# THEY NEED YOU!!!

# Please consider adopting a nursing clinic

#### **CURRENTLY**

• IODE Ontario supports 12 communities in remote Northern Ontario, sending parcels to 6 nursing clinics, 5 schools and 3 community centres.

#### **CHANGES**

- Provincial office lease expires February 2025. IODE Ontario unable to afford the new rent and will need to move. An affordable location will be much smaller with little storage space for services donations/packing.
- A decrease in members living close enough to the office to help with packings due to age and physical limitations.
- Services Co-officers will be decreasing the amount of time spent at the office preparing for and performing packing sessions.

## **GOING FORWARD IDEA**

Put the 6 nursing clinics up for adoption by chapters or areas.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Provincial Services Co-officers will provide guidance.
- Chapters or areas will select a clinic.
- If done by an area, the Area Vice-President or a chapter volunteer would be the Co-ordinator for the participating chapters, with assistance from each of the participating chapters.
- Number of parcels and timing for sending totally at discretion of chapter/area, whether one parcel or several during the year
- Provincial Services Co-officers will supply list of items the clinic needs. Chapters will supply the items.

#### SHIPPING METHODS

- Canada Post
- OPP check with area OPP to see if they can assist in getting parcels closer to a fly-in location.
- Other ideas?

### **SHIPPING COSTS**

- Apply for a "Canada Post Solutions for Small Business" card. Allows for 1 free or discounted parcel each Tuesday in October.
- IODE Ontario can provide SOME HELP with money from the Provincial Services funds. (Details still to be developed)
- Chapters not able to supply tangible donations may also want to contribute by giving financial aid if their area supports a clinic, or still send money to the Provincial Shipping Fund.

Provincial Services Co-officers, Virginia Reade and Gloria Saunders, will be available to provide guidance with this project either by email at <a href="mailto:iodeontarioservices@gmail.com">iodeontarioservices@gmail.com</a>, or by phone.

With your help we can continue to provide the much needed support to these communities.

THANK YOU!!!!