



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
National Council of Canada

North of 60 Project  
2021 Annual Report



Ten years ago, Western Region of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul took on the challenge that was initiated by Eileen Orysiuk and Sister Fay Trombley – to assist those in need living in Arctic Canada. They started with the Community of Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories.

The list of Arctic Communities and the support from SSVP across Canada grew. Today there are three Regions of the Society supporting those in need who live in 19 Canadian Communities in the far North. The Ontario Regional Council focuses on Nunavut Territory ([report](#)), Quebec Regional Council has their focus on Nunavik ([report](#)) and the Western Regional Council works to help those in the Northwest Territories ([report](#)).

COVID restrictions continued in 2021 and resulted in very little food donations from parishioners, families, and friends. However, many loyal supporters, foundations and charities provided cash donations that allowed for bulk purchases of the basic food security shipments to those in need in the Northwest Territories.



*Mary Kudlak and her daughter  
Emily Kudlak, contacts for  
Ulukhaktok Anglican women's  
sewing community, NWT.*



*Sea container received at  
Whale Cove, Nunavut*

This project is managed by a team of SSVP volunteers. There are no paid employees. Team members are assigned a community. Their role is to develop knowledge and, most importantly, rapport that allows for an accurate listing of the community needs, as well as confidence in fair distribution of the product shipped.

We would like to reiterate our gratitude to all the people, organizations and businesses who support us and make this project financially viable. Their contribution is vital and we thank them.

*Jean-Noël Cormier, Chair  
National North of 60 Committee*