
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION: 2016



FOOD SECURITY

Families with inadequate or uncertain access to affordable, nutritious food are considered “food insecure”. According to Statistics Canada, almost half of Nunavut households are food insecure, more than four times the national average. Most disturbing, 60% of the territory’s children live in food-insecure households.

A number of organizations are researching the extent, causes and potential solutions to the complex issue of food insecurity in northern Canada and the implications for health and wellness. Links to reports by the Council of Canadians, PROOF Food Insecurity Policy Research, and the Nunavut Food Security Coalition can be found on our website:

www.pondinletfoundation.org/awards.html



Sharing a meal at the Anglican Parish Hall

The Nunavut Food Security Coalition identified Community Initiatives as a strategy for providing safe, culturally-preferable, affordable and nutritious food. From January until May 2016 the Pond Inlet Tununiq Ikajuqtiit Food Bank ran a community soup kitchen. The foundation is proud to be part of this initiative to help Pond Inlet families become food secure.

MUSIC FOR THE FUTURE

Tusarnaarniq Sivumut ran fiddle and guitar workshops in Pond Inlet in the spring and fall of 2016. More than 50 students participated and many community members enjoyed the performances. It is gratifying to see how many participants come back year after year – and how diligently they practice between the workshops.



Workshop performance at Ulaajuk Elementary School

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

At the June year-end ceremony, 12 students were honoured with prizes from the foundation for their high scholastic achievements, excellent attitudes, and focus on pursuing programs outside of school. Seventeen students received prizes for maintaining a 95% or higher attendance record during the school year. As well, four graduating students received grants from the foundation to help with their post-secondary education.



Graduates awarded grants to help continue their studies

*The Inukshuk on our masthead overlooks Eclipse Sound at the base of Mount Herodier, Baffin Island.
It is a memorial to Mark and Marilyn and was built with Pond Inlet community members.*

THE 2016 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to announce that a total of **\$46,369** was distributed to the following organizations and individuals in 2016:

- *Music for the Future* workshops
- Nasivvik High School student awards
- Pirurvik Day Care for snacks and materials
- Rebecca Idlout Library for Inuit materials
- Tununiq Ikajuqtiit Food Bank
- Participant transportation to Arctic Games
- Assistance to students attending Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa
- Assistance to post-secondary students attending various college programs

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Directors: Dorene Seltzer, Gareth Seltzer, Phillip King, Rosemary Waterston

PIRURVIK PRESCHOOL

In January 2016 a preschool opened in Pond Inlet to provide child-centred education based on the Montessori method and the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principle of Pilimmaksarniq that encourages children to learn at their own pace. Students are internally motivated to learn according to their interest in each activity using ‘hands on’ resources with teachers acting as facilitators. To enrich language development and Inuktitut literacy, the foundation helped fund classroom resources including Inuktitut sandpaper syllabics, large and small moveable Inuktitut syllabics and Inuktitut sound bags. A separate grant provides healthy snacks for the children.

An exciting element of the Pirurvik Preschool is their partnership with Nunavut Arctic College. As part of the requirements for a two-year Early Childhood Education diploma program delivered in Pond Inlet, students will complete a practicum at the Pirurvik Preschool – an experience that will help them long after graduation.



Hands-on Inuktitut fun for Alashua and ECE student Leah Kippomee



Alashua Akpaleapik helps herself to a healthy snack

100% of your donation goes directly to grant recipients.

The Foundation is volunteer-operated; all administrative costs are covered by board members.