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In Memory Of Suzette

I want to take a moment to reflect on an important recent event that truly embodies the spirit of compassion and advocacy for our seniors. We recently received a generous donation from Kevin O'Reilly, who gifted us a state-of-the-art medical bed in memory of his beloved wife, Suzette Montreuil.

“The NWT Seniors Society is looking forward to collaborating with our elders, community facilitators, partners and advisors to design and carry out this project that will reach out to isolated and vulnerable older adults in the NWT.”

Suzette Montreuil Executive Director of the NWT Seniors' Society (2019- My True North Now)

Suzette was not only a cherished member of the community but also a remarkable advocate for seniors in the Northwest Territories. As the Executive Director of the NWT Seniors Society for many years, she tirelessly championed the rights and well-being of our seniors, ensuring their voices were heard and their needs met. Her passion extended beyond the realm of seniors, reaching into the heart of our northern

environment and the promotion of French language education. For me, it was a privilege to work alongside her, advocating for the issues that matter most to our aging population.

Sadly, Suzette passed away on July 20th, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. I had the pleasure of knowing the O'Reilly/Montreuil family for many years, and recently I had the privilege working with Kevin on change recommendations with the NWT Electoral Boundaries Commission. Although many may think Kevin and I are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, we have more in common than one would think.



(L to R) Kevin O'Reilly and AVENS Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Marshall thanking Kevin for the medical bed donation

I know that this is a difficult time for their family, and my thoughts are with them as they navigate the grief of losing their matriarch.

The medical bed Kevin donated will serve a crucial role in our long-term care facility, ensuring we have the necessary support for our residents in times of need. This gift not only honours Suzette's legacy but also reinforces our commitment to providing the best possible care to those we serve.



In recent happier times, AVENS assisted Kevin and Suzette attend the 2026 Snow Castle winter events, as they “hitched” a ride with us

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Kevin and his family for this generous contribution. Your kindness and thoughtfulness during such a challenging time speak volumes about the love and respect you have for Suzette and our community.

Let us all take a moment to celebrate the impact Suzette made and continue her legacy of advocacy and care for our seniors. Together, we can ensure that their voices are heard and that they live with dignity and respect.

AVENS Petals Of Passion

This week, we're turning our spotlight onto a few extraordinary residents who are elevating our campus into a veritable Garden of Eden. Let's give a round of applause to our unofficial horticultural heroes—Edna, Sue, and Archie! These green thumbs have banded together with a shared vision and a sprinkle of determination, transforming our common spaces and even their own backyards into a vibrant mosaic of color.

Meet Our Flower All-Stars!



Edna McFaul: The Architect

If gardens had blueprints, Edna would be the architect! With an eye for design and a passion for all things floral, she's taken her love for gardening to new heights. Her creative landscaping has not only beautified her own yard but has also inspired others to join in the fun.

Edna's secret? A little planning, a lot of love, and perhaps a few whispered words to her plants!



Sue Impett: The Logistics Guru

Every great project needs a logistics mastermind, and that's where Sue steps in! She keeps everyone organized and on track, ensuring that our gardening efforts run as smoothly as a well-watered petunia. Sue's knack for coordination has made it possible for us to expand our gardening initiatives beyond individual yards and into the common areas, bringing joy and color to the entire AVENS community.



Archie Stewart: The Hydration Specialist

No garden can thrive without water, and Archie is our resident *Waterboy* or we like to refer to as our hydration hero!

He ensures that every flower, shrub, and vegetable plant gets the right amount of moisture. His dedication and attention to detail have made a world of difference in the health of our campus gardens. With Archie on the team, we're confident our flowers will flourish!



This is Edna's back yard! WOW!

While we're highlighting Edna, Sue, and Archie, let's not forget all our other green-thumbed residents who contribute to this vibrant tapestry of life at AVENS. Your hard work and creativity are instrumental in making our community feel like home. Thank you for your dedication and for adding such color to our lives!

So, the next time you stroll through our gardens, walkways, and driveways, take a moment to appreciate the beauty all around you—and maybe even stop to chat with one of our flower all-stars. Who knows? You might pick up a gardening tip or two, right Rick?



Sue takes a moment to showcase her Tiger Lillies



This is the collective effort of Edna, Sue and Archie. Together they have transformed this walkway along the Aven Ridge shoreline into a tapestry of colour and a labour of love



The vibrancy of this photo does not serve it justice. You should come and see this area for yourself!

Community Corner

FREE CAR WASH

ONE DAY ONLY!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD
1PM - 3PM
PAVILION
BACK PARKING LOT

WE ARE TESTING NEW EQUIPMENT!
TENANTS ONLY
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
NO INTERIOR DETAILING
NO CLEANING OF ENGINES
STAFF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
*AVENS PROVIDING SOAP & WASHING TOOLS

