

2012-13

# The Nipawin Oasis

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Tansi :) We want to thank everyone that supported the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre this past year. It was a very difficult year in a lot of ways but that was last year and this is well a New Year! that is filled with lots of hopes, dreams, learnings, excitement, people, healthy relationships, caring, growing, Cree language and culture, action, food and lots of fun. With that comes a lot of grant and report writing but hopefully we can manage all of this work as effectively as possible by working together in a supportive and encouraging way.

The Nipawin Oasis Community Centre Co-operative has been in the community for 20 years and we believe it is still a very needed organization that provides prevention, educational and intervention programming, services and employment opportunities. We do need help however, we do not have the funds to hire a manager or CEO so along with the staff the board is managing the Oasis on a volunteer basis. We need board members and volunteers to work with the youth and families in areas of literacy, crafts, and mentorship. We are trying to keep the website as current as possible please visit [www.nipawinoasis.com](http://www.nipawinoasis.com). We have several people looking for work daily. We shovel walks, clean homes, haul wood, move furniture, weed gardens, mow lawns, help with moving and any odd job that you would like help with. We are still operating the Taxi also :) 862-8559. Please call 862-5551 or visit us at 504 Railway Avenue our hours are Monday to Friday from 9 to 5.

Many thanks to our partners and supporters that helped make the grant applications successful.

*Town of Nipawin  
Pineland Co-op  
Red Earth Cree Nation  
SaskWITT (Women in Trades & Technology)  
North East Regional Intersectoral Committee  
NorthEast School Division  
Wagner School  
Cumberland College  
East Side LIMB  
Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Rotary Club of Nipawin  
Kids First  
Nipawin Chamber of Commerce  
NorthEast Community Literacy Network  
Cumberland House Cree Nation  
Nipawin Library  
Nipawin RCMP  
Nipawin Primary Care Health Team  
Wuskawetan Consulting  
Nipawin United Church  
Nipawin Apostolic Church*





Our focus is on building an inclusive community centre where people care, belong and get involved. Our Vision is to be one of the leaders in building an inclusive, supportive, safe and healthy community. We strive to provide opportunities and CHOICES along with the values of:

Caring, supportive, non-judgemental, and respectful environment using a

Holistic approach that promotes wellness and that provides Opportunities and uses as its guide

Integrity which is accountability, transparency and responsibility valuing a

Community that works together and that is

Effective in meeting the needs of the community while providing Security within a safe, respectful, and supportive environment.

If you would like to support the Nipawin Oasis Community Centre, please make your cheque payable to:

Nipawin Oasis Community Centre

Box 3146

Nipawin, Saskatchewan

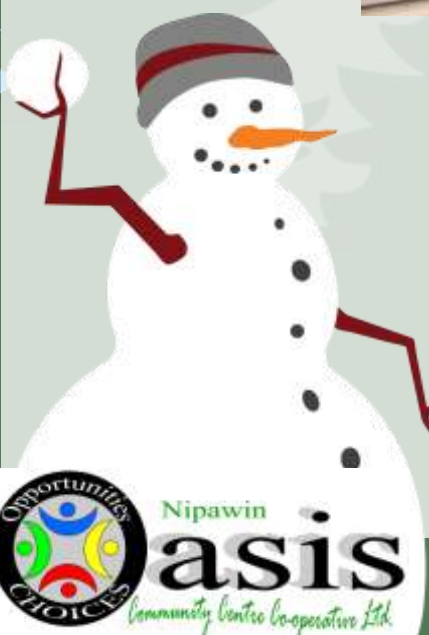
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Nipawin Oasis

Community Centre

is a registered Canadian charity and a non-profit co-operative.

We Thank You very much for your support.



Thankyou Tiniki

We would like to thank the following this fiscal year (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013) for your support in way of financial donations:

St. Eugene Parish

Pineland Co-op

Save U IGA

Extra Foods

Vanity Cup

Darryl Hamilton

Dawn-nica and Fred Mathieson

Elizabeth Elsom

Nipawin Rotary Club

Elkhorn Ladies Club

Ardath Fritz

Bonnie Poss

Aylsham Memorial Church

Apostolic Church

John Paul 1 Council

Helen Remple

Chris Hudyma

Myrtie Rempel

Northern Transmission

Tim and Elaine Salo

Frances Hughes/Gwen Peifer

Nipawin United Church

Grant Carson Law Prof. Group

United Church Women (Codette)

Norman & Joanne Thomson

IBEW 2067

Karl Lauten

Bill Wood

Michael Hunkin

Diane & Grant Berge

Many thanks to the staff and board members that donated as well as to those that donated clothing, vegetables, food, dishes,

blankets, crafts, and school supplies.

Also many thanks to the countless hours that the volunteers have put in at the Oasis Centre.

We have been very busy and are grateful for the funding we have received to allow us to operate the following programs for the 2012-2013 fiscal year:

Kelsey Trail Health Region - Mental Health Support Program  
- COPE and Summer Camp for Mental Health Participants (meets twice a week).

Ministry of Education - Child Nutrition and Development Program (Youth and Family Kitchens - Monday to Friday).

Ministry of Advanced Education (Economy) - CanSask Program - Workforce Development and Employment Opportunities.

Ministry of Education - Family literacy program, First Nation & Métis girls, youth and women for careers in trades and technology program, professional development and to include Cree language and culture in programming and events.

Ministry of Social Services - Child, Youth and Family Support Program

Inspirit Foundation - to provide young adults an opportunity to build bridges between the First Nation, Métis & Inuit and the non-aboriginal peoples in Nipawin.

Sask. Lotteries Community Grant (TIP) & Urban Aboriginal Grant Program - after school social/recreation program for First Nation & Métis Youth.

Lakeland District for Sport & Recreation - Youth Experience program, community cultural events, professional development.

Status of Women Office (Sask.) Women & Girls exploring Trades program.

Sask. Co-operative Assoc. - Creating Co-operative Internships Program.

Community Initiatives Fund - Youth Culture program

SaskCulture - Multicultural Initiatives Fund - to include Cree Language & Culture in Oasis programming and partner with surrounding First Nation communities.

What difference have we made?

Provided employment to over 40 people who otherwise would not have had the opportunity

Job coaching

Resume Writing

On the job skills

Improved Literacy

Self confidence and Self Esteem

Increased income levels

Provided transportation for:

Seniors

Shut ins

Mentally challenged

Physically challenged

Living on low income

Provided activities for:

Mental disabilities

Physical disabilities

Healthy eating

Youth

Families

Cree language and culture

*"I don't know what I would have done without the Oasis to help me move"*

*"I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the Oasis"*

*"Nobody has ever helped us as much as the Oasis"*

*"I wish people could see all that we do here"*





Taxi is operating days, evenings and weekends. Please call or text 862-8559



We need help with our youth programming we need help with chaperones, literacy, carpentry, crafting, beadwork, outdoor activities, and to be a mentor. Please let us know if you are interested and would like to find out more how you can help. Plus we have lots more volunteer opportunities :) Thanks! Please call 862-5551 or email [nipoasis1@sasktel.net](mailto:nipoasis1@sasktel.net) or website [www.nipawinoasis.com](http://www.nipawinoasis.com)

