

To Assembly Members  
From Jennifer Beckmor  
06-14-2004



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June 9, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

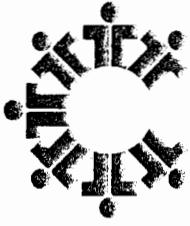
Our hospital is submitting a letter of support on behalf of CARTS. They provide a service within the community that gets utilized on an almost regular basis by persons coming into, or leaving, our facility.

We hope that you will be able to assist them in continuing their efforts to ensure reliable and affordable transportation for residents within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Gilbreath".

David D. Gilbreath  
Chief Executive Officer



## CENTRAL PENINSULA COUNSELING SERVICES

506 LAKE STREET • KENAI, ALASKA 99611 - (907) 283-7501 - FAX (907) 283-9006

June 4, 2004

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

**RE: Support for Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc.**

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough:

This letter is submitted to demonstrate our support for continued funding of Central Area Rural Transit Systems (CARTS). Central Peninsula Counseling Services (CPCS) is a private, non-profit behavioral health agency. We have been actively engaged in collaborative efforts with CARTS to identify and optimally serve the needs of our mutual constituents.

CARTS has been making progressively increasing contributions to our local healthcare system. Many residents have pressing transportation needs, and would be unable to access their healthcare providers without the services provided by CARTS. We have been pleased with the willingness of CARTS to help us to creatively address our needs, in a manner which is cost effective for the entire community.

CPCS strongly endorses the services provide by CARTS and encourages the Kenai Peninsula Borough to continue its financial support of this important local service provider. The dollars are well spent, and will allow the community to continue to develop a vital transportation system for its most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

Ted Schiffman, Executive Director  
Central Peninsula Counseling Services

06/10/04

To Whom It May Concern:

In the health care field we are faced with many challenges, one of which is transportation for patients to and from their health care appointments.

With the help of the Kenai and Soldotna Rotary Clubs we have been able to create the RAFT project. Rotary Assisted Fund for Transportation. My area of expertise is cancer treatment many of our patients are unable to drive themselves to and from treatment.

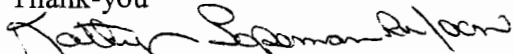
With the help of RAFT we are able to purchase tickets through CARTS for the community members.

If CARTS were not available and we had to use only other sources of public transportation our funds would not last. Many times appointments can't be kept due to transportation problems.

With use of the CARTS system our patients are able to keep their health care appointments, stay in our community for treatment and stay on schedule.

As a health care professional I strongly support the CARTS program.

Thank-you



Kathy Lopeman RN/OCN

Oncology Nurse

# **Bridges Community Resource Network, Inc.**

**145 Kasilof Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669**

June 9, 2004

To Whom It May Concern;

We are writing this letter in support of the Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc, (CARTS)

This program provides transportation to those in need...be it, because they have no car, are unable to drive, weather making driving a real hazard for them to be on the roads, they are too young to drive yet have a need to be at school or to an event at a time when parents are working, a need to be at a doctor or dental appointment or some place for therapy...and the list goes on!

CARTS provides this service at a reduced price and at a great convenience for the clients who use and need these services.

Please review their records for the past few years and ask those who use the services how this transportation availability has assisted them.

Your support of this program with financial assistance is a real asset to our community. Thanks for the support you have given in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane M. Stein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane M. Stein, President of the Board of Directors  
Bridges Community Resource Network, Inc.

# Central Peninsula Health Centers, Inc.

We are dedicated to providing quality health care regardless of ability to pay.

## Aspen Dental Center

395 Main Street Loop  
Kenai, AK 99611  
(907) 283-7759 phone  
(907) 283-4883 fax

## Cottonwood Health Center

170 E. Corral Street, Suite 1  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
phone (907) 262-3119  
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June 10, 2004

Jennifer Beckmann  
Executive Director  
Cook Inlet Rural Transit System, Inc  
P.O. Box 993  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

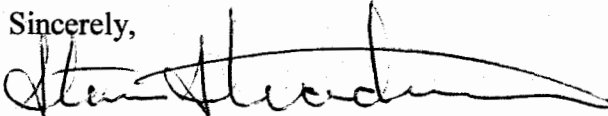
Dear Jennifer:

I would like to express support for CARTS' request for continued funding through the Kenai Peninsula Borough's FY 2006 Budget.

CARTS services are becoming an increasingly important element in Central Peninsula Health Centers (CPHC) ability to serve the under- and uninsured population of the Central Kenai Peninsula. A number of our patients face transportation barriers to accessing health care, and I have been gratified by the willingness to of the CARTS staff not only to meet the needs of these patients through their basic programs, but also to work creatively to solve the more difficult transportation issues these patients face.

I appreciate the role the Borough has played in demonstrating community support for CARTS through inclusion in past budgets. Such support is very critical in leveraging grants. Please act favorably on this year's request.

Sincerely,



Stan Steadman  
Executive Director

Corporate Office: 395 Main Street Loop • Kenai, AK 99611  
(907) 335-2022 • fax: (907) 335-2026

Carol Dawson  
P.O. Box 2502  
Soldotna, AK 99669

June 2, 2004

Central Area Transit  
System Inc.  
P.O. Box 993  
Soldotna, AK 99669

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a regular customer to your program, and would like to tell you that this is very valuable to my everyday schedule. I am a single mother and cannot afford a car at this time; the transit system has helped tremendously in being more independent for me and not relying on others to cut their schedule to help me. I appreciate the courteous receptionist's that answer your phones and help me feel more like I can make changes if need be. I also would like to extend my gratitude for all the drivers that are understanding to my family, for they are pleasant and punctual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Dawson".

Carol Dawson



Central Area Rural Transit System, Inc.

P.O. Box 993, Soldotna, Alaska 99669  
(907) 262-8900 Fax 262-6122

"Driving People Happy!"

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CARTS?  
LET US KNOW YOUR EXPERIENCE --

Let us know what you think about CARTS!

Incident Date 8-17-04

Time 8:30 Driver Chene

Comments: I use carts so my parents  
don't have to worry about me  
getting to summer school  
on time

Name Cecil Agkima

Address 2520 Water Gate Way

Can we use your name?  YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 9 June '04

Time 1:00 Driver JB

Comments: My experience with carts  
has been very favorable. I have  
never been late for work in the  
1 1/2 years I have been using the  
service. If I had to take a cab  
each day, it would cost about  
40% of my income. I greatly appreciate  
the service. Thank you,

Name Jim Dallyge

Address P.O. Box 3094 Kenai, AK.

Can we use your name?  YES! (Thank you!)

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Incident Date 6/11/04  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Sheryl

Comments:

*CARTS IS A BLESSING  
TO THE TENA AREA  
RAS. 25 YEARS*

Name Dawn Adkins  
Address Eagle City #15 Soldotna

Can we use your name?  YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6/11/04  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Sheryl

Comments:

*AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, I WOULDN'T BE  
ABLE TO WORK IF IT WASN'T FOR CARTS.  
I LIVE 10 MILES OUT OF TOWN AND MY  
VEHICLES ARE OLD AND NOT DEPENDABLE.  
EVEN IF I HAD A VEHICLE, IT WOULD COST  
A LOT MORE IN GAS AND INSURANCE FOR  
ME TO DRIVE - NOT TO MENTION DRIVING  
IN THE WINTER.*

Name KERYL STEGER

Address BOX 264 STERLING

Can we use your name? \_\_\_\_\_ YES! (Thank you!)





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Incident Date May 10 2004

Time 1:20 Driver Dave

Comments:

*Without carts, I would be stranded at home. The drivers and staff are all very courteous & professional. They have become an important part of my life that I depend on.*

Name Sam J. Hodenrath

Address POB 7647 NIKKIKI

Can we use your name? X YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: *Carts has done well for me. I have used carts "off on" for about 2 yrs. and will still use them until I have my own transportation*

Name Blonda Ramey

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Can we use your name? ✓ YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-10-04

Time 7:05 Driver Anthony

Comments:

all of your drivers are  
very curious and polite.  
Thanks for the  
good work guys.

Name Kristine Sylvestre

Address 11875 Kenai Spur Hwy # 31

Can we use your name? YES YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-11-04

Time 4:30 Driver Sheryl

Comments:

I totally depend  
on carts to travel daily  
to & from work & my  
other business. I would  
be lost, even homeless  
without them.

Name Claire Keene

Address P.O. Box 691 Soldotna AK  
99669

Can we use your name? X YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-10-04

Time 12:05 Driver all Drivers

Comments:

great, most of drivers  
are nice and it saves  
money

Name Tilman User number

Address 116 Blinky

Can we use your name? yes YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-10-04

Time 10:50 Driver \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Drivers ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> very curious and  
friendly. Carts helps me very  
much to get to appointments and  
transported my kindergartner to get home  
all year. I am thankful there is this  
program to help people in my situation

Name Benita L. Espey

Address P.O. Box 2880 Kotai, AK 99611

Can we use your name? yes YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6/9/04

Time 5:03 Driver MS

Comments:

this is my first time ever riding carts, I ~~that~~ think that the drivers are all nice and respectful. I always thought it would be scary to drive with some one I don't know, but like I said all the drivers are very nice and respectful. Thanks, you guys do a great job.

Name Kiera Nickel

Address 49305 east coast

Can we use your name? yes YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-10-04

Time 4:28 Driver Sheryl

Comments:

The Carts Program is truly AN AWESOME thing ESPECIALLY for those who, without it, would be completely homebound.

Name Linda Reuther

Address 1415 O'BRIEN CT.  
KENAI 99611

Can we use your name? YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6/10/04

Time 13:37 Driver Sheryl

Comments: I like services

of this company  
is good and help  
different people not  
more car than before

Name Mona White

Address 1025 First St

Can we use your name? Y YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date Sept Dec 3 - Summer 2004

Time 12:00pm Driver All of them!

Comments:

I am thankful everyday for CARTS  
and the wonderful drivers. Well trained,  
kind, safe and always on time. This  
is a fantastic system - (seems to have  
well planned) and has been extremely  
beneficial and convenient for myself and  
family! Thank you . . . ."

Name Jelly Fee Kirby

Address PO Box 3114 Soldotna (39553)

Can we use your name? ✓ YES! (Thank you!)  
I can't imagine the town cities  
without our CARTS! So glad



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Incident Date 6-11-04

Time 1:30 Driver Sheryl

Comments: She was very polite, + helpful,  
 She was on time, I infact early.  
 I need that as I use carts for  
 my many important Doctors APPTS.

Name Joi e Clyburn

Address 425 W. Redoubt Ave. #307 Soldotna

Can we use your name?  YES! (Thank you!)



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Incident Date 6-11-04

Time 1:30 P.M. Driver Bob

Comments: Nice safe Drive on Time.  
 Very polite & Friendly!

Name Cindy L. Haugstad

Address 30861 Echo Lk Rd.

Can we use your name?  YES! (Thank you!)