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Sally and Sisters/Soeurs celebrate fifth anniversary

WHITEHORSE—Local food program Sally and Sisters/Soeurs is celebrating its fifth anniversary of providing hot meals to Yukon women and children.

This important program was developed in response to an identified need for access to local food programs for women and children in a safe and welcoming environment.

"The work that Sally and Sisters/Soeurs does in support of women and children in need is a critical service," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "Thank you to the many partners for their hard work over the past five years for initiating and growing such an important service."

The Sally and Sisters/Soeurs project provides a hot meal twice a week, Mondays and Fridays, to women and their children in a comfortable and welcoming space at the Whitehorse Food Bank.

Last year, Sally and Sisters/Soeurs provided 1,461 hot lunches from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. The program is run by a steering committee with representatives from the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Whitehorse Food Bank, Salvation Army, Les EssentiElles, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and the Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Council. Food is provided by the Salvation Army, prepared by the Salvation Army's cook, and served by dedicated Sally and Sisters/Soeurs volunteers who also assist with clean up.

Sally and Sisters/Soeurs has received funding from the Women's Directorate's Prevention of Violence against Aboriginal Women fund for four years, totalling just over \$88,000 since 2012 to March, as well as start-up funding of \$1,000 transferred to the Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle in 2010/11.

Learn more: Sally and Sisters/Soeurs

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