Diiyeghan naii Taii Tr’eedaa (We Will Walk the Trail of our Ancestors)
Princess Daazhraii Johnson and Alisha Carlson (Gwich’in)
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TRANSCRIPT

Alisha Carlson
I’ll always remember my grandfather’s stories... about what it means to be a Gwich’in person. We want our children to live like our Ancestors.

Man Sharpening Knife
You don’t sharpen your knife till after you get your animal. Otherwise you give yourself bad luck.

Alisha Carlson
We eat the caribou and we also know them. And the caribou know us humans too. We really have knowledge of them. And so we live off of them. We also dream of the caribou.

Grandmother
Hello grandchild, what are you up to? Oh meat. How nice, thank you so much. You also brought blueberries.

Chief Reverend Trimble Gilbert
Unto this day, we are still taking care of each other and we plan for the future by ensuring the young people now understand this sharing culture. And it is for this purpose that I talk to you now. What we are doing now... People who are growing up now have never heard this. And if you learn well then you will teach the children.