



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Rising Needs, Stellar Staff

The last few months have seen changes amid an ever-increasing need for our frontline services. While our new Deputy Executive Director joined the team, we eclipsed our single-day record for meals served -- 693! That would be proportional to serving over 90,000 meals in a single day to the population of Ottawa. Despite the crushing and increasing need, our staff continuously rise to the challenge, day-in and day-out. Read on for updates, gorgeous pictures, and some sneak-peeks reserved for you, our lovely newsletter subscribers!



Introducing Victoria!

Victoria Perron is our first-ever Deputy Executive Director. She has spent over a decade in Nunavut, leading on-the-land trips, and working, most recently, for Alianait Music Festival. She's already organized new events, country food workshops, and provided media interviews. We are thrilled to welcome her aboard!



By the Numbers

May-July

Avg Meals Served per Day: 415

Increase from last quarter: 15%

Inuit Women Circle participants: 200+

Politicians, researchers, and dignitaries given site tours: 61



Newsletter Exclusive: Announcing our Rebrand!

We have contracted Hinaani Design, led by Nooks Lindell in Arviat, for our brand overhaul. Stay tuned for our new look!



Programming Update

Although our daily meal service takes up most of our staff's time, it's far from the only program we deliver. In addition to serving an average of 9,452 meals for each of the last three months, our other programs continued to be busy. Mary led the Inuit Women's Circle in programming outdoors, which saw over 200 participants. Elders have shown up for our Quaq Corner in increasing numbers, totalling 173 this summer. But it's our community feasts that have really shone: a whopping 936 diners have enjoyed local chef nights, Asian Heritage Month feasts, and a Canada Day pancake breakfast co-hosted with the City of Iqaluit. Yet we've added more programming! We recently began a Workshop Series to provide the community with skills training related to traditional Inuit foods and food preparation.



We've had lots of wonderful visitors the past few months. Above, Executive Director Joseph Murdoch-Flowers (far left) poses with members of the National Council for Reconciliation, of which he is a part outside of his duties with Qajuqturvik. Joseph gave the board a tour of our facilities. Other visitors included the National Caucus of Rural MPs, the Governor General's Canadian Leadership group, and various national health researchers.

Behind the Scenes

How does our Country Food Coordinator Haali Paton spend his free time? Out on the land, traveling and harvesting, of course. Even when he's not working, he's sending in cool pictures like these below.



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