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FNEI Community Donations

1. Hockey Season:

This winter, FNEI provided donations to various community hockey teams which were participating in various tournaments such as the Mushkegowuk Challenge Cup 2011 and the Little NHL 2011. Many hockey teams from the communities have been supported by FNEI over the past few years. Hockey is a sport that is enjoyed by many community members throughout our region, especially the youth, and we are pleased to assist them.

2. Timmins Native Friendship Centre “Back to School BBQ (Barbecue)”:

The Timmins Friendship Centre requested support for their Children’s program fundraising efforts to provide school children with school supplies if they are unable to purchase the supplies themselves. The Friendship Centre is proud to note that this is their “biggest annual event” and it has been on-going for seven years. The children receive a backpack that is filled with school supplies such as binders, calculators, scissors, paper, pencils, and crayons. Last year, the Timmins Friendship Centre provided the backpacks filled with the essential school supplies to one hundred (100) school children.

3. 2010 Pow Wow at Moose Factory/Moosonee:

Every year, the Double “M” Pow Wow Committee holds a Pow Wow in February with the town of Moosonee. This event is in its 8th year and is filled

with a cultural atmosphere that is appreciated by all who attend, especially the Elders who look forward to the Pow Wow every year! The Pow Wow provides a great opportunity for the youth to learn about their cultural background. The Pow Wow Committee has noticed an increase in the participation of the children, youth, and adults, as well as support from the Elders. Many regional and local drum groups have attended the Pow Wows held since its inception. The Pow Wow was initially a one day event and now is a three day event. FNEI is proud to support the annual Pow Wow.

4. **School Trips:** Each year, FNEI supports fund-raising efforts for some area schools to take school trips for fun and educational learning experiences to places like Toronto. The students and teachers do fundraising throughout the year to make it possible for the school children to participate in the trips. Some of the places that have been visited include the Royal Ontario Museum, the Toronto Zoo, and the Ontario Science Centre. The trips are filled with fun and learning, and also give the students an opportunity to get exposure to different cultures in an urban setting.

5. Moose Cree First Nation: “Reconnecting with the Land”:

Moose Cree First Nation applied to FNEI for some funding towards their “Outdoor Program for Youth.” The program works to touch the lives of youth by bringing them back to nature and their cultural values. The program aims to raise awareness of nature, and cultural values by getting youth to experience fishing, hunting, and trapping which are cultural staples in a community. The youth will learn boat safety, ski-dooing, how to set nets, use snowshoes, set night lines, and learn how to prepare and cook fish, rabbits, and geese. The program also includes a chain saw course, water safety course, and First Aid course. Last year’s program was a great success and we are happy support this commendable project for the youth.

FNEI encourages community groups within the Mushkegowuk region to seek donations. If you feel that your organization should be considered, please contact the FNEI office for the donation rules and an application form. FNEI will routinely collect the applications and will contact only those organizations under consideration.
To reach the FNEI office, please call: 705-268-0056 or visit us at <http://www.fivenations.ca> for more information.

