds may also be used for gas, electricity, or other necessities.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

None received.

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

We explain control possible needs of the Cancer patient as explained in section 3.

6. Which month would you prefer us to fundraise for your organization? (Note: We cannot guarantee your month of choice.)

September or August

Applications will be published on our website. For this reason, please include no more than one piece of supplemental information (brochure, flyer, annual report, etc.) with your application.

In December, our Owners will vote to select our 2020 Lend a Hand recipients. If your organization is selected, we will require the following:

- 2 or 3 high resolution photos representing your work. Please include a photo release for any people appearing in your photos.
- A high resolution, printable jpg of your organization’s logo.
- Promotion of the Lend a Hand program via your website, newsletter and/or social media pages.
- One scheduled 3-hour shift of tabling at the store during your Lend a Hand month.
- Brochures or flyers about your organization if available.

Important Note:
We do not donate to individuals, national charities, political candidates or organizations, organizations that advance a particular religious belief, or organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or status in any other protected group.

Submit applications to the attention of Kristin Summerlin, Marketing & Owner Services Manager:

- via email to marketing@coopmarket.org (preferred). Be sure to include scans of supporting materials.
- by hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk.
- by mail to the following address: Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701.
In 2002, a group of concerned Fairbanks individuals realized that the basic needs for cancer patients in the Interior were not being met. Funds raised nationally by large, established non-profit organizations, were primarily funneled in the direction of research, certainly a crucial endeavor in the battle waged against this destructive illness. Our friends and neighbors, however, were struggling with the immediate consequences of receiving the dreaded news—what are the treatment options; how long could they continue working; how would the bills be paid; what about transportation to and from therapy; what emotional toll would this create for them and their families? IACA was thus formed for the sole purpose of assisting cancer patients and their families in our community.

We are a very small, volunteer driven, 501(c)3 organization. Our goal is to assist those who are caught in the whirlwind following diagnosis. We provide support group meetings, resource guidance, and financial assistance. Of these provisions, the latter comprises, by far, the major part of our mission. Our organization relies strictly on donated funds. There is no office, no paid staff, and our overhead operational costs (phone, P.O. box, advertising, nominal fees) account for approximately 7% of our expenditures. The remaining 93% of donated funds are used for the needs of Interior Alaskan cancer patients who seek our assistance.

Financial assistance is provided for travel/transportation costs associated with cancer treatment within and outside of Alaska. We also pay utility bills, babysitting or housecleaning costs, medication fees, and offer Safeway gift cards which may be used for gas and groceries. The latter are much appreciated by individuals from outlying areas such as Tok, Delta Junction, Nenana, Healy, Arctic Village, Eagle, and other Interior communities. The amount awarded is the same for each applicant. We pay the vendor(s) directly, rather than a direct cash award to the individual.

Resource requests are generally for local agencies who can help with needs we are not able to meet. These include, but are not limited to, physical and occupational therapy, food bank, Fairbanks Resource Agency, and Patient Navigators at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. We additionally participate in local health fairs where we distribute educational materials as needed.

Our Support Group meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month (and more often if requested) at 7:00 p.m. at the Cancer Treatment Center. These meetings are geared for anyone who is dealing with cancer, as well as, their relatives, friends, coworkers, or neighbors. It is a relaxed gathering. Open discussion is encouraged, but not necessary.
Dr. J. Michael Carroll was a staunch supporter of IACA, in every regard, from the time of its inception. His untimely passing left numerous voids in our community from a wide range of perspectives. Dr. Carroll cared deeply for his patients. He continually encouraged IACA to go forward with our mission for the benefit of Interior families dealing with cancer not only as a disease, but as an unforgiving impediment to quality of life. Despite his absence, Dr. J. Michael Carroll continues to serve as the driving force for IACA.

It is vital that we increase public awareness about our organization. We are appreciative of all donations which will enable us to continue to help our neighbors in need. Our contact information can be found on our website, www.interioralaskacancer.org. If you know of a cancer patient in the community who could use our help, please share this information with them.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

President.
State of Alaska
Department of Community and Economic Development
Division of Banking, Securities and Corporations

CERTIFICATE
OF
INCORPORATION
Nonprofit Corporation

The undersigned, as Commissioner of Community and Economic Development of the State of Alaska, hereby certifies that Articles of Incorporation of

INTERIOR ALASKA CANCER ASSOCIATION

have been received in this office and have been found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Commissioner of Community and Economic Development, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation and attaches hereto the original copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of Alaska on
JUNE 11, 2002

Deborah B. Sedwick
Commissioner of Community and Economic Development