
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION



NEW AWARDS PROGRAM

To encourage Pond Inlet high school students to work hard and stay in school, the Foundation has launched a new annual award program. Following a suggestion from our committee in Pond Inlet, with the support of parents and with input from Nasivvik High School Principal David Parks, the Awards Committee set criteria of attendance, effort, attitude and academic achievement for deciding which students will receive the prizes. In 2006, a total of \$4000 was distributed as part of the high school award program. Fifteen students (four each from grades 9-11 and three from grade 12) received gift certificates during the closing ceremonies of the school year in June 2006. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded more than 60 bursaries to help students pursue their post-secondary education. We hope that rewarding students in their earlier high school years will encourage more students to complete high school – an important stepping stone no matter what their aspirations are for the future.

EQUIPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Four grants in 2006 from the Seltzer Chan Pond Inlet Foundation were used to update equipment for the youngest and oldest members of the Pond Inlet community, and everyone in between. The Naurainnuk Daycare Centre is a busy place, where children are cared for while their mothers work or go to school. (Naurainnuk is an Inuit term of affection between parents and children.) At the other end of the spectrum, the Elders of Pond Inlet have regular gatherings in

the community centre. Grants from the foundation were used to purchase new equipment for both groups: strollers for the day care, and chairs and cooking equipment to be used at the Elders' Council meetings.

Another grant allowed the recreation committee to purchase a new accordion which will be delivered in time for use at the Christmas concert and other social gatherings. The Foundation also provided funds to the Archives so they could purchase a multimedia digital projector. The projector will be used to show films and presentations to members of the local community, visiting groups and researchers.



*Community members perform for visitors, summer 2006.
Photo provided by Foundation supporter, David Keeley.*

Qujannamiiraaluk (really big thank you!) to Pond Inlet committee members Terri-Lynn Chiblow, Joshua Idlout, Joe Koonoo Sr., Lucy Quassa and Colin Saunders who reviewed the applications to the Foundation in 2006.

THE 2006 GRANTS

The Foundation is proud to announce that a total of \$10,930 was distributed to five organizations in 2006:

- Nasavvik high school for awards to students
- Pond Inlet Archives
- Naurainnuk Day Care Centre
- Recreation Committee
- Elders' Council

NEWS FROM PAST RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to report that Sipporah Peterloosie, whom we supported while she was studying nursing at Arctic College in Iqaluit, is now working at the nursing station in Pond Inlet. Layli Parks, whom we helped while she completed an office administration course, is now attending the Nunavut Teacher Education Program. She hopes to become a teacher and return to the north. Sherry Katsak-Parks passed the first year of her nursing programme and after finishing would like to return to Pond Inlet. Anisa Parks, another past recipient, graduated with a BA from Mount Alison University in May. Congratulations, Anisa!

A MEMORABLE VOYAGE

Two couples who have been generous contributors to the Foundation visited Pond Inlet during an Arctic cruise in August. Before arriving in port, David Keeley gave a talk to the other passengers about the Foundation. After disembarking he met with the Community Economic Development Officer, Colin Saunders, and the Mayor, David Qamaniq. The passengers were entertained by musicians, singers and dancers of the community. It was an eventful and enjoyable day. As a result of this visit the Foundation received donations from several new supporters. The Foundation extends its thanks to our newest supporters as well as those who continue to provide support through their ongoing contributions.

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Any donation you make to the Seltzer Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is used to support grant recipients. All administrative costs are donated by board members. It's hard to think of a charity where your money has a more direct effect on individuals. We're proud of this memorial to Mark and Marilyn and we hope you will continue to help us support education and Inuit culture in Pond Inlet.

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*An iceberg floats in the waters off Pond Inlet.
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