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NEW SERVICE FOR NUNAVIMMIUT WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Kuujuuaq, July 5th, 2022 – Thanks to the collaboration between the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), the CIUSSS de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (CIUSSS ODIM) as well as the many partners providing services to Indigenous and Inuit communities, a new living environment welcomes Nunavik residents with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) or Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This partnership makes it possible to set up a service corridor to meet the pressing demand.

This new living environment in Pointe-Claire, offers specialized and intensive interventions to Inuit users. The key is to ensure cultural safety and maintain ties with families of users. This aspect allows users to maintain their bearings, maintain a link with the language, culture and traditional knowledge. The first user was welcomed on March 11, 2022 and since, 7 users have integrated into this resource.

"We are delighted to see the outcome of this important partnership that will provide users with access to much needed services ensuring a better future and preparing them for productive lives within their communities." stated Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

This initiative makes it possible to improve services offered to Nunavimmiut with an ID or ASD. One feature of this arrangement is for it to be transitional, so that users can eventually reintegrate to their living environment in Nunavik. Thank you to all the partners who make this vital project possible for its users.

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

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