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LOVE YOU A LATTE!
campaign says

"THANK YOU"

to the caffeinated community!



STILL STAND
2 METRES
APART

STILL COUGH INTO
YOUR ELBOW!

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OFTEN FOR
20 SECONDS

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SELF-ISOLATE
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Annie Strus works as a barrista at Javaroma, as part of her role as a client of Inclusion NWT Employment Services. (See Pg 2)



Susan Chaffee earns Literacy Award

Literacy Outreach Centre learner's efforts honoured

by Inclusion NWT staff

SUSAN CHAFFEE was named winner of the 2020 Ministerial Adult Learner award on Feb. 23.

"Thanks very much for everything," she said after learning of the honour. "I never expected anything like this. I'm really surprised and I'm really happy."

Susan joined the Literacy Outreach Centre's Adult Learners Class on Feb. 20, 2020, just weeks before the community shut

down to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Susan continued pursuing online studies with the Literacy Outreach Centre.

Susan has played a role in de-colonizing the classes by sharing her culture, language and traditional knowledge with her classmates and instructors.

On a trip to Blatchford Lake Lodge in July, Susan led her classmates on a medicine walk through the land, filleted fish and participated in a drum dance.

'I'm really surprised and I'm really happy'

~ Susan Chaffee



SUSAN CHAFFEE DEMONSTRATES how to fillet fish during a cultural retreat at Blatchford Lake Lodge with the Literacy Outreach Centre Adult Learners Class.

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STEP 3: Smash the patriarchy.

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FIGHT LIKE A GIRL

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WINTER MAY YET have our city in its icy grip, but the Inclusion NWT Little (Free) Library is open year-round for readers of all ages!

Look for the sign (pictured above) painted by staff Jamaine Vilan (see page 8 for artist profile) in the Abe Miller Garden at 4912 53 Street.

Clients and staff Dawn Lacey refresh the selection on offer every week!



Ice fishing adventure

*Yay Fusion! young adult group finds success on Yellowknife Bay
Youth catch a half-dozen pike and whitefish!*

by Inclusion NWT staff

THE YAY FUSION! Young Adults Group gathered for an evening of ice fishing on Feb. 26, with a guide from Yellowknife Sport Fishing Adventures.

Pike and white fish were biting, but the youth tossed everything they caught back into the water to swim away.

The Young Adult Group will team up with the Teen Group on March 5 for Winter Fun Night!

Pre-register with Abby:
YOUTH@InclusionNWT.ca

**Fishers included
(left to right in above
photo): Ayler, Caitlin,
Kelton, Azya, Ryver,
Loic, Chris, Gillian
and Taylor.**

GILLIAN



RYVER



KELTON



LOIC

Inclusion NWT news

**WINTER FUN
NIGHT: March 5**



OUTDOOR FUN is on the schedule for the next Yay Fusion! Young Adults and Teen Group gathering on Friday, March 5 (4:30pm-7:30pm).

Tobogganing, kick-sled-ding, horseshoes, time with the sled dogs plus a campfire, hot chocolate and snacks, with Sundog Adventures.

To pre-register for this event, please contact:

YOUTH@InclusionNWT.ca
(867) 446-1772

YAY FUSION!

**FREE Refundable
Recycling pick-up**

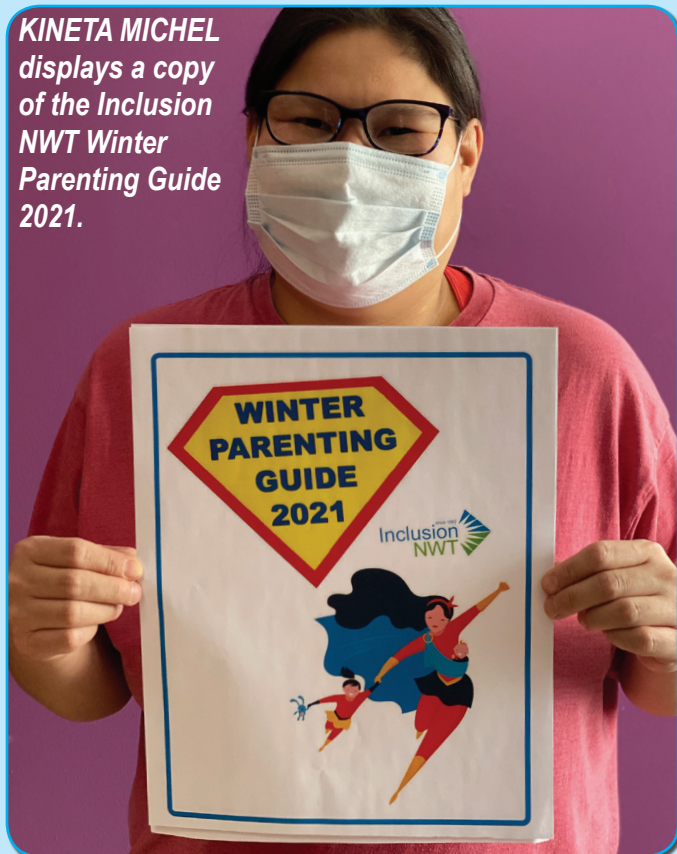
IT'S TOO COLD to gather up your bags of empties and cart them to the Bottle Depot.

No worries! The Odd Job Squad will remove your bags of refundable beverage containers **FREE**.

Call/text for pick-up:
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Winter Parenting Guide

KINETA MICHEL
displays a copy
of the *Inclusion
NWT Winter
Parenting Guide
2021*.



Ideas still accepted for online resource

by **Inclusion NWT staff**

CHECK OUT the Inclusion NWT Winter Parenting Guide on our website! In the first half of February, we received your parenting tips and advice for our work-in-progress Winter Parenting Guide, designed to provide caregivers with boredom-busting strategies to try out during the tail end of the sub-Arctic cold season.

There is still time – send us your games, recipes, helpful hints and other wisdom by emailing: YOUTH@InclusionNWT.ca



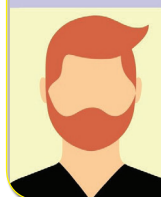
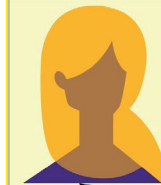
March Parent Night

Navigating the Social Network Super Highway

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

Social networks play a significant role in most areas of our daily life. For adolescents and adults with autism, creating and maintaining meaningful social connections can often feel difficult, confusing, and overwhelming. In this 45 minute presentation by registered psychologist, Mike Barrett, will focus on the importance of developing and maintaining connections throughout your community. We will discuss how to build networks across a variety of contexts including school, work, and recreation. The discussion will also identify strategies that can be used to support the growth of social connections across in-person situations as well as in the digital world. There will be time for questions at the end.

Email coordinator@inclusionnwt.ca to get the zoom link today!



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STEP 3: We don't judge.



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'Prep the packages, assemble the tags, we put corporate literature into bags!'

Inclusion NWT Business Services Team available for special projects:
Newsletter delivery prep • Affix promo stickers • Tchotchke assembly



CAITLIN VANDERMEER attaches velcro to pens for an NWT Literacy Council campaign, Feb. 19.



JULIE WHITE boxed the Up Here Magazine visitors guide and delivered the copies, Feb. 22.



SYDNEY PEER helps measure fabric for a customer as part of a special project, Feb. 19.

by Inclusion NWT staff

"**GREAT IDEA**, but we can't possibly get it done in time!" may be the epitaph for many a creative brainstorm in your organization.

Stay the execution! Members of the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team have experience with all kinds of time-consuming work and can complete seemingly insurmountable tasks swiftly with your satisfaction assured.

Floating chickens?

"Our clients tied key-chain flashlights to info cards for ENR; removed sewn-on patches from work clothes for a large company; delivered constituency newsletters for various MLAs; and even counted 500 plastic ducks for NWT Special Olympics," said Donna Messerah-Zdyb, manager of Skills Training and Community Inclusion. "Actually, they were floating chickens, for the organization's Pick-A-Chick fundraiser. The point is – if you come up with an idea that needs time-consuming prep, our team can achieve it for you ASAP and inexpensively."

All special projects fees are paid to the clients who do the work; call **920-2644**.

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STEP 3: Become one with the all.



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High-flyin' fundraiser!



COPPERHOUSE Eatery & Lounge teamed up with Acasta Heliflight Inc. to raise \$900 for Inclusion NWT as part of a Valentine's weekend pop-up charity auction.

The businesses raised \$1,800 in 30 hours by auctioning a helicopter tour and four-course dinner for two on Feb. 14.


Money raised was divided equally between Inclusion NWT and Avens.

Inclusion NWT now on Instagram



LIKE AND FOLLOW Inclusion NWT on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter!

Visitors will see almost-daily photos depicting our clients in action – on the job, at home and in the community, along with current news and events.

Invite your friends to like Inclusion NWT, too! 

Love You A Latte! success

Javaroma, Barren Ground Coffee, Gourmet Cup help share the love on Inclusion NWT's behalf

by Inclusion NWT staff

"I KNOW *there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort where we overlap."*

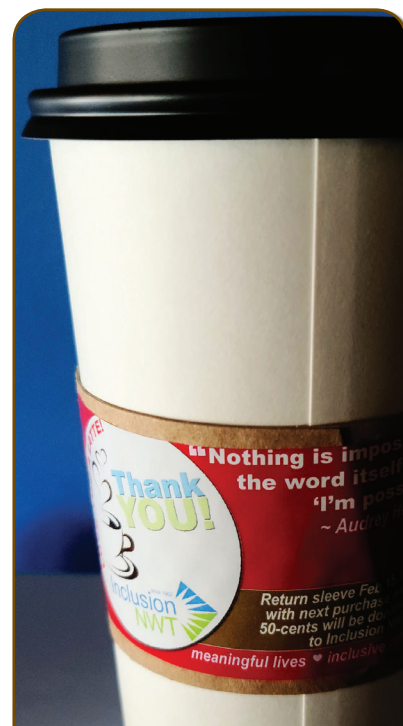
This endearing sentiment from New York songwriter Ani DiFranco was among more than 50 messages of caring and community shared on coffee cups at Javaroma, Barren Ground Coffee and Gourmet Cup in the lead-up to Valentine's Day!

Selected by Inclusion NWT staff, the inspirational quotes were part of the our Love You A Latte! Campaign.

The initiative was orga-


nized by the Inclusion NWT Board in collaboration with downtown business owners. The goal: to express gratitude to our community for the support our clients and our organization experience year-round.

"We had so much fun working together! We searched for quotes to express our gratitude and neighborliness from inspirational icons such as Oscar Wilde, Lady Gaga, and Maya Angelou," said Stefanie Pandke, Inclusion NWT Finance & HR Officer. "We enjoyed seeing our community post online and share our gratitude with others."



Javaroma and Barren Ground Coffee added a fundraising element to the campaign and raised \$500 and \$323 for Inclusion NWT.

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STEP 3: Chill with your BFF.

As Covid-safe as possible

by Inclusion NWT staff

CLIENTS and staff at Inclusion NWT have all been given the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Most clients and staff received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine on Jan. 22 and

the second dose late last month.

Nonetheless, all clients, staff and service teams continue to practice strict Covid-safety protocols in the workplace, in the community and at home.

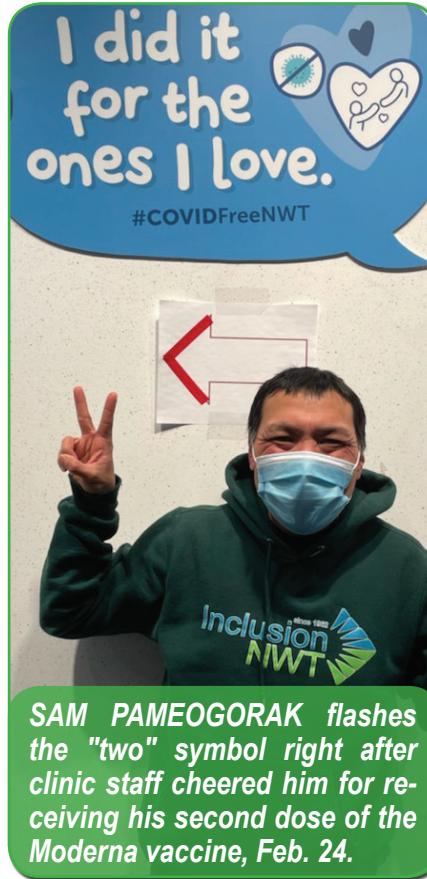
Thanks to NWT Health & Social Services staff!



JOEY OOGAAQ rolls up his sleeve, Jan. 22.



RICHARD KOLSON receives vaccine, March 1.



SAM PAMEOGORAK flashes the "two" symbol right after clinic staff cheered him for receiving his second dose of the Moderna vaccine, Feb. 24.

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Shredding Services



KYLE STEWART is one of the members of the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team who shreds documents for customers on weekdays.

Customers have the option to drop off their documents to the Abe Miller Building at 4912 53 Street, or for a flat-rate \$5 delivery fee the Team will pick up boxes of documents.

Shredding is \$15 per bankers box, paid as wages to the Team members.

Inclusion NWT is hiring!

HELP WANTED

send resume to:
ed@InclusionNWT.ca

APPLY TODAY!

- Job Coaches
- Supported Living Workers
- Respite Workers

All applicants require a Class 5 driver's license (standard license).

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STEP 3: Continue to work on your thesis.



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Creating community

Why I work summers at Inclusion NWT...

by Inclusion NWT staff

JAMAINE VILAN works summers with Inclusion NWT as he pursues his post-secondary education at the University of Alberta. He plans to return for his fourth summer this June after completing his Psychology degree.

"This amazing organization has given me the opportunity to provide support for individuals with disabilities, allowing me to learn and understand disabilities on a personal level," he said.

In addition to a positive and caring attitude, Jamaine brings artistic talent to his roles at Inclusion NWT.

Jamaine has worked with clients on several creative projects over the years. He remains popular with clients at lunch-hour because he is always willing to doodle and sketch with others for fun!



Right inset: Jamaine staffs a Farmers' Market stall alongside Kineta Michel. Bottom inset: Jamaine attends Folk on the Rocks with Richard Kolson.



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- STEP 3:** Complete your masterpiece.

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