

North Star Home Children Say They Have Smart 'Grandma'

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All my children here at the North Star Home think they have a real smart Grandma.

They went out camping along the lake, and early in the morning Grandma got up and went outside. She sat down by the lake and was looking around, when a big black bear walked up and stood beside her.

She decided it was time to forget everything and act. She got up slowly and turned around and walked back to the tent. Just as she was inside the tent, she grabbed the gun but she was afraid to shoot because the bear just stood and looked at the tent flap.

So Grandma picked up a dish and rattled it against the tent frame. The bear then turned sideways and Grandma shot him.

The bear ran and jumped in the lake, turned around, ran out of the lake, climbed up the bank beside one of the dogs and died. The dog just stood and looked at the bear as if to say, "How did you get here?"

While Tom Waskey, one of our boys from Aniak, and Simeon Ahmakok from Point Barrow, were skinning it out, Tom said, "Boy, we're sure lucky we have a smart Grandma."

The lady who is Grandma to all the children here at the

North Star Home is Mrs. Doris Charles, mother of Carl Charles who has the children's home here at Dot Lake.

Grandma loves all the children and they love her just as much. We all agree she is a pretty smart Grandma especially since she is 67 years old.