

Andrea Andersen

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Re: Qujannamiik/ Nakurmiik/ Nakumeeek/ Ma'tna

Dear Arcadis IBI Group Scholarship- Building Brighter Futures for Indigenous Youth,

My name is Andrea Andersen, I am an Inuk mother from Nunatsiavut, now living in Iqaluit, Nunavut. I am a Physiotherapist by profession and I am taking an 8-month education leave to learn Inuktitut at Pirurvik Centre. This course is Inuktitut as a second language course for Inuit.

This financial support has helped tremendously going back to a student budget from working full-time, especially with a little one and the high cost of living in the North.

Doing this program will allow me to speak to the unilingual speakers in Nunavut for their medical needs when seeking Physiotherapy treatment sessions without needing an interpreter, which is hard to come by in the medical field.

This formal teaching has created a wonderful foundation to continue this language journey with hopes to be fluent one day.

Qujannamiik for your generous support- it means a lot,

Andrea Andersen

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