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Ottawa- While the Arctic is a vast part of Canada's Geography, and our population is small, we are all impacted by tragedy when it strikes. Families in Iqaluit, the capital city of our neighboring territory Nunavut, are without a home after this weekend's fire.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families affected by this disaster, the fire fighters and emergency workers who responded. Let's come together as Northerner's do in troubling times, and support and help one another.

Please donate what you can to the Canadian Red Cross, who is helping bring relief to the families who lost their homes and family members. Residents of Iqaluit have mobilized a donation centre and have already collected a substantial amount of clothing and some food.

Other items are in short supply such as the things babies need, bedding, basic household items and non-perishable food. First Air is offering to ship these items to Iqaluit if they are securely packed and dropped off at their cargo office in Yellowknife near the airport.

Thank you, Merci, Marci, Mahsi, Quyanainni!

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For more information for making a donation please contact:

First Air Cargo in Yellowknife: 867-669-6649

Canadian Red Cross: 1-800-418-1111