

## The Continuum of Care in Action

CYAK celebrates sending Tricia Ivanoff of Unalakleet, AK to Fairbanks to serve as the Arigaa Fairbanks Director.

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If you have spent any time around Covenant Youth of Alaska you have likely heard the phrase 'CYAK Continuum of Discipleship Care'. When the ministry launched in 1992, it took on the daunting task of working with youth who were geographically dispersed and covered a broad age-range. The Continuum of Discipleship Care became the medium to take on this challenge.

CYAK recognized that there was a need for the church to track with students throughout the age continuum of 12-25. It became the organization's goal to bring the light of Christ into contact with youth through these years and walk with them along their discipleship journey.

As youth work along the pathway toward their early adult years, CYAK challenges them to come to know Christ, take steps in growth with Christ and the be equipped to go in service with Him. That's where Tricia comes in.

Tricia Ivanoff was born in Unalakleet, Alaska, a small fishing village in the Norton Sound region. Her life was influenced at times through the work of the Covenant Church of Unalakleet and through annual visits to Covenant Bible Camp, ten miles outside of the village. Upon graduating high school, Tricia moved to Chicago to attend North Park University, a move she thought would put Alaska in her rearview mirror.

## "A few years ago, I would have told people that I was never going to be coming back to Alaska."

God had other plans. In partnership with the Covenant in Alaska, Tricia went to India twice to attend a discipleship school, and to serve on mission. During the six combined months she spent on the other side of the world God prepared her to come back to her own people.

Deep emotional and spiritual heartlevel healing were a part of the transformation that brought her to where she is today.

"Through God's grace and Christ's transforming power, I'm happy to say that I get the opportunity to serve Alaska Native young adults at the University of Alaska Fairbanks."

Sending Tricia to Fairbanks is a continuation of a long story that spans the continuum of discipleship care. We are thrilled to have Tricia serve with CYAK in such a vital role, and we look forward to seeing the way God will continue to grow and use her to impact the lives of youth and young adults in Alaska.

## **CONTINUE YOUR IMPACT TODAY**

Tricia served as a CYAK intern during the summer of 2012 as a part of her discipleship journey. You can impact other young adults walking along the Continuum of Discipleship Care like Tricia by providing needed funding to make internships possible.

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