

## **DAREarts Is Saddened By the Passing of its Chairman, Paul Semple**

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**TORONTO, ON** – DAREarts is saddened by the passing of its Chairman, Paul Semple, COO of Noront Resources.

Paul and DAREarts first connected shortly after DAREarts was invited by the northern, remote community of Webequie First Nation to bring its multi-arts and values programs to encourage the young people to engage in positive, creative activities.

Paul and Noront Resources first supported DAREarts' making of a documentary film called 'Fill My Hollow Bones' that follows the first three years of the program in Webequie, created in large part by the youth themselves. The premiere was held at TIFF Bell Lightbox and is still being shown across the country as encouragement to aboriginal young people.



Paul Semple awards Webequie FN youth, Trenton Wabasse

Paul and Noront Resources have subsequently provided support for DAREarts working in other northern communities who also wanted the program for their young people.

Paul joined the DAREarts Board of Directors in January, 2010 and was Vice-President for the last three years. This January, he became Chairman. Paul's measured leadership will be greatly missed. He understood the importance of giving youth every chance possible to 'become their best selves' and reach their full potential as strong and active individuals. We will honour his legacy by continuing to build the courage and confidence within the youth to become leaders who ignite positive change.

### **About DAREarts:**

DAREarts is a 19 year old Canadian charity that works with 9-19 year olds from underserved communities across Canada, using the arts to empower them to become leaders. The children paint, sculpt, sing, dance, compose, design, write, act and create, mentored by arts professionals and the DAREarts guiding principles of Discipline, Action, Responsibility and Excellence. Visit [www.darearts.com](http://www.darearts.com)

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