MINITHNI FOUNDATION WINTER NEWS 2023



Artwork created & designed by Georgina Daniels

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Current Funding Initiatives

Bearspaw First Nation



The Bearspaw new home was built by Sensibly Green Enterprises Ltd. Construction on this home began in July, 2022 and the home will be completed in March, 2023.

This home is approximately 1200 sq ft – it includes 1 bedroom on the main floor as well as a full bathroom and 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom on the lower level.

The new home has a well and a septic system was installed. A family of 7 will be moving in upon completion.

Chiniki First Nation



The Chiniki new home was built by Trico Homes. Construction began in January, 2022 and the new home was completed in August, 2022.

This home is approximately 1200 sq ft – it includes 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom on the main floor and 1finished bedroom and half bathroom on the lower level. A septic system was installed as well as a cistern.

A family of 5 moved into this home when it was completed in August, 2022.

Goodstoney First Nation



The Goodstoney new home was built by Trico Homes. Construction began in August, 2021 and the new home was completed in July, 2022.

This home is approximately 1200 square feet – it includes 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom on the main floor and a finished bedroom and full bathroom on the lower level.

A septic system was installed and due to the location of the home a cistern was installed as well. A family of 5 moved into this home in July, 2022.

Mini Thni Foundation continues to support additional housing and has committed funds to Bearspaw First Nation, Chiniki First Nation and Goodstoney First Nation for the construction of 2 additional new homes each. Construction could begin as early as this spring. Once the construction of these new homes is completed – Mini Thni Foundation will have provided funding for 9 additional new homes.



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lyahrhe Nakoda Food Bank Society



Mini Thni Foundation has supported the Iyahrhe Nakoda Food Bank Society for over 10 years. Funds from the Foundation help support the Food Bank's operating costs. On any given month the Food Bank employees and volunteers prepare approximately 350 hampers to disperse in the communities of Big Horn, Eden Valley and Mini Thni. During the period of June 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 the Food Bank distributed 146,000 pounds of food.

Stoney Education Authority Lunch Program



Mini Thni Foundation has supported Stoney Education Authority for over 10 years. Funds from the Foundation are allocated specifically to help support the lunch program at Chief Jacob Bearspaw School, Morley Community School, Nakoda Elementary School and TaOtha Community School. The lunch program operates on a daily basis at all schools and provides nutritional breakfasts, lunches and snacks to over 1,000 students.

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Past Funding Initiatives

Since its inception in 2007, Mini Thni Foundation has supported many worthy programs, events, and initiatives. The Foundation is pleased to have supported;

- Bearspaw E-Learning Centre Big Horn Pow Wow Chiniki Community College Eden Valley Days Exshaw School Lunch Program Iyahrhe Nakoda Food Bank Society Morley Children's Christmas Party SEA Lunch Program Wesley Care Bears Childcare Centre Treaty & Provincial Hockey Tournaments
- Bearspaw First Nation Big Horn Rodeo Chiniki First Nation Eden Valley Daycare Goodstoney First Nation Labour Day Pow Wow Morley Pow Wow Stoney Health Services Wesley Learning Centre
- Bearspaw Youth Centre Canada Day Rodeo Eagle's Nest Stoney Family Shelter Eden Valley Pow Wow Indian Nationals Finals Rodeo Morley Cadet Corps Morley Rodeo Stoney First Nation Childcare Centre

Tsuu T'ina/Stoney Corrections Society Annual Youth Culture Camp

Employee Spotlight



Georgina Daniels started working with Mini Thni Foundation on March 17, 2018 as a part-time Chip Runner. It did not take long before Georgina worked her way up to a part-time Cashier. In December, 2019 Georgina accepted the position of part-time Banker and in 2022 Georgina became a full-time employee with Mini Thni Foundation. Georgina continues hold dual roles as Banker and Cashier.

When Georgina started with the Foundation it was supposed to be temporary – but the longer she stayed the more she liked it. The diverse positions within the Foundation challenged her and gave her a focus – she wanted to see where this was going to go for her. Mini Thni Foundation is very pleased Georgina decided to stay. She will be celebrating her 5th work anniversary with the Foundation this March.

Georgina is a self taught artist and is currently in the process of designing

artwork for commission. Drawing has always been a hobby for her but she is now interested in pursuing it further. Georgina designed and created the artwork for the front of this newsletter. And for those who know Georgina well she is a die hard Gamer.

Georgina's future goals are designing and creating ribbon dresses. Travel is still on her radar – she would love to go to Berlin, Germany. She enjoys spending time with her family – they all love to cook together.

Georgina's motto is; Shoot for the Stars – The higher you aim, the higher you will go!