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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Tsleil-Waututh Nation Invests in the Educational Future of its Children**

*"I shall grab the instruments of the white man's success---his education, his skills, and with these new tools I shall build my race into the proudest segment of your society."*

-Chief Dan George, in his Centennial Speech, 1967

Each year, babies born into the Tsleil-Waututh community are welcomed in a ceremony that honours their importance. This year, the significance of such an event holds new promise as the Tsleil-Waututh Nation has announced an investment into the lives of each new child through its contribution to a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). An RESP provides access to a range of federal government grants and savings incentives to help save for a child's education. Families can also contribute to the plan.

The Nation will provide an initial twenty-five dollar contribution to open the account, partnering with Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures to help promote the benefit of an RESP to community members. The Nation has 74 children eligible for an RESP, including eight new babies this past year.

"The RESP presents an opportunity for our community to utilize a new approach for contributing to the process of Nation building. It supports our community in continuing to move beyond the path of dependency by utilizing the teachings of giving and sharing. And it supports the development of an educated and skilled workforce, calling forward those profound words spoken by my grandfather in his Centennial speech to Canada," states Chief Justin George.

This year's Baby Celebration will be held on Monday, March 26, 2012 at the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Community Centre, 3010 Sleil-Waututh Road, North Vancouver at 5:30 PM. *(The event is closed to the general public but open to the media).*

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