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## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR INUULITSIVIK HEALTH CENTRE

**Kuujjuaq, January 21, 2019** – For the fifth consecutive year, Santa Claus visited Puvirnituq by air ambulance to give presents and food to some less fortunate children in Nunavik.

Employees of the Québec aeromedical evacuation service (ÉVAQ) of the CHU Québec-Université Laval relied on a medical flight through the Montréal-Puvirnituq corridor to bring the presents. Sylvie Côté, coordinator of the ÉVAQ program, first initiated this project during a trip to Puvirnituq in 2013.

Murray McDonald, Executive Director of the Inuulitsivik Health Centre, stated: "It is an act that demonstrates the importance ÉVAQ places on the partnership with the Inuulitsivik Health Centre and the population it serves. It is important for our region, where aeromedical evacuation services are essential."

The Inuulitsivik Health Centre was glad to once again be able to distribute warm clothing, infant formula, toys, diapers and other essential products for those in need among the seven communities of the Hudson coast during the Christmas holidays.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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