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Nunavut Law Foundation Announces 2023 Upinnaqtuq Award Recipients

November 6, 2023 – The Nunavut Law Foundation is delighted to announce the recipients of the 2023 Upinnaqtuq Awards, honoring exceptional youth across the territory. These awards, inspired by the legacy of Justice Beverley Browne, recognize young leaders who have made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrated remarkable leadership qualities or youth that have made strong efforts to change their attitude and behavior to become a role model.

This year's recipients, hailing from various communities throughout Nunavut, embody the spirit of leadership, community service, resilience, and hope. Despite the challenges that have marked the past years, many of these youths have also risen above, serving as beacons of change and inspiration.

The 2023 Upinnaqtuq Award recipients are:

Alice Kilaodluk - Cambridge Bay
Cynthia Kilabuk - Iqaluit
Desiree Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Eunice Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Joanasie Aglak - Pond Inlet
Josiah Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Kallaarjuk Taukie - Kinngait
Kaniq Allerton - Iqaluit
Katsuaq Saila - Kinngait

Kiana Ekpakohak - Cambridge Bay
Kiana Laurer Kitigon - Cambridge Bay
Kim Canlas - Iqaluit
Kupaaq Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Nathalie Lexus Dion – Rankin Inlet
Samuel Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Sandy Temela - Kimmirut
Suki Hogaluk - Cambridge Bay
Tanner Kalluk - Resolute Bay
Tia Kilabuk – Iqaluit

"These young individuals exemplify the best of us," said Sarah Arngna'naaq, Chair of the Nunavut Law Foundation. "Their stories are those of courage, empathy, and of commitment to making a positive impact. They are not just leaders of tomorrow; they are leaders of today."

The Upinnaqtuq Awards, meaning 'pride and celebration' in Inuktitut, were established to honor Justice Browne's commitment to the youth and her belief in the power of community leadership. Each winner has shown, in their unique way, how young people can shape their communities for the better, be it through academics, volunteerism, mentorship, or other forms of community engagement and exemplary behaviors and attitudes.

The Foundation presented each awardee with a certificate and a gift to honor their achievements. The Nunavut Law Foundation extends its sincerest congratulations to all award recipients and expresses its gratitude to the families, communities, and educators who have supported these remarkable young leaders. The Foundation also thanks the public and community members who participated in the nomination process, helping to highlight the important contributions of Nunavut's youth.

For more information about the Upinnaqtuq Awards and the Nunavut Law Foundation, please visit www.nunavutlawfoundation.ca or contact Nalini Vaddapalli at administrator@nulf.ca.

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About the Nunavut Law Foundation:

The Nunavut Law Foundation is a non-profit organization funded by the Law Society of Nunavut, representing all lawyers practicing law in the territory. Its mission is to support and promote the knowledge of law and the administration of justice in Nunavut.

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