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**The Northwest Territories Power Corporation Helps Promote Youth
Employment Transitions in the Northwest Territories with Donation to
the Yellowknife Association for Community Living**

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The Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) a leading provider and distributor of electricity in the Northwest Territories, supports many community charities

and is a proponent of fostering community values. Today are giving back to the community with a gift of \$2,000 a year for five years to the Yellowknife Association for Community Living (YKACL), towards the YKACL youth education to employment transition initiative – School to Work.

The Yellowknife Association for Community Living (YKACL) is a non-profit organization that supports families, children, youth, and adults with intellectual and other disabilities so that they are included and are able to contribute to community life in Yellowknife. YKACL's School to Work is an employment initiative for people with developmental disabilities. Designed to respond to employer need and demand for labour from this largely untapped pool of labour.

The program is designed to transform and shift investments in the community employment service system that currently segregates people with developmental disabilities, by harnessing employers' demand for employees; the program will result in labour force inclusion. Building on best practices and successes to date, this new investment to YKACL's School to Work will help students with intellectual disabilities get work placements and summer jobs that can change their futures, leading to meaningful, mainstream employment, empowering someone with an intellectual disability.

The investment is very welcome news by people with developmental disabilities and their families in Yellowknife

The Northwest Territories Power Corporation *"We're proud to sponsor the YK Association for Community Living's work readiness program. This program helps prepare adults and youth with intellectual disabilities for the working world -- strengthening the workforce across the territory."* **CACL National Director of Development and Communications, Kimberly Carson** - in attendance of the check presentation ceremony *"expressed gratitude for the generous donation that will contribute to continuing the mission for YKACL's **School to Work** initiative by NTPC's investment towards youth employment in Yellowknife."*

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The Yellowknife Association for Community Living (YKACL), is part of the thirteen Provincial/Territorial Associations for Community Living in Canada, that are represented by the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL). YKACL is a non-profit organization that supports families, children, youth, and adults with intellectual and other disabilities so that they are included and are able to contribute to community life in Yellowknife. For more information <http://www.ykacl.ca>

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