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Barrow Mechanical and ACE Hardware Top of the World Donates \$8,100 to Iñisaġvik College Foundation Matching 2023 Pick.Click.Give. Contributions

Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska (January 3, 2024) – Barrow Mechanical and ACE Hardware Top of the World, both located in Utqiagvik, Alaska, have generously matched Pick.Click.Give. (PCG) donations given to Iñisaġvik College Foundation. The total contribution is \$16,200, which includes \$8,100 from Pick.Click.Give. donors and a combined \$8,100 from Barrow Mechanical and ACE Hardware Top of the World.

Pick.Click.Give. is a program that allows Permanent Fund Dividend beneficiaries to donate to various nonprofit entities across the state. Barrow Mechanical, a residential plumbing and heating business in Utqiagvik, has matched PCG donations for five years in a row. This is the third year ACE Hardware Top of the World has joined in matching Pick.Click.Give. funds, and the 2023 matching donation was shared equally between entities. Every dollar helps support tribal higher education, which is essential to our North Slope communities and to individual students' future success as leaders, business owners, innovators, and workforce participants.

President of Iñisaġvik College, Justina Wilhelm said, "Quyanaqpak ACE Hardware Top of the World and Barrow Mechanical for continuing to match Pick.Click.Give. donations in 2023. Your matching gift encourages potential donors, promotes our students' success, and strengthens our community. We are so grateful for our local businesses owners that support tribal higher education here at home. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff, faculty, and students, Quyanaqpauraq to Robert and Florence Alred for supporting Iñisaġvigmiut!"

Iñisaġvik College is thankful to ACE Hardware Top of the World and Barrow Mechanical for their generous contributions. Quyanaqpak (thank you very much) to Barrow Mechanical and ACE Hardware Top of the World for supporting tribal higher education.

About Iñisaġvik College Iñisaġvik College is Alaska's only tribal college and is located in the northernmost village in the United States, Utqiagvik (Barrow). Iñisaġvik College provides quality post-secondary academic, vocational and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions. It is dedicated to serving its students and developing a well-educated and trained workforce who meet the human resource needs of North Slope employers and the state of Alaska.

About Barrow Mechanical Barrow Mechanical is a privately owned residential plumbing and heating business located in Utqiagvik, Alaska. It serves the local community with its plumbing and heating expertise, installation, and repair. Barrow Mechanical is owned and operated by Robert and Florence Alred.

About ACE Hardware Top of the World ACE Hardware Top of the World is a local hardware business providing local home and repair goods, also owned and operated by Robert and Florence Alred.

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