

Dr. Katherine Gottlieb
Southcentral Foundation
President/CEO

Dr. Katherine Gottlieb is a tribal member of the village of Old Harbor, a tribal member and elected tribal council member for Seldovia Village Tribe, and an honorary member of the Native Village of Eklutna. Her mother, Margaret, was Sugpiaq (Alutiiq).

Dr. Gottlieb has served as president and chief executive officer of Southcentral Foundation (SCF) in Anchorage, Alaska, for more than 20 years. SCF provides health and related services to 65,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people in a geographical service area of 107,400 square miles. SCF also jointly owns and operates the 150-bed Alaska Native Medical Center hospital supporting 140,000 people statewide.

Dr. Gottlieb began her career in health care as a community health representative in Seldovia, Alaska, a community of about 300 people, accessible only by boat or plane. While pursuing an undergraduate degree, Dr. Gottlieb worked at SCF's headquarters in Anchorage as a receptionist. She quickly worked her way up the ranks, and by 1991, was serving in the organization's top executive position.

An innovative and visionary leader, Dr. Gottlieb has partnered with SCF's Alaska Native board of directors, fellow customer-owners and other leadership, to transform health care for the Native Community. Today, as SCF's chief executive, she oversees 1,800 people and administers an annual budget of \$240+ million to manage more than 80 health care programs, services and departments. Under her direction and guidance, SCF's Nuka System of Care has earned the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and other national and international recognitions for performance excellence and innovation.

In 2004, when selected as one of 23 distinguished Americans for the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, also known as the "Genius Award," the MacArthur Foundation remarked, "Under Katherine Gottlieb's leadership, the Southcentral Foundation network has demonstrated that high-quality health care and effective preventive services are possible, even in communities facing obstacles of poverty and geographic isolation."

Dr. Gottlieb holds a BA, MBA, and honorary doctorate from Alaska Pacific University, where she serves as a trustee. She is a Presidential appointee to the National Library of Medicine Board of Regents. She is a former board member for Cook Inlet Native Head Start and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Dr. Gottlieb is also active at the national level in Alaska Native and American Indian policy issues.

She is the wife of Dr. Kevin Gottlieb, a mother of six, grandmother of 28 and great grandmother of five.