

Connecting women  
in need with  
technology  
through mentoring

# iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc.

**Annual Fundraiser June 5  
Hike and Picnic in the Park**

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**April 2004  
Newsletter**



## Graduation held at TI

On March 30, 2004 graduation hats were worn at **Tunga-suvvingat Inuit** (TI) in Ottawa. Cake was eaten and decorations were swaying.

*"This is cool, my first email message. I am very excited to be taking this class. I hope you are enjoying this as much as I am." TI Student*

ing "this is hard." Our graduates prove, they can do it!

Thank you to **ABI, IBM, Microsoft, NECTAR** and the **Community Foundation of Ottawa** for your support.

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Twelve smiling Inuit received iSisters Technology Mentoring Certificates.

The Employment Learning Centre was opened late fall 2003 and began formal classes in January of 2004.

The Learning Centre and its programming has been built collaboratively over the past year with iSisters and TI.

Topics in the technology mentoring program broadly include computer basics, information literacy, internet research, resume writing, problem solving, keyboarding and aptitude testing.

The program is challenging and students have been heard say-



Onsite mentor, Cathy Reid, and proud graduate Sheena.

### Our Mission

- To provide access to technology
- To develop and deliver technology mentoring programs
- To enhance career opportunities through technological awareness

[www.isisters.org](http://www.isisters.org)

## Community Learning Award

iSisters has won the Community Learning Award from the **Conference Board of Canada**.

**Criteria:** Community-based learning opportunities for Aboriginal that

provide learners with the skills and lifelong learning competencies they need to get to keep a job.

Using technology to enhance learning and skills development, effective

practice in technology-based learning, involving learners in the project.

Sustainability, originality and innovation.

**We're  
#1**

# iSisters Annual Fundraiser Hike and Picnic in the Park

When: **Saturday June 5th**

Where: Gatineau Park

**Join us in celebrating our 3rd anniversary and help support our learning programs.**

Come with friends, bring your family, bring a team from work or from your gym.

**Option—collect pledges to cover the fee!**

We have one fundraiser a year, help us make it a success by coming out.

**About the day...**

9:30 am Registration/warm-up at Relais Plein Air chalet in Hull

10:00 am – 12:00 pm - Hike in the Park

**Length, duration and speed of hike up to you! Everyone is welcome!**

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Picnic, games, silent auction, children's activities at the chalet

Cost: Adult - \$30.00, Child: \$15.00, \$75.00 family rate

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Honorary Chair Karen Soloman from Breakfast at the New RO

To register or ask questions contact: Tel: 613-736-9158 or

**Email: [tickets@isisters.org](mailto:tickets@isisters.org)**

Funds raised will be used to support our sustainable, permanent learning programs targeted to low income, underemployed or unemployed women.

**Hike. Help. Hope.**

## New Board Members Elected

As of January 2004 our Board has expanded!

**Helen Faber** has moved to the Board and has assumed the role of Board Chair.

We are delighted to welcome **Carol Sollows** as a new support and our Treasurer.

**Pat den Boer** brings incredible

communication and publication expertise.

**Tom Sidney** offers years of experience working with non-profits and troubled youth.

Thank you to our returning members **Sarah Gray** and **Peter Stark** for your continued support.

## Did you know?

Our current employment rate for graduates at TI is at 80%.

On May 1, 2004 iSisters will celebrate our 3rd Anniversary.

Peter has assumed the role of Secretary .

Sarah continues to manage our annual fundraiser.

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### How can you help?

Come to our fundraiser and bring friends and family.

Organize a fundraiser at your office and donate the proceeds to iSisters.

Share this newsletter.

### Important Dates

April 29, 2004  
Conference Board Awards

June 5, 2004  
Hike and Picnic in the Park

June, 2004 (date tba)  
Next Graduation Ceremony at TI

*August 6—Sarah gets married!*