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We had a delightful day on December 18th, 2025, filled with joy and celebration as we hosted two remarkable events at Avens Pavilion, highlighting the incredible spirit of our community.

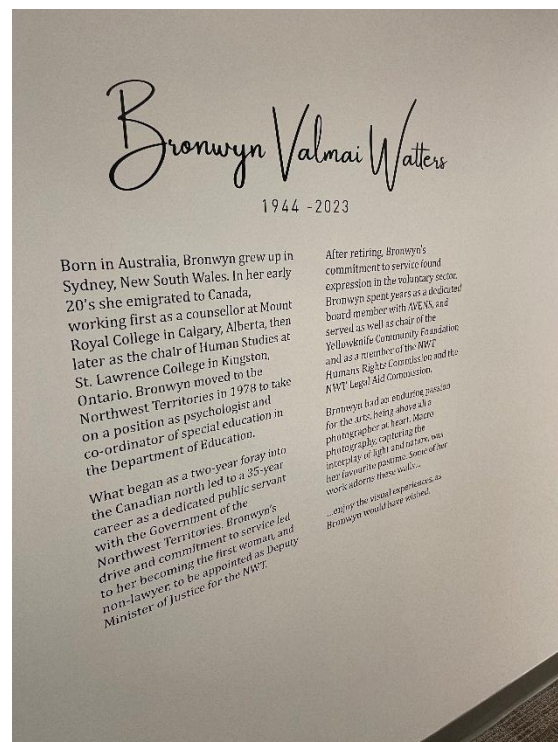
“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

Nelson Mandela

Unveiling the Bronwyn Watters Library

At 3 PM, we gathered to honor the legacy of the late Bronwyn Watters with the unveiling of the **Bronwyn Watters Library**. This special ribbon-

cutting ceremony, led by Bronwyn's husband, Andy, was a heartfelt tribute to Bronwyn's love for family, community, literature, poetry, and photography.





(L to R) AVENS Board members Taig Connell, Ron Allen, Andy Langford, husband of the late Bronwyn Watters, Daryl Dolynny, AVENS Pres/CE), former board member Marion LaVigne and current AVENS Board Chair, Colleen Wellborn. (Photo credit and Cabin Radio News article to Jasmine Nasogaluak for her December 27th, Cabin Radio article)

Her dedication to our community will live on through the many books and her photo's that now grace our library shelves. We are certain that future generations will cherish her contributions and stories.

Introducing the Avens Pavilion Up Here Pub

Just half an hour later, the excitement continued with the grand unveiling of the **Avens Up Here Pub**! Marion LaVigne and Ronne Hemming, the former owners of Up Here Magazine, cut the ribbon in a ceremony that celebrated the heart of storytelling and community spirit. Marion, speaking on behalf of one of the magazine's founders and a former AVENS Board Member, emphasized the importance of connection and community. We are thrilled to add this vibrant space to our Pavilion, where residents can gather, share stories, and enjoy each other's company.



(L to R) AVENS Board members, Taig Connell, Colleen Wellborn, AVENS Chair, former AVENS Board member and Founder of UP Here Magazine Marion LaVigne, Rone Hemming, Up Here Magazine Founder, Daryl Dolynny, AVENS Pres/CEO and AVENS Board member Ron Allen. (Photo credit and Cabin Radio News article to Jasmine Nasogaluak for her December 27th, Cabin Radio article)



A HUGE Thank You!

A huge thank you to these generous donors who supported our **Homes for Seniors - Choice Matters!** fundraising program. Your kindness has made it possible to enhance the choices available to all our independent housing residents.

As we officially open the library, we look forward to welcoming everyone to the pub, which is slated to open under the Coyote's banner in February 2026. Stay tuned for more updates!

Here's to celebrating community, stories, and the wonderful memories we continue to create together, at AVENS!

Christmas Sharing Is Caring At AVENS

As we wrap up Christmas 2025, I find myself reflecting on the warmth and joy that this season brings to our AVENS family. It's a time of sharing and caring, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible community for your generous support this past year.

Thank you for giving in 2025...

Thanks to your kindness, our annual **Tree of Giving** program was a resounding success!



Some members of the hockey Wolfpack team take time to chat with one of our residents when they brought in their Tree of Giving wrapped wishes!

Your contributions, along with the impressive **\$568,000** raised through our **Homes for Seniors - Choice Matters!** fundraising campaign, have made a significant impact. Your support enables us to continue enhancing the lives of our residents, ensuring they have the choices they deserve.

Celebrating Together with a Christmas Potluck

One of our last joyful gestures of the year was the **Christmas potluck meal** prepared by our dedicated management team. It was a fulfilled event, where we invited residents from our long-term care to dine with staff in celebration of the holidays. Sharing stories and laughter over a delicious meal is truly the spirit of the season.





A Special Christmas Day Matinee

On Christmas Day, we wanted to create a memorable experience for those who might not have family nearby. We sponsored a matinee at our Pavilion theatre featuring the classic 1951 version of **Scrooged**. It was a lovely way to bring everyone together for some holiday cheer and nostalgia.



Delicious Meals with AVENS Eat

Our fantastic food services team outdid themselves, preparing a delightful turkey meal with all the fixings that night for our **AVENS Eat** program. It's the little things, like sharing a good meal, that make a big difference in the lives of our seniors. As our mission states, we strive to create a safe and caring community where everyone can age well and enjoy life to its fullest.



As we look ahead to another year, let's carry forward this spirit of giving and togetherness. Thank you for being a vital part of our AVENS family. Here's to many more joyful moments in the coming year!



From our family to yours, Happy Holidays....and yes, I am a senior myself this upcoming year!