

Community Builder Award

Jonas Sangris, Dettah



Throughout his life, Jonas Sangris has demonstrated a commitment to encouraging physical activity as an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Jonas was instrumental in getting youth in Dettah involved in fastball in the late 1970's and early 1980's and coached teams for a number of years. Around this time he also organized the first Recreation Committee for Dettah. He has demonstrated a commitment to preserving Dene culture and tradition in sporting events when he won the 1968 Canadian Championship Dog Derby and medals in snowshoeing at various Arctic Winter Games. He's actively promoted sport and recreation for the youth during his three terms as Chief of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and will continue to be a positive role model for the young people of Dettah.