



## Press Release

### School Building Project in Ecuador

**Kuujuuaq, Québec, August 8, 2012** – From August 11 to 25, ten Kuujuuaq youth aged between 15 and 17 will participate in a school construction project in the indigenous community of St-Miguel in the Chimborazo province of Ecuador, South America. The trip is the high point of a year-long project spearheaded by Youth Employment Services (YES) Nunavik of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) to encourage youth to stay in school and provide them with essential life skills.

The main purpose of the trip will involve the project participants contributing to the construction of a local school in order to foster access to education for youth in St-Miguel. As well, the project participants will have an opportunity to learn about the local culture and to visit the capital city of Quito and the Galápagos Islands. To take part in the trip, each participant raised \$1,500 through various fundraising activities and complied with a code of conduct that, among other things, required good attendance at school and participation at several personal development workshops focused on entrepreneurial skills, time management, setting goals and team work.

Created by the KRG in 2010, YES Nunavik promotes the successful integration of youth into the region's labour market. To this end, it delivers a variety of services to youth, disseminates pertinent information and provides referrals to useful resources. The Ecuador trip was developed in partnership with EF Educational Tours and the social enterprises Me to We and Free the Children. It was made possible with financial support from the Ungaluk Program for safer communities delivered by the Makivik Corporation and the KRG, the Brighter Futures Program administered by the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, First Air and local sponsors that donated art and crafts as well as other supplies for fundraising activities.

*The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.*

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