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**AURORA**  
INTEGRATED ONCOLOGY  
FOUNDATION





The Patient Support Fund is an invaluable resource for individuals navigating their cancer journey. Its straightforward application process eliminates the complexities often associated with applying for a grant. The Patient Support Fund offers unique support for various needs, including transportation issues by paying for a vehicle diagnostic test, and covering utility or mortgage bills. One patient shared, **'You have no idea how much this helps me, thank you.'** By fostering a sense of stability, the Patient Support Fund diminishes uncertainty and stress, empowering patients to reallocate or stretch their funds, and focus on their health.

Mildrey Gonzalez, BSW  
*Social Services Clinician, Providence Oncology Support Services*

## A note from the Board Chair...

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the extraordinary work accomplished by Aurora Integrated Oncology Foundation (AIOF) and our clinical partners. This year has been one of meaningful growth, strengthened relationships, and renewed commitment to ensuring Alaskans facing cancer receive exceptional care, close to home.

One of the most significant milestones of the year was the successful recruitment of new physicians to our clinics. In a state where access to specialized cancer care can be challenging, growing our physician team is more than a staffing achievement—it is a direct investment in patient access, continuity of care, and long-term sustainability for oncology services across Alaska.

Equally important has been the continued engagement and dedication of our workforce. Our staff and physicians remain deeply committed to our mission, and this was affirmed through recent national benchmark workforce survey data, which demonstrated a fully engaged team aligned around purpose, quality, and compassion. This level of engagement speaks volumes about the culture being fostered within our organization and the shared belief in the work we do every day.

Philanthropy and community collaboration once again played a vital role in advancing our mission. This year, we received more than \$100,000 from a generous donor who is passionate about improving cancer screening across Alaska. We are proud to launch the Cancer Awareness Prevention & Screening (CAPS) program this year. Our hyper focus on CAPS allowed us to expand programs, such as the AIOF Cancer Screening Day held at the AK State Fair and the 'Beer for my Boys' prostate cancer screening event in Soldotna.

As the year came to a close, the Board took time to look ahead—challenging ourselves to envision where we want to be in five years. Together, we began shaping a long-term view focused on sustainability, access to care, workforce stability, innovative patient support programs, and deepened community partnerships. This forward-looking work ensures that our decisions today will continue to strengthen cancer care in Alaska well into the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to our physicians, staff, donors, and community partners. Your commitment, generosity, and compassion make this work possible. We are honored to serve alongside you as we continue this important journey.

With gratitude,

**Bill Popp**  
*Board Chair, Aurora Integrated Oncology Foundation*



# Mission + Values

## PURPOSE

To improve the quality of and access to cancer prevention, treatment and supportive care for Alaskans.

## MISSION

All Alaskans affected by cancer have access to a world-class continuum of services and a supported journey.

## VISION

Improve the oncology experience by ensuring access to state-of-the-art services, alleviating financial burdens, and fostering collaboration to improve cancer outcomes for all Alaskans.



**PROVIDENCE**  
CANCER CENTER



## Comprehensive & Connected Care

Through our network of centers in Anchorage, Mat-Su Valley, Southeast and the Peninsula, AIOF offers Alaskans access to a full spectrum of oncology services. Our integrated approach brings together the latest in radiation therapy and patient support systems to deliver personalized, high-quality care.

## Community Support

AIOF is committed to strengthening cancer care and support beyond our clinics. We partner with local cancer support organizations and nonprofits to extend resources to provide comfort, advocacy and assistance to Alaskans facing cancer.

# Board of Directors

The AIOF Board of Directors consists of experienced professionals who guide the Foundation's mission and provide strategic oversight. Their expertise spans healthcare, finance and community advocacy, united by a shared dedication to support Alaskans facing cancer.



**Left to Right:** Kenny Solomon-Gross, Mark Dixson, Michele Brown, William Magnuson MD, Donna Galbreath MD, Bill Popp, Maude Blair, Joe Everhart, Greg Merrill.

## AIOF Leadership + Staff



**Steven Castle**  
SVP Clinical Operations



**Eugene Huang, MD**  
Chief Medical Officer



**Jess Gutzwiler**  
VP Community  
Engagement and  
Philanthropy



**Ali Cano**  
Marketing Specialist &  
Physician Liaison



**Alex Gonnen**  
VP Clinical Operations

# Physician Leaders

AIOF's clinics are staffed by Alaska's top oncology specialists, committed to providing compassionate, expert care close to home. These professionals ensure that Alaskans receive world-class treatment without needing to leave the state.



## ANCHORAGE

### **William Magnuson, MD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Fellowship Trained in  
Stereotactic Radiosurgery  
Anchorage Radiation Oncology Center



## ANCHORAGE

### **Mike Green, MD, PhD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Anchorage Radiation Oncology Center



## ANCHORAGE

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*Radiation Oncologist*

Medical Director  
Providence Cancer Center



## ANCHORAGE

### **Stephen Settle, MD, PhD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Providence Cancer Center



## SOLDOTNA

### **Stacy Wells, MD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Peninsula Radiation Oncology Center



## MAT-SU VALLEY

### **Robert Sollaccio, MD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Medical Director  
Mat-Su Valley Cancer Center



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### **Eugene Huang, MD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Southeast Radiation Oncology Center  
Chief Medical Officer, AIOF



## ALL LOCATIONS

### **Larry Daugherty, MD**

*Radiation Oncologist*

Locum Physician, all centers

# Integrative Care Team

The AIOF Integrative Care & Oncology Navigation team is focused on treating the whole person and improving quality of life by supporting both the patient and caregivers throughout the cancer journey. Our team is here to help navigate the physical, emotional, and practical challenges that can come with a cancer diagnosis.



**Left to Right:**

Danielle Kalbfleisch, MS, LN, CNS, CNGS • Nutrition Specialist, Kelly Sandberg, LAc • Acupuncturist  
Amy Loschert, ND, FABNO • Naturopathic Oncology, Rachel Wixson, ANP • Palliative Care  
Anna Hoffman, LMT • Massage Therapy, Shirlie Morin, LMSW • Oncology Social Work



You're the only reason that I'm doing well and actually looking forward to each day. From the bottom of my heart thank you again for making my quality of life better than I ever imagined. It gave me a reason to fight this sickness and win."

-Buddy Hight, Wasilla patient of Rachel Wixson, Palliative Care, ANP

# 2025 at a glance...

In our second year, AIOF continued to serve as a leading partner in supporting Alaska's cancer community—from standing alongside Alaskans battling cancer, to uplifting the vital work of our community partners, to organizing, hosting, and collaborating on a statewide cancer screening event. Through these efforts, AIOF continues to expand access to cancer treatment, support services, and prevention across the Last Frontier.



**\$400,000**

TOTAL GRANT FUNDING APPROVED



**\$250,000**

TOTAL PATIENT NEED SUPPORT FUND



**62**

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED



**65**

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED



**\$321,000**

CHARITABLE CARE AND HOUSING PROVIDED



**1948**

CANCER SCREENINGS SUPPORTED

In 2025, AIOF led multiple cancer screening initiatives across Alaska. From hosting the first annual AIOF Cancer Screening Day at the Alaska State Fair, to partnering with Kenai River Brewing for the Beer for My Boys event, AIOF also supported critical equipment purchases and community-based initiatives statewide. These efforts focused on reaching Alaska's most vulnerable populations and removing barriers to accessing life-saving cancer screenings.



"Aurora Integrated Oncology Foundation understands what Alaska's communities want and need: access to the highest quality cancer screenings close to home. They've been great to work with, and we look forward to a long partnership ahead!"

- Miranda Wiess, South Peninsula Hospital, Director of Philanthropy

# Aurora Changemakers

These individuals exemplify the kind of partnership and involvement that we are so proud to connect to and partner with in our community and across the State of Alaska. Bravo to these Changemakers who are going above and beyond in our state and making a difference!



**Doug Hogue**  
KENAI RIVER BREWING

Doug Hogue, a steward of happiness down on the peninsula who has consistently helped our local center, Peninsula Radiation Oncology Center, helps us put on amazing events like Beer for my Boys, a prostate cancer screening bonanza! We are lucky to have him as a friend to the foundation, and Kenai is lucky to have him and his wonderful family around to help make Soldotna the wonderful community that it is.



**Kelly Larson**  
ALASKA STATE FAIR

Kelly is the powerhouse executive at the Alaska state fair in charge of marketing and public relations that make the Alaska State Fair what it is. This year, she was instrumental in helping us kick off the first annual Cancer Screening Day at the Fair, and the results were incredible. Her tireless efforts to help all of our partners get the information, access, and assistance they needed to conduct a great event!

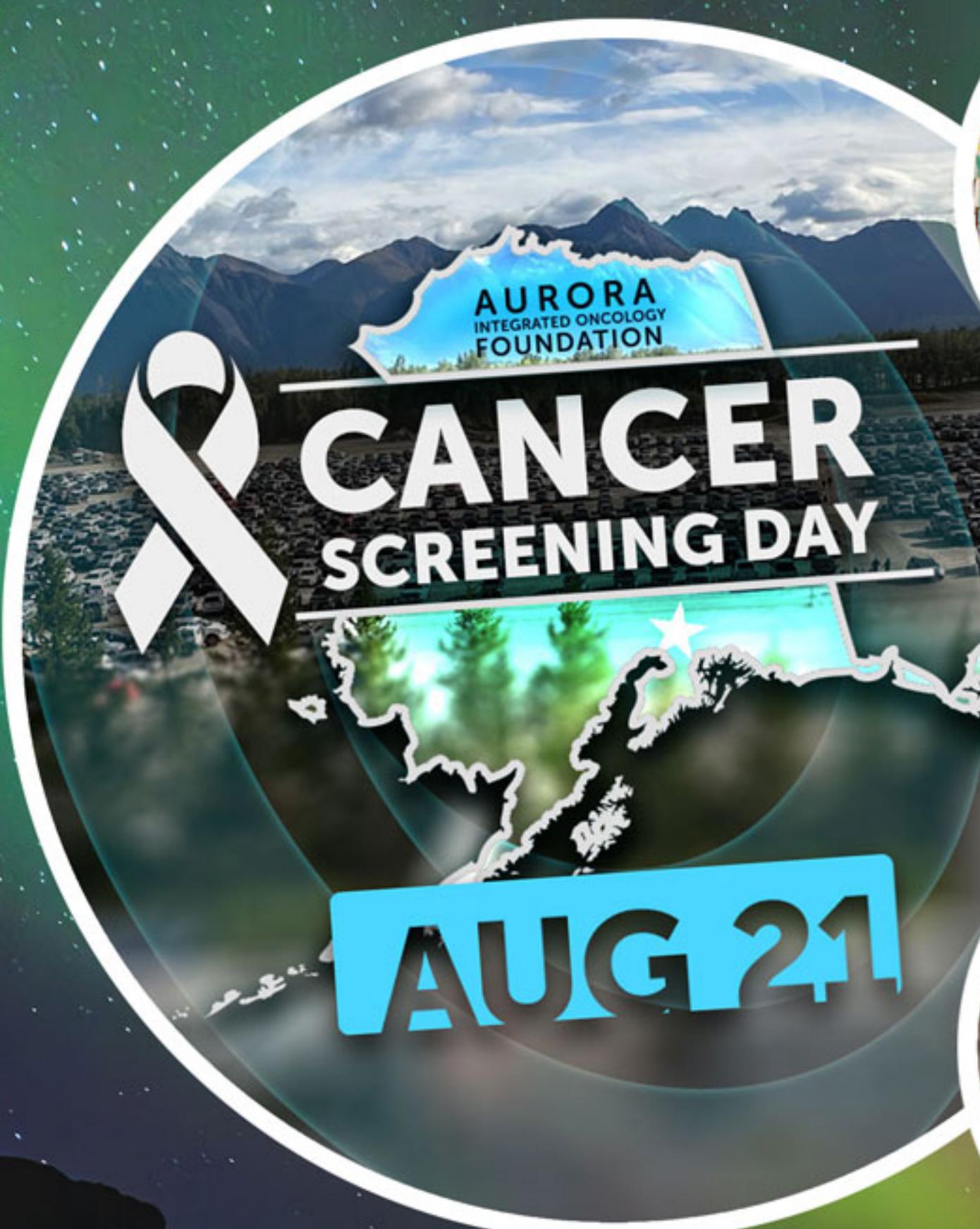


**Erin Aklestad**  
ALASKA BREAST & CERVICAL HEALTH CHECK

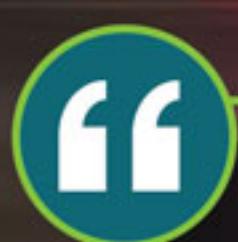
Erin operates a concert of contracts with the State's Department of Health, spanning from chronic disease management to rural healthcare and preventative screenings. She's a behind-the-scenes health hero who's all about making early cancer detection! You'll find her reaching out to patients, collaborating with providers, and doing everything possible to increase screenings, which saves lives.

# Doing the work... better.

In 2025, AIOF took a hard look at what wasn't working with traditional cancer screening events—and the answer was clear: location mattered. Rather than asking individuals to travel to a lab or imaging suite, we made a deliberate shift to bring cancer screenings to the people. By meeting our community where they already gather, we transformed screenings into accessible, welcoming, and even fun experiences—hosting events at two unique venues: the Alaska State Fair, and Kenai River Brewing.



The inaugural AIOF Cancer Screening Day at the Alaska State Fair was an overwhelming success. A total of 128 individuals received cancer screenings, and the event generated 2,424 engagements through the participation of 16 community partners—marking the first event of its kind at the Fair. While coordinating a first-year event of this scale required significant planning and logistics, fairgoers were enthusiastic and grateful for the opportunity to have vital health screenings brought directly to them.



The first ever Cancer Screening Day at the Alaska State Fair was an unbelievable success. We are so excited for next year and to see where this goes in the future!"

-Kelly Larson, AK State Fair

# Screening in Soldotna

Building on that momentum, AIOF partnered with Kenai River Brewing, Alaska Men's Run, and Central Peninsula Hospital to host the first annual "Beer for My Boys" prostate cancer screening event. In just two hours, 88 men were screened through a simple blood draw for PSA testing. To celebrate participation and keep the atmosphere approachable, each man screened received a coupon for a free beer—helping break down barriers and start important conversations around men's health.



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The Beer for My Boys event went better than expected. We're proud of what we do and are always looking to expand to other Alaskan breweries to host cancer screenings. It's a win-win, really—give back to the community, and they'll continue to give to you.”

-Doug Hogue, Kenai River Brewing

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“I've had the privilege of working with many organizations across Alaska and beyond, but none have stood out like Aurora Integrated Oncology Foundation (AIOF). Their commitment to cancer prevention and care is exceptional, and their generous support of Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center's cancer screening and prevention efforts has made a meaningful difference for our patients and care team members—and will continue to do so for years to come.

From helping patients navigate a complex healthcare system, to expanding access to cancer screening and care, to providing free housing for Alaskans traveling from remote communities, AIOF's work is rooted in compassion, integrity, and impact. Aurora is made up of the right people doing the right work, and their dedication is helping make Alaskans healthier when they need it most.”

- Jen Harrington, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic



As AIOF moves forward, the Foundation remains focused on its mission for accessible, advanced treatment and comprehensive support for patients and families. In the coming year, AIOF plans to build on its efforts in patient support, expand outreach initiatives and deepen community partnerships to ensure that cancer prevention, early detection and high-quality care are available to everyone across the state.

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