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Press Release

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Donations pour in for Qalipu Cultural Foundations Ke'tipnemk Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

The Qalipu Cultural Foundation is hosting its first big fundraising event—the Ke'tipnemk (Harvest) Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction—Oct 24th, 2015, at Jennifer's Restaurant in Corner Brook. The inaugural event will feature a silent auction with artwork of well-known indigenous people from across the island, and an elegant three course meal of traditional and modern cuisines will be served. Cultural sharing, including songs and storytelling, will take place throughout the evening.

The Foundation's mandate is to ensure cultural documentation, promote the involvement of youth and Elders in cultural activities within the Band, and to inspire Mi'kmaq people to proudly embrace their heritage through participation in programs, workshops and other initiatives of the Foundation.

Mitch Blanchard, Resource Coordinator for the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, has been working with the Cultural Foundation since its inception in 2013. Blanchard said "I'm so encouraged by the show of support we have seen from our communities with donations of artwork, business sponsorships and the generosity of families and individuals has also been outstanding."

Blanchard added, "I'm excited to see the Foundation taking steps toward sustainability as well as developing initiatives that will engage members and the general public in learning about Mi'kmaq Culture. With everything we have planned for the event, and the fantastic artwork, it's sure to be a great evening.

Tickets can now be purchased for \$45.00. Debit and credit card payments can be processed at the Qalipu office or over the phone. For further information please contact Mitch Blanchard mblanchard@qalipu.ca or (709) 634-8046 or Nicole Companion ncampanion@qalipu.ca or (709) 634- 8043

Special rates are available for guests coming in from out of town and needing hotel accommodations. Use the promotional code: "Qalipu Harvest" at The Glynmill Inn (1-800-563-4400) or the Greenwood Inn and Suites (1-800-399-5381) and receive a special rate of \$115/night single or double.

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