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SUPPORT FOR YUKON RIVER QUEST EVERY CHILD MATTERS TEAM

In June, Victoria Gold was proud to sponsor the Every Child Matters team in the Yukon River Quest; a challenging three-day, 700-kilometre journey on the river from Whitehorse to Dawson City.

This year, 105 teams from across Canada and around the world embarked on the race which brought high water levels, dangerous debris and severe winds and rain. Only 62 teams finished.

Vuntut Gwitchin citizen and former MLA and Cabinet Minister Pauline Frost, the Every Child Matters team captain who has paddled in the Yukon River Quest several times, selects a new cause to focus on each year. For this year's race, she and her teammates chose to illuminate the legacy of residential schools for Yukoners, Canadians and race participants and enthusiasts from around the world.

According to Frost when describing the team, "we are all Yukon Indigenous women, with direct connections to someone impacted by residential schools or experiencing intergenerational trauma. We used this year's race to promote awareness on the direct impact and effect of residential schools on all of us."

Alice Frost, Pauline's 22-year-old daughter, was the team's pacesetter. She has done the race in the past, however stated this year is different because she is racing "for Indigenous children everywhere."

The Every Child Matters team, which also included Heather McBurney and Kluane First Nation citizen Monica Johnson, prepared for the race for two months prior to the race start, getting on the river to practice as soon as the ice melted.

They paddled the first 24 hours of the race without sleep, with only two stops between Whitehorse and Dawson City and broke a record in their category (women's four-person canoe) with a time of 50 hours and 23 minutes.



Pauline Frost (foreground), the 2022 Yukon River Quest record-setting Every Child Matters team captain in the women's four-person canoe category. Behind her on the banks of the Yukon River, left to right, teammates Monica Johnson, Heather McBurney and Pauline's daughter Alice Frost.

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