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Winter 2026 Newsletter



Hope and Efforts Renewed

Marking another trip around the sun is the perfect time to take stock of where we've come from. Our last full update was at the end of the summer, so we've got lots to catch you up on! You'll want to read all the way to the end, because we saved the best news for last.

Bustling Summer End

The summer closed with bustling activity and programs here at Qajuqturvik. Haali, our resident hunter, harvested a caribou down Frobisher Bay. He also led pitsi-making workshops and a seal-butcher demonstration. We also hosted a birth certificate clinic run by Qupanuaq to help parents acquire documentation for their babies where needed.



Fall Flurry

The flurry of activities continued into the fall, which began with our AGM and approval of the 2024/2025 Annual Report, available [on our website](#). A new board was elected. We can't thank our volunteer directors enough! We thank outgoing directors Leigh Ann Philips and Taqialuk Peter for their contributions, and welcome new director, longtime local lawyer Alison Crowe to the board.

QCFC presents!

A MEAL FIT FOR THE (LATE) QUEEN



a culinary adventure by
Chef Carlos Foyen

- Sept 27, 6pm - pay what you can (suggested \$60) -
info@qajuqturvik.ca - 655 Mattaaq Crescent -

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Over the fall months, we hosted THREE instalments of Qajuqturvik Presents! This is a chance for local chefs to shine and cook for the community, which was treated to adventures in British, Moroccan, and Indian cuisines. We also ran our annual artist contest for the year-end fundraising postcard and were thrilled with the winning entry from Gladys Ungalaq from Igloolik. And we welcomed back the resumption of our Inuit Women's Circle program.



We marked National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this fall with a live seal-butchering demonstration. The seal was then distributed to community members. Sadly, the same month we held an emergency press conference to announce that the longstanding food insecurity crisis was deepening as we broke records all month for daily meals served. Last year we served over 90,000 meals to our community of about 8,000.



The fall also marked a time of tragedy and grief for our organization and our entire community -- our chef Carlos Foyn passed away suddenly. The outpouring of support and love for Carlos and his family, the many people in the community who remembered him for his laughter and his love for cooking continues to inspire the staff every day.



Volunteers and Visitors

Before the fall closed out, we hosted a pop up concert of Inuit artists from around the circumpolar

world, run by Pan-Arctic Vision -- who had the most interesting mascot. And we paused to admire all of our beautiful volunteers -- the love they share with the community through our organization keeps us afloat! If you want to volunteer, or know anyone who might, please reach out to volunteer@qajuqturvik.ca.



Fundraising Campaign 2025

GIVING TUESDAY



We've saved the best for last -- an update on Fundraising campaign, which closed out the year. The generosity of our supporters frankly blew us away! We are happy to report that during the holiday season **we raised an amazing total of \$139,894.40**, an incredible amount and show of support for our mission of increasing food access in Iqaluit. We are overjoyed by this kindness from our community, near and far.

Thank you to everyone who supported us over the past year and in our year end fundraising campaign!

Get Involved!

None of our work would be possible without supporters like you. To find out more visit [our website](#), and don't forget to follow us on social media!



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