
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION 2024



MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Over 125 students from Ulaajuk Elementary and Nasivvik High School participated in fiddle workshops this year – the 27th and 28th workshops provided by *Tusarnaarniq Sivumut Association (TSA) / Music for the Future*. Weekly virtual lessons held throughout the year at Nasivvik High School and the in-person workshops help students build skills and confidence. Students demonstrated what they learned while entertaining family and friends in performances at the local Co-op, elementary school and community hall during the workshops.

A MENTOR IN TRAINING

Liam Milton played a special role in the music workshops this spring. Funding from the foundation allowed him to travel to Igloolik with the workshop instructors as a Youth Mentor. Working with students in Igloolik and Pond Inlet helped Liam gain in-depth teaching experience, develop leadership skills and build confidence.



Liam mentoring younger fiddlers Photo by Kyle Burghout

In his thank you message to the foundation, Liam wrote: *“It was a really informative and fun trip to take, as I learnt a lot about how to travel and teach children fiddle with TSA. It really meant a lot to me to be able to take such a trip, because I met so many new people and made great memories during it.”*

Currently attending the one-year Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa, Liam has already been approved for a scholarship from Carleton University where he plans to start a Bachelor of Music honors program in 2025. Congratulations, Liam!

THE 2024 QAMUTIK CUP

Each year the Qamutik Cup hockey tournament takes place at the community where the Nunavut Quest dog sled race finishes. This April Pond Inlet hosted six teams competing to take home the cup. Players from three other northern communities stayed with local families and the foundation provided food vouchers to help host families feed their guests. Community members filled the arena with enthusiastic cheering during the four-day tournament, with the Arctic Bay Impacts winning the final match.



Photo by Karla Malaiya

THE 2024 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to report that a total of \$39,650 was distributed to the following organizations and individuals in 2024 at the time of writing. The total awards since 1999 is \$761,153.

- Individuals for post-secondary education
- Nasivvik High School student awards
- Ulaajuk Elementary School software purchases
- Food hampers for Qamutik Cup tournament
- Travel to Volleyball tournament in Iqaluit
- Tusarnaarniq Sivumut Association (TSA) workshops and virtual music lessons

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Canadian donations will receive tax receipts.

2023 Pond Inlet Committee:

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Directors: Dorene Seltzer, Gareth Seltzer,
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FUNDING EDUCATION FROM ELEMENTARY TO POST-SECONDARY

Literacy and numeracy materials purchased for the Ulaajuk Elementary School will help students practice and improve these important skills. At the high school level, the foundation provided more than \$14,000 in prizes to recognize student achievement, interest and improvement in many areas including Inuktitut, English, sports, fine arts, sewing, woodworking, attendance, citizenship and the 8 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Principles. Six Pond Inlet residents received grants to help them pursue post-secondary studies including University preparation courses, teacher training, health care and culinary programs.

2024 NUNAVUT JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Eight members of the Pond Inlet Girls Volleyball program who showed particular commitment and dedication traveled to Iqaluit for the 2024 Nunavut Territorial Junior Volleyball Tournament in April. This high level competition with 12 teams was the first time away from home for some of the young women, with all of the excitement and boost to self-confidence this type of experience can spark. Coach Natasha Simonee was very proud of all team members as they played for the first time in front of large crowds.



Photos by Natasha Simonee

A special shout out to Alison Anaviapik who was named team MVP based on her leadership, sportsmanship and skill.



100% of donations received go directly to grant recipients.

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