

St. Albert, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

2022 North of 60 Project with Ulukhaktok



The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP), North of 60 Project annually ships food and necessities to those in need, from the Edmonton and Calgary area, to the Northern and Arctic communities of Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, Fort McPherson, Tuktoyaktuk, Paulatuk, Aklavik, Sachs Harbour, Fort Good Hope and Ulukhaktok. The annual North of 60 Project helps families meet their basic needs, in communities where the cost of living is extremely high. Meet some of the northern and Arctic residents as they share their gratitude for how the North of 60 Project impacts their communities, in this video:

<https://ssvp.ca/special-projects/north-of-60/>

The St. Albert, SSVP, North of 60 Project is partnered with Ulukhaktok. Food to those in need, is the main focus of the North of 60 Project and is purchased to supplement Ulukhaktok's Food Bank and the Helen Kalvak K-12 School programs. The Project collaborates with northern contacts to address ways to support community recreation, school, family, health, social, sewing, artisans and cooking groups. (See list of needs below)

Ulukhaktok (pop 450) is only accessible by air, and for a few summer months, by sea. Once the St. Albert, sea container is packed with food and necessities in May and June, it and the other N of 60 sea containers are trucked to Hay River. In July, they are loaded onto sea barges that travel down the MacKenzie River to the Beaufort Sea (Arctic Ocean), dropping off containers at communities along the way. Ulukhaktok's sea barge arrives in the fall.

Feb 7, after 2 months,

Ulukhaktok residents celebrate the return of the sun.



Celery harvest
from the
Ulukhaktok
Greenhouse.



Lisa prepares a Char using a traditional Ulu (rounded knife)

Only one or two barges per year make the journey to Ulukhaktok. These carry the entire year's supply of non-perishable grocery items, dry goods, vehicles, fuel, construction material, prefab homes, etc. There is a short window of navigable open water for this two-month journey. Timing is everything – what is not shipped by barge needs to be flown in, significantly increasing the cost to the community.

Here's how you can help our Canadian neighbors in need:

Donations for Food wholesale purchases.

Cheques: Payable to St Albert SSVP North of 60 Project
 Mail to: Linda Tutt, Chair, St Albert, SSVP, North of 60 Project
 10 Orchid Place, St Albert, Alberta T8N 6P5

E-transfer Email L@tutt.ca Use the passcode "northof60"

**Provide your phone number, name, address and email address so a tax receipt can be issued.*

Non-food donations (new or like-new only). Please follow the list below.

This list has been made in collaboration with the Ulukhaktok contacts, staying with the commitment to ship what they need, not what we think they need.

To arrange for a pickup or drop-off contact: Linda Tutt, St. Albert

L@tutt.ca 780-651-6486 home or 780-667-8079 cell.

Deadline for non-food donations is April 27

School supplies: Printer paper: letter, legal, 11x14 size, dry erasers, dry eraser markers, glue sticks, plasticine, modelling clay, colored Bristol board, colored construction paper, science fair tri fold display boards, (no 3 hole line or plain paper, no binders), tampons, feminine pads

Cooking community groups: Mixing bowls, cutting boards, scrubbers, J Cloths, coffee makers (no pods), tea towels, kettles, food containers, large utensils (stirring spoons, spatulas, can openers)

Sewing community groups: sewing machines, fur and leather pieces or coats, embroidery thread, full skeins of yarn (no partial), thread, notions, sewing machine needles, zippers (longer for coats), fabric for parkas, mitt and : stroud, melton, commander, imitation fur/angel fur/sherpa for mitt and boot lining, outer wear fabric for Arctic parkas (no cottons, knits, silks)

Community events: XL pots, XL pans, grills, small appliances, large utensils (stirring spoons, spatula, flipper, etc). Stacking chairs or sturdy pews.

Greenhouse and High School Hydroponic option: potting soil, containers, seeds (hardy and short season floral and edible), garden markers and stakes, hand gardening tools

Elder Social Club: Holiday themed decorations(Valentines, Christmas, St Patrick's, Thanksgiving, etc.) items, Halloween costumes

Health Centre and Family Needs: baby and children's clothing-larger than newborn size, blankets, quilts (all sizes), diapers, wipes, outerwear, coloring books/crayons/markers/child scissors for Health Centre Waiting Room

Construction supplies: Repair material such as plywood, flooring, windows and insulation needed for the Church, which is also used for community events. Support this project with material donations or funds.

Shipping: sturdy cardboard moving or packing boxes

Thank you for your continued prayers, interest, and support of this project.

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Day's end activity: Embroidering kamik inserts, in the hunting cabin, on the land

