Southeast Environmental Conference

Submitted By: Native Lands & Resources

Tlingit & Haida’s Native Lands & Resources department co-hosted the annual Southeast Environmental Conference with Craig Tribal Association September 23-27, 2019 in Craig, Alaska on Prince of Wales Island. The theme for this year’s conference was “Our Land and Belonging to Our Land.” The annual event brings together Southeast tribes, natural resource professionals and others to learn about and address regional environmental and natural resource concerns.

The conference was designed to discuss and address the environmental and natural resource concerns in Southeast Alaska. Information was presented by agencies, organizations, and tribes in Southeast Alaska on their projects and programs in hopes of building relationships and possible collaborations to offset costs and share resources.

During the conference, presentations covered Brownfields and methods for proper cleanup, weather, drought, community planning, food systems, composting, marine mammal protection, paralytic shellfish poisoning, Environmental DNA (E-DNA), transboundary issues, marine research, budgets and grants management, carbon offsets, and ways people are improving their community.

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2020 Election of Delegates
Submitted By: Program Compliance

What Eligible Voters Need to Know
The general election of Delegates to the Tribal Assembly will be held in each of Tlingit & Haida's 21 registered communities in March 2020. The number of Delegates per community is calculated based on the total number of tribal citizens registered to each community as of December 22, 2019 per Tlingit & Haida's Rules of Election. One Delegate is allocated for every 200 enrolled tribal citizens per community.

For the upcoming elections, it's important that all tribal citizens are either registered to the community they reside in or to a community of their choice if they do not live within a 100-mile radius of a registered community.

In order to vote in the Delegate Elections, individuals must be:
- Enrolled with Tlingit & Haida by March 19, 2020
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older by March 19, 2020
- Registered to a community

Important Dates:
Electronic Ballot Instructions ........................................... Mailed by February 18
Electronic Voting Period .................................................February 19 – March 19
Ballot Deadline ........................................................... Close of Business March 19

Please Note: Ballot must be received by deadline in order to be counted.

To ensure you receive election material, please make sure to update your contact information with Tlingit & Haida's Program Compliance department.

Address Update Webform:
www.ccthita-nsn.gov/services/overview/forms

How to Run for a Delegate Seat
Are you interested in representing your community and serving as a Tlingit & Haida Delegate? Elected Delegates serve a two-year term, attend the annual Tribal Assembly, and participate in the election of Tlingit & Haida's President, Vice Presidents, Chief Justice, Tribal Judge and Emerging Leader.

Tribal citizens who are interested in running for a Delegate seat must be 18 years or older and submit a Declaration of Intent to Serve form to their community's local election official. If you would like to run for a Delegate seat, visit Tlingit & Haida's Election webpage (www.ccthita-nsn.gov/government/elections) to find out when your community will either hold a nominations meeting or have an open nomination period.

Delegates can also run for an Executive Officer position. The Election of Officers (President or Vice President seats) will take place during Tlingit & Haida's annual Tribal Assembly in April 2020. In order to run for an Executive Officer position, you must:
- Be an elected Delegate from the March 2020 Delegate Elections
- Submit a Declaration of Intent to Serve form to Program Compliance by April 5, 2020

For questions on the upcoming elections, contact the Program Compliance department at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7359 or depttbe@ccthita-nsn.gov.

Tlingit & Haida Communities
- Anchorage
- Angoon
- Craig
- Haines
- Hoonah
- Hydaburg
- Juneau
- Kake
- Kasaan
- Ketchikan
- Klawock
- Klukwan
- Metlakatla
- Pelican
- Petersburg
- San Francisco
- Saxman
- Seattle
- Sitka
- Wrangell
- Yakutat
Tribe Purchases Property on Channel Drive

As Tlingit & Haida’s Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Delegate, I recently traveled to the beautiful land of the Suquamish to attend the 2019 ATNI Fall Annual Convention. There were several tribes in attendance, including the Organized Village of Kake, and the convention’s agenda was packed with updates:

- The Reauthorization of VAWA (not authorized yet)
- Next steps for the Brackeen decision (request to be heard by all 17 5th Circuit Judges)
- The Opioid Litigation (Pharmaceutical companies are settling and filing bankruptcy)
- WOTUS (changing, EPA rules are being threatened or rolled back)
- Census 2020 (every person not counted costs your tribe $3K per year or $30K total)
- Native Vote (It’s imperative to engage our communities and get them to the polls as we see even Judges can affect Indian Law)

Members heard from U.S. Representatives Derek Kilmer, Kim Schrier and Pramila Jayapala; Senator Patty Murray, as well as Washington State Legislature Senators Christine Rolfes and Emily Randall, Representative Debra Lekanoff and former Presidential candidate Governor Jay Inslee; and participated in committee meetings (ICWA, Economic Development, Health, Education, Veterans and Natural Resource). Chairman Marshall Pierite (Tunica-Biloxi) and Chairman Fawn Sharp (Quinault) shared information during the NCAI Presidential Candidate’s Forum.

Two Alaska resolutions were passed: “Support of the No-Action Alternative as the Preferred Alternative in the Tongass National Forest, Alaska Roadless Rulemaking Process” and “Support for Landless Southeast Native Communities Forming Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act”; there was also a resolution to “Protect the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Bristol Bay Fishery”.

Tlingit & Haida’s 3rd Vice President Will Micklin and Seattle Delegate Bear Alexander were also present. We attended a listening session with Senator Patty Murray who shared that there is a chance the federal government will be operating under a Continuing Resolution for the 2020 fiscal year, right up to the election.
The 477 Division was pleased to host the annual Power Conference and Job & Resource Fair October 16-17, 2019 in Juneau, Alaska with over 100 clients participating.

The conference kicked off with great breakfast by Smokehouse Catering followed by a surprise keynote speaker, famed Ojibwe-Canadian actor Adam Beach. Adam’s inspirational keynote shared his personal intergenerational trauma and how he’s learned to heal from it. He also shared his successes and failures and how each contributed in making him who he is today. He encouraged everyone to learn to love themselves so they can begin the healing journey and live their best life. Afterwards, he posed for photos and signed autographs before clients headed to their sessions.

Sessions included:
- Resume Writing, Interview Skills and ALEXsys Access (Glenn Mitchell, State of Alaska Department of Labor);
- How Social Media Can Help or Hurt You in Your Job Search and Soft Skills (Adam Dordea, Office Max);
- Financial Cent$ (Louise Kadinger, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority); and
- Organizing Your Job Search and Smile You’re Open for Business (Katreena Hayes-Wood, Career Services Network, LLC).

This year’s conference focused on motivating and preparing participants to reenter the workforce. Katreena Hayes-Wood, a professional trainer and inspirational speaker, led the general session.

In addition to conference sessions, a Job & Resource Fair was held on the last day of the conference and provided an opportunity for clients to engage with employment recruiters and resource organizations.

Participating Recruiters & Resource Organizations:
- Alaska Laborers Local 942 • Alaska Legal Services • Bartlett Regional Hospital • City & Borough of Juneau • Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine • Fred Meyer • Goldbelt, Inc. • Juneau Job Center • Juneau Police Department • Office Max • Office Plus • PNWRC Carpenters Local 1281 • Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 262 JATC • Sealaska Heritage Institute • SEARHC • SERRC – The Learning Connection • State of Alaska, Vocational Rehabilitation • The Alaska Club • THRHA • Tlingit & Haida 477 Division (Child Care, Employment & Training, TANF, Tribal Child Support, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation) • University of Alaska Southeast • U.S. Census • Wells Fargo

Gunalchéesh, Háw’aa to the Tribe’s Employment & Training staff for their hard work, and to all of the businesses and other individuals who provided support to make the Power Conference a success!
Domestic Violence Summit Held in Juneau

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month, Tlingit & Haida held a Domestic Violence Summit on October 25, 2019 at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska. The summit was coordinated to raise awareness around domestic violence in an effort to increase safety for Alaska Native women in Southeast Alaska.

The event included welcomes from Tlingit & Haida President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, Sealaska CEO/President Anthony Mallott, and City & Borough of Juneau Mayor Beth Weldon; keynote address from National Indigenous Women's Resource Center board member Deborah Parker, reports from Tlingit & Haida’s VAW Taskforce Chair Patricia Alexander and Chief Justice Michelle Demmert, and several panels and group breakout discussions.

During her powerful keynote address, Deborah Parker shared her story of surviving physical and sexual violence and how her and others advocated for provisions to the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act to help protect indigenous women. She shared that if her story helps others, it gives her work meaning and encourages others to speak about their experiences. “No matter what you’ve been through, what you’ve seen, this is your life,” Parker shared. “This is the time for us to no longer remain silent.”

With greater awareness and more resources emerging to help support survivors such as emergency shelters, 24-hour crisis hotlines, confidential advocacy, support groups, and institutions such as SART (Sexual Assault Response Team); we are all working towards bringing this difficult topic into the light to promote change.

VAW Summit Held on Prince of Wales Island

Tlingit & Haida’s Tribal Court, under a Southeast Alaska Appellate Court project, held a Violence Against Women (VAW) Summit on Prince of Wales Island (POW) in partnership with the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC) and Organized Village of Kasaan. The summit was well attended by participants from Southeast tribes and other stakeholders. Communities came together to review existing resources and gaps needed to improve the safety of our Southeast communities from domestic and gender-based violence. While resources are becoming increasingly available, all were in agreement that there is still a lack of men’s support groups and batterer’s reeducation programs available.

At the end of day one, community members and participants joined together to march through Klawock to the ANB/ANS Hall. Heinyaa Khwáan provided dancing with a special dedication to two recently deceased young women.

“We are grateful to Tlingit & Haida and the Organized Village of Kasaan for inviting the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center to participate in this Village Engagement Summit to end domestic and gender-based violence,” said Tami Truett Jerue, AKNWRC Executive Director. “We firmly believe our communities have the solutions to these issues.”

The Southeast Alaska Appellate Court project provides technical assistance to Southeast Alaska tribes in securing court assessments and resources from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for tribal court development. For more information, email Frances Andrews at fandrews@ccthita-nsn.gov.
The Reentry & Recovery department, in partnership with the Juneau Reentry Coalition and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, hosted a Reentry Simulation on October 29, 2019 in Juneau, Alaska. With more than 80 participants, the simulation highlighted barriers and challenges individuals face upon reentry such as securing housing, employment and other necessities while completing court-ordered tasks (treatment and classes) without reliable transportation and with medical needs.

During the simulation, realistic character profiles were created so each participant could “walked in the shoes” of those re-entering society after incarceration. One of the first steps in the simulation was to visit the probation officer’s desk to see what unique steps must be taken to comply with the state’s rules and regulations. From judge to jailer, accurate portrayals were created of every institution that a person reentering society will meet and how many places a person must visit daily to fulfill needs of the court. Some participants were affected by chance cards that resulted in penalties and/or fines for “driving without a license” or “missing court-ordered treatment due to unreliable transportation.”

“It was wonderful to see so many of our community members and partners supporting this event,” shared Reentry & Recovery Manager Talia Eames. “Reentry outreach and education is a very important part of creating an environment that supports our returning citizens as they work to find housing, employment and meet other essential needs for a successful reentry.”

Tlingit & Haida is committed to being a community partner to help our tribal citizens achieve a successful reentry and looks forward to continuing its work with other resource organizations. Another Reentry Simulation will be coordinated in January 2020 during the Legislative Session.

Tlingit & Haida’s new LEARN (Little Eagles and Ravens Nest) Child Care Center will be opening its doors in early 2020.

With more than 4,000 square feet of space, LEARN will have a total potential enrollment capacity of 64 children and is currently accepting enrollment applications.

The year-round child care center will provide an early learning environment with culturally-responsive and developmentally appropriate curriculum that encourages open-ended play and exploration, fosters imagination and critical thinking, and helps children develop healthy social and emotional maturity. The curriculum will be child-centered and place-based.

Through the State of Alaska’s Child and Adult Care Food program, LEARN will also provide two meals and one snack every day through Tlingit & Haida’s Smokehouse Catering.

For a sneak peak at the LEARN Child Care Center or to learn more about how to apply for enrollment, visit www.learnjuneau.com.
In October, six Tribal Child Support Unit (TCSU) staff attended the 36th Annual Western Intergovernmental Child Support Engagement Council (WICSEC) Training Conference in Spokane, Washington. This professional development conference offered thought provoking, informative workshops along with great opportunities for staff to network with child support colleagues from across the country. The WICSEC is a non-profit organization of public and private child support engagement agencies and professionals from states, tribes, and territories west of the Mississippi River. What is WICSEC to TCSU?

- It’s a training conference provides an opportunity to learn from national experts on a wide range of topics such as information technology, innovation, best practices, program improvement, customer engagement, professional development and intergovernmental relations, just to name a few.
- It’s the opportunity to expand our child support professional networking system by diving into social interaction and absorbing as much as possible to integrate program improvement.
- It’s listening and learning to/from other professionals about obstacles, barriers, successes, achievements, pros/cons, examples, stories, do’s/don’ts, etc.
- It’s traveling to a new environment, trying new things, creating unity, and having the “ahh ha!” moments and enhancing our workforce.
- It’s about attending and representing our Tribe with pride for the work we have done and have yet to do.
- It’s about TCSU adapting to change, having an open mind, integrating tools, using resources and maintaining yearly goals and/or achievements.

TCSU staff broadened their child support network and are excited to begin implementing the new and improved ways they learned to engage with the community and their clients.

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**Emerging Leader Update**

Submitted By: Shawann Jackson-Gamble

Happy Holidays! These past few months have been busy with school, a new job at the Salish Sea Research Center and the opportunity to travel with our Executive Council.

In September, I traveled to attend the San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Chapter’s annual picnic. It was nice to visit with tribal citizens from the California area, watch the Southern Winds dance group perform, and see all of DonnaRae James’ hard work as a Delegate and the San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Chapter President.

In early October, I participated in the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission’s (SEITC) Annual Leaders Summit. In a historic exercise of self-determination, indigenous governments from Southeast Alaska, Washington and British Columbia (BC) declared a salmon emergency because of the watersheds that are being impacted by resource extraction and mining development upstream in BC that can affect all of our salmon and waters.

I also attended First Alaskans Institute’s (FAI) Elders & Youth Conference and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention in Fairbanks, AK. During the Elders & Youth Conference, FAI helped me to create a resolution calling upon tribal, regional non-profits, ANCSA corporations, state and federal leaders to protect the health of our waters and water dependent species. Any current or future regulation, statute change or new statute must meet a traditional standard of protecting our way of life and will use tribal consultation to do so. The resolution was adopted unanimously at the Elders & Youth Conference and AFN Convention (Resolution 19-57). During AFN, I was also appointed as the Southeast Alaska Regional Village Representative alternate - this is a responsibility that means a lot to me and I will do my best to represent Southeast Alaska at AFN Convention next year.
Department of Justice Awards Over $2.9M in CTAS and Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program Funding

The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently awarded Tlingit & Haida over $2.9 million dollars in grant funding through (CTAS) and the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program to address and improve criminal justice and public safety issues and implement and improve services for victims of crime. Funding was received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Grant Award Projects:

- OVC Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program ($1,463,170) - Coordination & Expansion of Existing Victim Service Program: This project will develop, expand and improve services to tribal citizens in the Seattle area who have been victims of crime and to address specific gaps in victim services.

- OVC Funding ($499,945) - Tribal Victim Services Program (Purpose Area 1): This project will expand upon the FY18 Victims of Crime Initiative for Rural Communities and will fund two additional positions and provide emergency resources to communities that have partnered under this project.

- BJA Funding ($748,584) - Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (Purpose Area 3): This project will develop and support transitional housing programs that provide sober, supportive housing, support services, and workforce development to Alaska Natives and American Indians returning from incarceration.

- COPS Funding ($204,721) - Public Safety and Community Policing (Purpose Area 7): Funds will be used to purchase two new patrol trucks and two emergency water crafts to be used under the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program.
Mark Your Calendars

**December Events**
- 29/1: Public Market – Juneau, AK
- 6-8: Tribal Enrollment Drive – Seattle, AK
- 12: Tribal Holiday Fair – Juneau, AK
- 12-13: Executive Council Meeting – Juneau, AK
- 14: Tribal Enrollment Drive – Anchorage, AK
- 14: Alaskan Natives Without Land Rally – Juneau, AK
- 21: 477 Division Holiday Brunch & Informational Fair – Juneau, AK
- 24-25: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Offices Closed)
- 31: New Year’s Eve Wellbriety Masquerade Party – Juneau, AK

**January Events**
- 1: New Year’s Day (Offices Closed)
- 21: Alaska State Legislature Convenes – Juneau, AK

**February Events**
- 10-13: NCAI Executive Council Winter Session – Washington, DC
- 16: Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Observed 2/14)
- 17: Presidents Day & Washington’s Birthday (Offices Closed)

TFYS and Volunteers Spread Holiday Cheer

The Tribal Family & Youth Services’ (TFYS) Elders program, along with five volunteers, brightened the day of 80 Juneau Elders for the holiday season. Elders who participate regularly in the program’s weekly group exercise classes, field trips, and weekly lunches received a Thanksgiving bag filled with veggies, fruit, stuffing, pumpkin pie and a small turkey roast.

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Balance is Our Way of Life

The Elders program features Fall Prevention group exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays, Tai Chi on Wednesdays, Tuesday field trips, classroom visits throughout town, and Thursday group lunches. The group is always up to something fun so stay tuned!

**VP Sanderson Re-Elected NCAI Alaska Regional Vice President**

Congratulations to Fourth Vice President (VP) Rob Sanderson Jr. who was re-elected as National Congress of American Indian’s (NCAI) Alaska Regional Vice President!

NCAI is the largest and oldest Native advocacy organization in the U.S. It is organized as a representative congress of Native Americans and Alaska Natives that work to develop consensus on national issues that impact tribal sovereignty.

Elected by their respective Regional Caucuses, the Regional Vice Presidents serve alongside the Executive Board for a two-year term and collectively makeup NCAI’s Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is charged with advancing the mission of NCAI to protect and advance tribal sovereignty by representing the issues and priorities of tribal nations throughout the country.

VP Sanderson is currently serving his sixth term on Tlingit & Haida’s Executive Council and has been a Ketchikan Delegate since 2000.
On October 30, 2019, Tlingit & Haida’s Natural Resource Specialist Kenneth Weitzel presented information on the Tribe’s Climate Change Adaptation Plan in Juneau, Alaska at a Sustainability Session hosted by the Juneau Commission on Sustainability.

The Tribe’s Climate Change Adaptation Plan evaluates the impacts of climate change on customary and traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering resources in Southeast Alaska and presents information on what we can do to prepare for and increase our resilience.

Although current data and findings are a little disheartening, there are several ways to decrease our footprint; providing outreach to the public is the first step. By sharing research with the community, as well as the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, more people will have a better understanding of the effects of climate change and what measures can be taken to improve our environment.

As temperatures increase during the summer and there is less snowfall in the winter, our salmon, cedar and shellfish are all negatively affected. For example, Alaska’s snowpack has decreased and is insufficient in protecting cedar roots, which affects soil insulation and causes root damage. Ocean acidification and harmful algal blooms are also negatively affecting the environment of Southeast Alaska.

“Because of our unique environment in Southeast Alaska, we need an adaptation plan for our climate,” shared Kenneth. “The focus is tribal natural resources that are in danger, food security, culture and life.”

As a community, we can do our best to create a smaller footprint. We can help with things such as shellfish biomass and conduct surveys and provide outreach to schools to engage our youth and promote stewardship.

The Climate Change Adaptation Plan was compiled with several different groups including the Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research (SEATOR) lab in Sitka, Alaska and the University of Alaska. Working together, Tlingit & Haida hopes to analyze data and develop clear strategies for climate adaptation in Southeast Alaska.

Tlingit & Haida’s Enrollment Committee met to review pending enrollment applications as well as blood quantum corrections and relinquishment requests at the Andrew Hope Building in Juneau, Alaska December 2-4, 2019. During the meeting, a total of 314 applications were reviewed by committee members which resulted in 305 newly enrolled tribal citizens! The committee also approved five relinquishment requests and processed four blood quantum corrections.

Tlingit & Haida’s next Enrollment Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 8-10, 2020 in Juneau, Alaska.

If you are of Tlingit and/or Haida descent and interested in enrolling, contact the Program Compliance department at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7359 or depttbe@ccthita-nsn.gov.
VP Micklin Attends National Tribal Broadband & Tribal Energy Summits

Third Vice President (VP) Will Micklin attended the National Tribal Broadband and Tribal Energy summits in Washington, DC.

The National Tribal Broadband Summit is part of Department of Interior’s (DOI) ongoing efforts to close the “digital divide” in Indian Country and builds on the work of the American Broadband Initiative.

The National Tribal Broadband Summit connected community leaders with information and resources to identify opportunities for public and private sector solutions.

Currently, broadband access in other rural parts of the country outpaces development on rural tribal lands. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a report in May 2019 on broadband in rural tribal areas. “I don’t believe it’s anywhere near 46 percent,” stated VP Micklin during the National Tribal Broadband Summit.

VP Micklin is one of nineteen (19) tribal representatives appointed to serve on the Native Nations Communications Task Force along with eight (8) FCC members. The task force’s mission is to provide guidance, expertise, and recommendations to specific requests from the FCC on a range of telecommunications issues that affect tribal governments and their people. This will enhance the FCC’s ability to carry out its statutory responsibilities to ensure the availability of communications by wire and radio, and encourage broadband deployment, to all Americans.

The Native Nations Communications Task Force issued a report in November 2019 that addresses how to close the persistent digital divide between Indian Country and the rest of America.


Southeast Environmental Conference

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A Tribal Elders panel consisting of Dennis Demmert, Patrick Gardner, and Terrance Dale Peele discussed how logging and fishing has been impacted with current environmental changes.

Toward the end of the conference, participants traveled to Hydaburg where discussions were held in Hydaburg’s new long house on the Indigenous Guardian Watchmen Program, Consortias, Conservation Districts and future opportunities for everyone in Southeast Alaska to work together. The week finished up with discussions on grants management and reflections on the conference.

For more information on the Southeast Environmental Conference, contact Raymond Paddock III at rpaddock@ccthita-nsn.gov or 907.463.7184 or Maranda Hamme at environplanner@craigtribe.org or 907.826.5125.
October 26, 2019 marked 137 years since the 1882 Bombardment of Angoon. Every year the Chatham School District honors our Ancestors who were able to overcome this hardship. A Celebration of Life has taken place every October since the 100th year anniversary when Alaska Governor Jay Hammond declared, “Without the apology, balance cannot be restored and the people of Angoon will remember.” Today the people of Angoon simply state, “We are still here”.

“When we get to participate in community celebrations, we are eager to attend,” said Reanna Kookesh-Booth, Angoon Head Start Lead Teacher. “This year, our Head Start students all wore their field trip t-shirts for our walk down to Front Street where we waited and played outside until the elementary, middle, and high school students came out in full regalia, then we proceeded down to the dock. Once we were all lined up we began a slow walk to the school, passing all of the oldest houses in Angoon – our clan houses that were rebuilt on this side of Admiralty Island after the bombing. We proceeded to the elementary school gym where students of different ages read poems, gave a brief history of the bombing, and shared Tlingit introductions. The celebration ended with our children’s dance group performing.”

Head Start parents were encouraged to join in the “Walk of Life” to remember the courage, bravery, and drive it took our Ancestors to survive one of the harshest winters without food, shelter or belongings; many lives were lost, including six children. While we remember and think about those that were lost and the tragedy they endured, we are still reminded through the youngest children on through the oldest—We Are Still Here!