

First Quarter 2024



TLINGIT HAIDA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER

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Survey

THRHA needs just 10 minutes of your time!

Tribal citizens living in one of our 12 partner communities who complete this survey have a chance to WIN 50,000 ALASKA AIRLINE MILES or a \$200 cash card! One entry per household. To complete the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEhousing2024>

Tribal Citizen Housing Survey For Southeast Alaska



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: This survey is brought to you by the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority. Only tribal-member households in communities served by THRHA are eligible to participate. One entry per household. Eligible communities include: Angoon, Craig, Douglas, Juneau, Kake, Kasaan, Klawock, Petersburg, Skagway, Saxman, Wrangell, and Yakutat. One grand prize of 50,000 Alaska Airline miles and twelve \$200 cash cards (one per community) will be awarded.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we enter our 51st year, our mission

to assist in sustainable housing and financial solutions for Southeast Alaskans continues. Last fall, our Haa Yakaawu Financial Corporation (HYFC) partners received the Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge grant. This award will expand our ability to tailor our home loan packages to meet the needs of Native families.

The application process expanded over one year with more than 400 applicants. We were one of six awardees and the only Tribal organization selected. That national distinction allowed HYFC to receive the Native CDFI Catalyst Award—both awards



“They brought us to D.C. to compete against other national innovations. Being considered a part of all these creative ideas was truly great for Indian Country.”

Jackie Pata
Tlingit Haida Regional
Housing Authority



Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge

In 2023, THRHA was among six organizations to receive \$2 million in grant funds to support innovative solutions that increase housing access and affordability.

Following their successful pitch, the *Success Starts with Me* Program was expanded to include Southeast Alaska.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA

Make sure you don't miss out on the opportunity to receive Volunteer Income Tax Assistance from VITA volunteers! Keep an eye out for them as they fly into your town soon.

provide capital grants to our CDFI.

As we continue to work for the benefit of our descendants, please complete the survey. The information gathered will assist us in developing priorities for our five-year housing strategic plan.



Volunteers on their way—Shaun and Larry in the back, Caroline and Louise in front.

The VITA program provides free tax assistance to individuals who need help preparing their tax returns. We understand that tax preparation can be a complex and overwhelming process, and we are here to support you every step of the way. On their own time and completely unpaid, our volunteers work alongside clients to ensure they receive the maximum refund possible. We believe everyone deserves access to high-quality tax preparation services and are proud to assist those in need.

This tax season, our volunteers will visit our region's communities to provide workshops to support tax preparation and other tax assistance. Click the button below to check our schedule to see when we will visit your community.

**VITA
Schedule**

Primary VITA Volunteers

Shaun Guthrie—Manager, Haa Yakaawu Financial Corporation volunteer since 2015

Louise Kadinger—Education Coordinator, Haa Yakaawu Financial Corporation, volunteer since 2019

Caroline Allen—Loan Servicing Specialist, Haa Yakaawu Financial Corporation, volunteer since 2022

Donovan Neal—Chief Financial Officer, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, volunteer since 2020



Volunteers in Angoon—(L-R) Larry,
Shaun and Donovan

Larry Gomez—Safety Coordinator, Tlingit Haida Regional
Housing Authority, volunteer since 2020

Heidi Richards-Mazon—SEARHC, volunteer since 2022

VITA Program Highlights



Items to Bring

- All income for the tax year (if filing jointly, both spouses)
- Picture ID for you and your spouse
- Previous year's tax year Interest Statements
- Unemployment/Social Security/Pension/Retirement Statements
- Any 1099-DIV forms
- Power of Attorney
- Any other tax-related documents

- **Note: Your return will not be processed with partial documentation**

If you miss the on-site visit, you can mail a completed intake/interview form 13614-C, photo I.D., and all tax documents to:

THRHA VITA program, 5446 Jenkins Drive Juneau, Alaska 99801

Fun Fact

Did you know that on **April 7, 1973**, the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) was established with a mission to provide sustainable housing opportunities and innovative financial solutions to the residents of Southeast Alaska? In its first year, THRHA added 40 homes for homeownership in Saxman and Klawock. 20 single-family homes were added in Saxman on December 31, 1973, and 20 single-family homes were added in Klawock on January 31, 1974. Over the past 50 years, THRHA has contributed a total of 604 homes to homeownership in Southeast Alaska, which is equivalent to one home per month for 50 years.



Haa eetí káax'u lagéiyi yís

Home and Safety Tips



Winter Heat Pump Care Tips

Keep the area around the heat pump clean and free from any outside factors.

Remove snow from the outdoor unit to maintain its efficiency.

Use a broom or brush to clear snow or ice. Avoid sharp objects that could damage the unit.

Be cautious around the condenser; don't touch the fins.

Shovel carefully to prevent harm.

Seek professional assistance if issues arise.



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