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Fairbanks Community Food Bank Renewed for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award

JUNEAU, Alaska— Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Heidi Drygas approved the Fairbanks Community Food Bank for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“The Fairbanks Community Food Bank is excited to be involved with the SHARP Program,” said Anne Weaver, Fairbanks Community Food Bank CEO. “Not only do we have staff, but we also have 1800 volunteers and thousands of donors come through this building every year. By having a clear set of goals and objectives through the SHARP Program, our staff is able to be constantly vigilant and focused on keeping our workers safe. We don’t want to be moderately safe, we want everyone to go home in better shape than when we arrive. The SHARP program helps us achieve our goal.”

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section (AKOSH) in the department’s Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs. For more information on SHARP or to see a list of current participants, visit Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator Seth Wilson at (907) 451-2888 or Seth.Wilson@Alaska.Gov.

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