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It's Starting To Feel A Lot Like Christmas!

On Saturday November 19th, 2022, AVENS transformed into Winter Wonderland, as we launched our **Tree of Giving** program, our annual craft sale and NEW for this year, pictures with Santa.

The AVENS facility was abuzz with children's laughter, smiling seniors and festive sounds.

***“Just remember,
the true spirit of
Christmas lies in
your heart”***

The Polar Express

Earlier in the week, a dedicated team of AVENS employees helped decorate this year's **Tree of Giving**. As well, many staff hours went into meeting with each resident in our care, to ask them what they “wanted for Christmas?”.

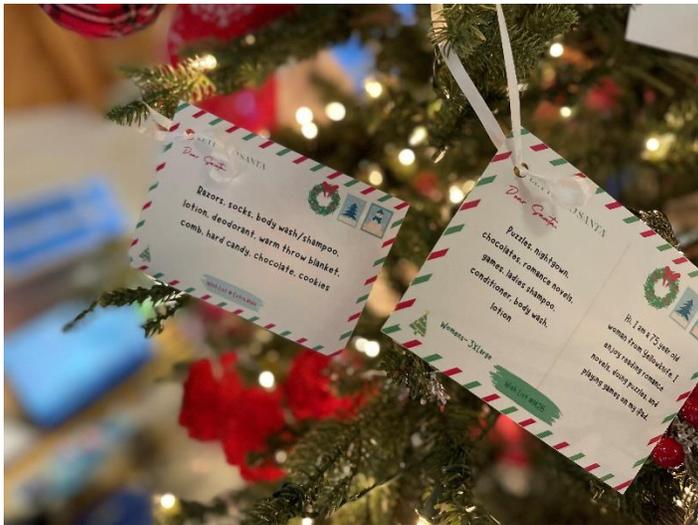
The important part to remember is that not every resident at AVENS has family. Our **Tree of Giving** program allows **ALL** residents to be included during the Christmas holiday regardless of their personal situation.

Championed by our Director of Care, Frances Sinclair, and her team, the **Tree of Giving** tradition was started at AVENS several years ago and has been growing in community support ever since.



Clinical Coordinators, Jessica and Dina, are seen helping to decorate our unique Tree of Giving 2022

Of course, what would a Christmas be without the jolly man himself? This year, we were fortunate to have both Mr. and Mrs. Claus stop in for professional photos with the kids. A huge shout out goes to professional photographer, Trudy Hause, for making this a very glamorous event.



Tree of Giving wishes from our residents are hung on our tree with the hopes of them being selected by families, businesses, or organizations. This year, all our 58 resident wish lists were picked-up within 90 minutes! WOW! The total value of this program will range between \$8600 to \$11,500 once all the monetary donations are tabulated. Thank you Yellowknife!



Over fifteen community craft sales entrepreneurs set up tables throughout our facility showcasing some unique talent and wears. The closest table in this picture belonged to AVENS Accounts Payable/Receivable employee, Elena Belfry



This advertising poster was circulated all over town in preparation



AVENS had a very “Hollywood-like” festive set up in the Multi-Purpose Room for the Claus’s, allowing for the proper setting for family portraits. With approximately 50 families taking part, AVENS Social Committee raised approximately \$600.



Here we have Mrs. And Mr. Claus greeting a little one. There were several “Babies First Christmas” taking their photo with the Claus’s, which is always a special moment for everyone



With many children dropping off their Christmas letters to Santa, it is sure helpful that Santa’s helper in the CEO’s office is a former pharmacist. Who better to decipher ‘scribbles’ than your friendly neighborhood pharmacist, right?



Finally, I believe this photo expresses the feeling everyone had on this special occasion. Seen here is AVENS resident Ernestine, with Santa. Moments before, Santa pulled out a special treat from his magic bag, especially for her. She hugged Santa for a long time, and just didn’t want to let this moment go...

Again, a HUGE shout out goes out to our AVENS Staff, AVENS Social Committee Members and AVENS Management for once again making this a special **Tree of Giving** event!

Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council

The Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council (RWC) serves as an advisory body to the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council. The RWC provides advice regarding health and social services, priorities under the territorial health and social services plan, and the promotion of health and wellness. The RWC plays a role in ensuring that the concerns and input from the public are addressed and used to inform the delivery of services.

On Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, I was invited to speak with the Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council. Of course, my topic was all the wonderful success stories we have had at AVENS over the past couple of years. The Council members were very intrigued and asked several questions.



A screen shot of the RWC members present, with some of the members on the virtual call

I am happy to say, that this meeting did translate into an AVENS facilities invitation and hopefully a visit in the spring/summer of 2023 for RWC members.

Mahsi, to the RWC for your invite and allowing us to share with you our AVENS culture. We hope to see you again in 2023.

AVENS Masquerade Ball December 3rd, 2022

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Tickets on sale now! Don't delay

Now this is mask I have no problem wearing!



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SENIORS
MASQUERADE BALL
Chateau Nova
Tickets on sale October 24, \$50/ea
Saturday · December 3 ·
Doors open at 6:00, dinner served at 7:00

Please consider joining your fellow colleagues, our Management Team and Board Members, as we celebrate our year end in festive style