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CAA NORTH & EAST ONTARIO AND OTTAWA REDBLACKS JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT TUNGASUVVINGAT INUIT'S FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

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Ottawa, ON - In a demonstration of community solidarity and commitment to Indigenous causes, CAA North & East Ontario (CAA NEO) and the Ottawa Redblacks collaborate to support Tungasuvvingat Inuit's (TI) Food Security Program in Vanier. On September 26th, the two organizations toured the TI Foodbank modular building, located at 297 Savard Ave, in Vanier, ON, for a special visit aimed at making a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity.

The highlight of the afternoon was the tour of the TI Foodbank facilities by the select Ottawa Redblacks players, and CAA NEO representatives, who got to try traditional Inuit food and learned about the program. Additionally, CAA NEO presented a generous charitable donation to TI's Food Security Program for \$30,000, their first installment of their 3 year commitment of \$45,000.

A statement by Jeff Walker, President and CEO, CAA North & East Ontario, about the collaboration, "We are very proud to collaborate with TI Ontario and to support their extraordinary work within the Inuit community. Our relationship has grown over the past six months from charitable partnership to collaboration and genuine friendship. We look forward to supporting TI Ontario into the future."

Furthermore, as part of their ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, the Ottawa Redblacks in partnership with CAA NEO will be hosting a special event during their upcoming game on Saturday, September 30th, in observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Indigenous partners, including the Inuit community, are invited to participate in this meaningful occasion. A special highlight of the day will be the unveiling of unique orange shirts, commissioned by CAA NEO, and created by Inuk artist Aija Komangapik.

This collaboration underscores a shared commitment to addressing critical issues affecting the Inuit community, particularly in the realm of food security. This event promises to be a significant step towards fostering unity, understanding, and support for urban Inuit in Ontario.

About Tungasuvvingat Inuit - It is the Mission of Tungasuvvingat Inuit to broadly provide Inuit-specific programs that contribute to the health and well-being of Inuit and to encourage and support similar programs for Inuit across the country. TI offers 20+ highly integrated, front-line programs and services to urban Inuit in Ontario. Visit online at <http://www.tiontario.ca> or follow us on Facebook [@TIottawa](https://www.facebook.com/TIottawa) and Twitter [@tiontario](https://twitter.com/tiontario).

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