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Myra Mumchuck - Seldovia Lends a Helping Hand

by Tamara Blodgett



Coming full circle...

In what could have been a trying time Myra Mumchuck has been bolstered by the consistent support of local Seldovia residents. Their unfailing loyalty and family-like diligence and care have made all the difference during a time when travel to Anchorage for treatments has become a new component of life for Myra.

Myra has lived in the Seldovia community since the “boardwalk days,” when, as she put it, “...people helped each other... period.” That same legacy has held true for Myra who has worn a lot of “hats” over the years. The community has picked up a lot of slack with snow shoveling, meals and comfort. Comfort is the most important to Myra right now. She says that the companionship of different people stopping by the house to knit,

A challenging an interesting life...

In the past Myra has taught everything from identification of edible seafood to set netting. She has been actively involved with what is now known as “playgroup” and admittedly loves children. Although her health can no longer sustain some of the activities she once pursued those things are part of the fabric of her life and she treasures those experiences and memories.

Myra was born in Portloch, Alaska, which is located about seventy miles south of Seldovia. She spent time in Port Graham also, eventually making her way to Seldovia in 1960. She has lived in her current home for forty-six years! Myra is part of a very large family of eleven children, some of which now reside in Kodiak. She has a thirty-four year old son

talk or just stay awhile has meant the world to her.

Generosity that just keeps on giving...

Myra has especially appreciated the gift(s) of a new washer and dryer donated by Seldovia residents Gene and Shirley Hurley. Dale Beasley hauled the new units to her home and removed the old ones. The washing machine has yet to be plumbed and Myra is hopeful that someone will step forward and help in this way. She is thankful to have appliances that will work. Time is valuable to all, and the time people have given of themselves has been precious to Myra. She wishes to thank all those generous people for their kindness to her.

named Chuck who now lives in Anchorage.

Another source of comfort has been her newfound Christianity. A special verse to Myra that she never tires of reading is *Jeremiah 17:14*: “*Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.*”

At the end of our visit, Myra spoke one word in the Aleut language that sums up how she feels about the generosity of the community beautifully: *Quyana* (thanks).

Myra would appreciate Donations for her electric bill. Those anonymous contributions can be made to HEA by phoning 1.800.478.8551 and giving her full name. Any amount would be appreciated. She also has hand made items for sale at the Crab Pot Grocery that will go toward this bill.

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