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PREMIER RECOGNIZES LITERACY LEADER THROUGH AWARD

WHITEHORSE –Premier Dennis Fentie is presenting the 2007 Council of the Federation Literacy Award to Yukon literacy leader Patty Wiseman today.

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award is a national award presented to a literacy leader in each province and territory.

“A literacy leader is any person who works to achieve their literacy goals or helps others to achieve their literacy goals,” said Premier Dennis Fentie. “I congratulate Patty Wiseman on her outstanding contributions to literacy in the Yukon.”

For many years Patty Wiseman has been instrumental in developing, initiating and overseeing literacy programs in the community of Teslin. Literacy is the building block of education and Patty Wiseman’s efforts have provided a strong literacy foundation for many learners in the Yukon.

“I am very impressed with the accomplishments of our award recipient,” Fentie added. “Patty is an excellent role model and an example of someone who sees education and learning as an essential component for a healthy and vibrant community.”

To learn more about the Council of the Federation Literacy Award please call 667-5690 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 5690.

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Editor's note:

Patty Wiseman has made a remarkable contribution to improving literacy in the community of Teslin.

In 1996 she helped to open the Teslin Tlingit Daycare and in 2006 she was instrumental in expanding the Daycare into the Early Learning and Child Care Centre.

She oversees several programs including the Daycare, Prenatal classes, the Aboriginal Head Start Program, Teslin Playschool and the After School Reading Program.

Patty also initiated and operates a program called Early Bird Gets the Worm, an initiative that promotes school attendance.

In her spare time, Patty is an active volunteer with the Teslin Ambulance Service, community recreation and other community literacy projects.