

Eleven 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.

Since then, the number of Arctic communities helped and the scale of the support provided by SSVP members across Canada has continued to grow.

Today there are three Regions of the Society supporting those in need who live in 16 Canadian Communities in the far North. The Ontario Regional Council focuses on Nunavut Territory, Quebec Regional Council has their focus on Nunavik and the Western Regional Council works to help those 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