
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION: 2008



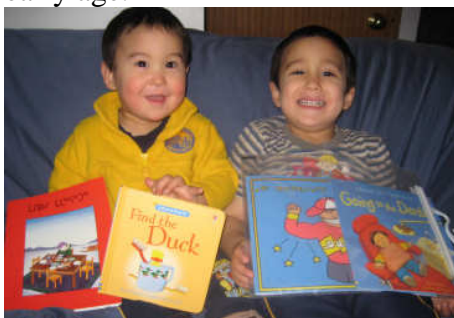
BOOKS FOR BABIES

On their first birthday, each child in Pond Inlet will receive a gift of two picture books (one in Inuktitut and one in English), a finger puppet and a library tote bag. This project hopes to instill a positive attitude towards books and build reading readiness skills during this critical early learning phase.



HEALTHY TEETH

This project will give each two-year old in Pond Inlet a birthday present of books about visiting the dentist (one in English and one in Inuktitut) plus a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste. The gift bag also includes information about the importance of regular brushing of children's teeth and healthy food choices. The oral hygiene of many pre-school children in Pond Inlet is poor. The aim of the project is to help children and their parents understand the need for good dental care from an early age.



DAY CARE SUPPORT

Grants from the Foundation this year were used to build a security fence around a playground and to purchase arts and crafts supplies for the day care centres in Pond Inlet.



BOAT SAFETY

Although boating safety is of vital importance in Pond Inlet many families cannot afford to provide different sizes of survival suits and life vests for their children as they grow. This project will fund the purchase of forty life vests in sizes ranging from infant to youth. Colouring books and boat-safety pamphlets produced by the Canadian Coast Guard will be distributed with the life vests.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

Each June the Foundation provides prizes for students at the Nasivvik High School. In 2008, a total of \$8,000 was awarded to students in grades 9-12 in recognition of their attendance, effort, attitude and academic achievement. As well, this year three students traveling south for post-secondary studies received bursaries.

Building on the very successful Fiddle Workshop held in 2007, a similar event took place in May 2008 involving participants from 2007 and some new budding musicians.

THE 2008 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to announce that a total of \$20,800 was distributed to the following organizations and students in 2008:

- Books for Babies Project
- Healthy Teeth Initiative
- Naurainuk Daycare Society
- Safe Boating Project
- Nasavvik High School for awards to students
- Nasavvik Music Club to support Fiddle Workshop
- Monica Simonie: Inuit Studies, Iqaluit
- Alice Eskloo; Nursing Program, Iqaluit
- James Simonie: Environmental Studies, Iqaluit

A HAPPY YEAR FOR ALEX

Last year the foundation helped Pond Inlet student Alexandra Anaviapik attend the Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa. Nunavut Sivuniksavut is an eight-month college program designed to help Inuit youth prepare for educational, training, and career opportunities.

As part of the program Alexandra and her fellow students visited Mongolia. A highlight of the trip was visiting the Tsaasan (Reindeer People) who travel with herds of reindeer (called tuktu) throughout the forested areas of Mongolia, near the border with Siberia. For more about the students' trip, check out their trip blog at www.nsinmongolia.blogspot.com



Alexandra rides a Tuktu (reindeer) in Mongolia

FOUNDATION WEBSITE

A big thank you is due to George Bihus who donated his time and expertise to help create a website for the Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation. Please visit us at www.pondinletfoundation.org

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

100% of every donation 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.



Learning new skills during the 2008 Fiddle Workshop

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