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The United Way NWT Awards \$205,000 in Grants to NWT Non-Profits

YELLOWKNIFE – The United Way NWT has awarded grants totalling \$205,000 to twenty-one non-profit organizations as part of its annual Community Investment Fund. This initiative is supported by generous donations from across the Northwest Territories (NWT) and Canada, reflecting a strong commitment to supporting vital community programs and services.

The selections were made by the United Way NWT’s Community Investment Fund Committee after reviewing all the applications and selected grant recipients, taking into consideration the United Way NWT’s key focus areas of "From Poverty to Possibility," "Healthy People, Strong Communities," and "All That Kids Can Be."

“We have seen how valuable our NWT not-for-profits are during the emergencies of the last few years. They do urgent and necessary work every day, for which we are all deeply thankful,” said Paul Gillard, Chair of the Board for United Way NWT. “The United Way NWT is very happy to continue our long-standing support of these deserving organizations.”

This year, seventeen organizations will receive grants of \$7,500 for their 2024 programming:

- Food Rescue Yellowknife
- Inuvik Youth Centre
- Ecology North
- Inclusion NWT
- Food First Foundation
- Foster Family Association
- Home Base Yellowknife
- YK Education District 1 – Ew ts’ehwhee (Process of tanning hides)
- Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
- Women’s Society
- Hay River Youth Centre
- Yellowknife Playschool
- Yellowknife Seniors Society

- Society Saint Vincent de Paul
- Aspire Training Academy
- Children First Society
- Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre

We are also pleased to announce that this year's multi-year grant recipient is The Northern Birthwork Collective. The project seeks to improve access to Indigenous birthworkers for Indigenous pregnant people and families to provide reproductive and perinatal health-related support services. These support services include 1-on-1 emotional support, physical (non-medical), informational and advocacy support for pregnancy and all pregnant outcomes. Birthworkers also support program participants with health system navigation and facilitate perinatal education classes, workshops, and sharing circles.

Additionally, the United Way NWT continues to have multiyear agreements with The Hay River Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Hamlet of Ulukhaktok, and Hay River Family Support Centre, which will each receive \$15,000 per year over three years, for a total of \$45,000.

The Community Investment Fund is a yearly opportunity for non-profits all over the NWT to apply. The United Way NWT encourages any non-profits in the NWT who meet the guidelines and objectives to apply. For more details, to apply for future funding, or to be included on the United Way NWT's mailing list, please email office@nwt.unitedway.ca or follow us on Instagram or Facebook @unitedwaynwt.

The United Way NWT raises money through workplace campaigns, special events, and private donations. It is through the generosity of our donors that such impactful work can continue. All funds contributed to the United Way NWT's Community Investment Fund stay in the NWT.

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