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People contribute to the United Way because they know their gift will go a long way. With your financial help we are able to provide funding in support of local programs and services, throughout our northern community.

How Are Your Donations Used?

Yellowknife Family Centre



These are the community initiatives we funded in 2011:

Stanton Foundation received funding toward their new oncology suite which will impact 1600 people throughout Northwest Territories and Nunavut. There will be more space dedicated to chemotherapy which will allow patients to return to the Northwest Territories to receive medical treatment as well as support from family members and friends.

Autism NWT Because of the funding received, a workshop on wills, estates and trusts for families of those with autism and other similar disabilities will be available for 30 participants.

Breakfast for Learning By providing funding, we help to enable 47 schools throughout NWT to run these much needed programs. These programs help to ensure a healthy start for many elementary and secondary school students who may otherwise attend school poorly nourished.

United Way NWT provides funding support to projects and programs in three focus areas:

- **“From poverty to possibility” : Moving people out of poverty and meeting basic human needs**
- **“Healthy people, strong communities” : Improving access to social and health-related support services and supporting resident and community engagement**
- **“All that kids can be” : Improving access to early childhood learning and development programs, helping kids do well at school, and make a healthy transition into adulthood**

Thanks to the generous donations of many people, the United Way of the Northwest Territories has been able to invest \$70,000 back into NWT communities this year.

Rockhill Emergency Housing (YWCA) Turn Up the Heat on Homelessness is a three year fundraising campaign now in year two. The funds will help to heat 32 suites for emergency and transitional housing which last year impacted 226 people (25 families in dedicated emergency suites and 42 families in traditional suites).

Inuvik Community Greenhouse The community garden and greenhouse has approximately 140 plots which community groups and members garden. The funding will enable another 7 plots. Every season food is harvested and donated to the Homeless Shelter, Food Bank and the Transition House.

YK Seniors Society The Seniors’ Lunch with the Bunch Program is a weekly lunch provided for 90-100 seniors in Yellowknife to promote well-being and fellowship. Topics such as safety, nutrition, legal concerns, and physical activity are addressed.

Food Rescue provides healthy reclaimed food to 250 people per day, six days a week. The funding received will help with the transportation of the food product to financially challenged individuals and families throughout Yellowknife.

SideDoor The Junior SideDoor is a free after-school program open to all children between the ages of 5-13. The goal is to provide the kinds of activities that help kids do well in school and make a healthy transition into adulthood.

GirlsSpace (YWCA) The March break program will give 15 girls, ages 8-13 years old, a chance to build self-esteem, develop violence awareness and look at its root causes, learn, grow and share in a respectful, strength-based environment.

Special Olympics Two twelve week sessions of newly introduced youth development programs for children with intellectual disabilities and those with social/emotional or cognitive challenges: Active Start and FUNdamentals will be offered for 8 children/44 athletes.

Yellowknife Association for Community Living The goal of the Family Project is to support and work together with families and individuals with a disability to bring about change so that families and their relatives with disabilities are welcomed into community life. The Family Project will support, facilitate and/or undertake activities in: 1. Education and 2. Family and Disability Supports.



SideDoor Youth Ministries

Taiga Adventure Camp The objective is to inspire a generation of courageous young northern women leaders. Developmental learning experiences are offered in a safe environment, where youth live outdoors, learn leadership skills, expand their social networks and discover their many unique talents. Providing healthy tools for making choices will enable 78 participants to strengthen their connection to self, community and environment.

Ecology North Programs are mainly offered in Yellowknife, N'Dilo, and Dettah in conjunction with community partners to provide to 239 youth / 10 schools/organizations creative hands on learning opportunities for youth. Outdoor activities and workshops melding recreation, arts and crafts, music and theatre are used to engage youth in reflecting on environmental issues and on their abilities to be meaningful agents of change in their communities.

St. John Ambulance is offering in partnership with the Native Women's Association Training Centre, a first aid pre employment training program to marginalized First Nations adults. Course delivery will be extended over several learning sessions and adapted for 20 participants to ensure successful skill development for students with limited literacy skills.

Yellowknife Family Centre This family resource centre provides supports for families. The program includes a toy lending library, family play centre, along with parenting resources and workshops to help prepare and strengthen families for the responsibilities of parenthood. The centre provides integrated service to children and families of all types and needs. Through community partnerships, comprehensive services are provided for children with special needs and developmental delays.



Literacy Outreach Program

"In every community there is work to be done. In every heart there is the power to do it."

- Marianne Williamson

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