United Way NWT Announces its Annual Funding Recipients for 2016

Yellowknife, NT (February 24th 2016): United Way NWT has approved $155,000 worth of grants to 21 organizations across the Northwest Territories. Because of an increase in support from our donors, we were able to increase the maximum grant amount from $5,000 in 2015 to $7,500 in 2016.

Twenty-five organizations from all over the NWT applied for the funds, and the Board of Directors approved 21 projects. Twenty of these projects were successful in receiving one-time grants.

The volunteer Community Investment Committee reviewed the one-time funding applications. “We received some excellent applications this year, asking for three times as much money as we have available,” says Tracy St. Denis, chair of the United Way NWT. “I want to thank the committee for their help in screening the applications and making recommendations,” she added.

“We had a number of brand new organizations apply for funding,” says David Connelly, chair of the Community Investment Committee. “We also had an overwhelming response to our multi-year pilot project,” he added.

For the first time ever, the United Way NWT earmarked $15,000 of this amount for a multi-year funding pilot project. The successful organization is the NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group. They will receive $45,000 over the course of three years.

“The multi-year funding pilot project is allowing us to incite a brand new level of change for non-profits across the NWT,” says St. Denis. “NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group is well-deserving of the $45,000 and we’re excited to be able to fund such an innovative project.”

The NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group’s successful application requested funding for a pilot project called Living the
Journey demonstration project that will provide “cancer support services during treatment, post treatment and beyond.” The project will be piloting in Fort Good Hope and Fort Smith.

“We are so grateful to the United Way NWT for seeing the value of the Living the Journey Project,” says Rosanna Strong, Action Group board member. “This funding will go a long way in supporting the work that the Action Group and its partners are doing to improve wellness and quality of life for NWT cancer patients and their families, from diagnosis to survivorship.”

The decisions for all grants were based on the need for funding and how well they fit the three focus areas:

• From poverty to possibility
• Healthy people, strong communities
• All that kids can be

Attached is a list of organizations receiving funding this year.

The United Way raises money through workplace campaigns and special events, as well as through private donations. “We are grateful for the high level of support we get from different levels of government, businesses, labour and individuals to support the work we do,” St. Denis says.

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LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

1. Food First Foundation (Pan-territorial)
2. Children First Society (Inuvik)
3. Ecology North (Yellowknife)
4. Food Rescue (Yellowknife)
5. Community Garden Society of Inuvik (Inuvik)
6. Inuvik Food Bank (Inuvik)
7. Fort Smith Ecumenical Group/Soup Kitchen (Fort Smith)
8. Yellowknife Association for Community Living (Yellowknife)
9. Northern Youth Leadership (Pan-territorial)
10. Mildred Hall School’s Traditional Mentorship Program (Yellowknife)
11. Hay River Soup Kitchen (Hay River)
12. YK Cares (Yellowknife)
13. Girl Guides of Canada – Yellowknife (Yellowknife)
14. Yellowknife Scouts
15. MS Society of Canada – Yellowknife Region (Yellowknife)
17. CNIB (Pan-territorial)
18. Hay River Seniors’ Society (Hay River)
19. Foster Family Coalition of the NWT (Pan-territorial)
20. YWCA (Yellowknife)
21. NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group (Pan-territorial)