

## Request for sponsors, Ke'tipnemk (harvest) Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

On October 22, 2016 there will be a silent auction of fine arts and crafts and a dinner fundraising event in support of the Qalipu Cultural Foundation. The Qalipu Cultural Foundation was formed in 2014 to support Mi'kmaq culture in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Foundation exists to ensure cultural documentation, and promote the involvement of youth and elders in cultural activities within the band. We strive to inspire our people to proudly embrace their heritage, to empower them to continue the traditions of our ancestors and restore the spirt of Mi'kmaq culture in Newfoundland and Labrador.

With the help of your donation to the Cultural Foundation last year we were able to:

- Purchase a wigwam for the Outdoor Education Program, and other cultural events use
- Provide workshops and cultural teaching on: Tobacco ties, Medicine Bundles, Medicine Pouch, Medicine Walks, Talking Sticks, Rattles, Moccasins, and Drum making.
- Provided cultural teachings and sharing with youth in nine schools with a total of nineteen visits.
- Hosted two Mini Powwows
- Provided cultural teachings to Long Term Care residents at Western Health.

We invite you to support this first annual fundraising event by becoming a sponsor. Sponsors will be recognized on our website and in a brochure made available at the event. Sponsorship levels are defined as:

Mountain - \$1000 or Greater Tree - \$500 to \$999 River - \$250 to \$499 Brook - \$100 to \$249

The organizing committee members for this event whose mandate is to solicit sponsors are: Sherry Dean, Reg Barry, Deanne Solo and Mitch Blanchard.

For further information please contact:

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