



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Ontario Regional Council

North of 60 Project
2021 Annual Report

This year for Ontario, we are serving eight communities: Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Naujaat, Kugaaruk, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven



However, we need to respect and do things a bit differently due to the Coronavirus situation in each community. The Kitikmeot region (Kugaaruk, Taloyoak & Gjoa Haven) plus, Arivat in the Kivalliq are still being greatly helped through federal and local governmental assistance. Food sent last summer was not completely used and thus stored due to this assistance. This food will be used once the governmental assistance has stopped. For the summer of 2021, these 4 communities will receive

North of 60 assistance but not from a 2021 sea container.

A one-time plan was devised in full cooperation with Fr Lukasz from the Kitikmeot region and the Co-op managers in the 3 communities. Our Vincentian sisters and brothers in Ontario will donate money in the name of their northern community to the Ontario Region. In turn, these funds will be sent to Fr Lukasz at 3 specific intervals - Christmas, Easter, and July prior summer break. This financial assistance will purchase food vouchers that hopefully will carry the community until the next container in August of 2022. All families must meet with Fr Lukasz in order to receive a voucher. The store managers are working with us to ensure that food items only will be bought - no cigarettes, candy, soda-pop, chips, hunting supplies... strictly nutrition.



*Chesterfield Inlet
(Igluligaarjuk) Nunavut*

Arviat received the greatest governmental support due to being the hardest hit by the virus. Fr Radek said virtually nothing has been used from the container, thus he requested on behalf of his community that a sea container not be sent this summer.



Sea container received in Whale Cove, Nunavut

We will send containers to Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, and Naujaat to support their after-school programs for the children. The government assistance supports families, not these programs at the Missions. These programs feed the children with an afternoon snack and a pre-bedtime meal before heading home at night. Without hesitation we will gather and share food items for the children. Sea containers will be filled and shipped on the third and final crossing in September this year.

Rankin Inlet has seen the government assistance be reduced and feel that 1 sea container rather than two, will meet the needs of the community. Our Vincentian sisters and brothers in Ottawa are busy gathering items for Rankin.

To date this plan is in action and we hope there will not be any problems.

*Pegg Leroux, Chair
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