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## **Inuvik residents honoured during PGI for Literacy**

INUVIK (March 29, 2012) – Four Inuvik residents were honoured at a Community Feast during the PGI (Peter Gzowski Invitational) for Literacy in Inuvik this week.

Mabel English received the Gzowski Award for her tireless efforts to increase her own literacy knowledge and skills and pass those on to others, particularly in her Gwich'in language. Elijah Allen received the 2012 PGI Lifelong Learner Award. Mr. Allen, aged 86, worked as an adult to become literate and continues to improve his literacy skills with a tutor, showing us it's never too late to learn.

Agnes Noksana received the 2012 Co-operators: Decker Insurance Services Ltd. Learner Award and Ivan Cockney received the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Learner Award. These adult learners are currently enrolled in adult education programs in Inuvik. They were recognized for their tenacity and achievements in pursuing their career goals.

Inspired by learners such as these PGI award winners, celebrities donate their time to participate in PGI events. This year's PGI celebrities include: CBC radio host Shelagh Rogers; Canadian music legend Prairie Oyster's Russell de Carle; CBC TV's Jonathan Torrens; singer, songwriter and author Connie Kaldor; Mike Stevens, hailed as the world's best harmonica player; Alison Gzowski, of the Globe and Mail, literacy activist and daughter of the late Peter Gzowski; and, Inuvik musicians Leanne Goose and Bob Mumford and Friends.

The PGI for Literacy continues today with a fun golf event at the Lion's Club. PGI celebrities are bringing their literacy and stay in school message to Inuvik and area schools and performed at a Community Concert last night.

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