

AVENTA'S NEW ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE FOR WOMEN OPENED TODAY IN CALGARY

Calgary, Alberta

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CALGARY: The grand opening of Aventa's new Addiction Treatment Centre for Women took place Friday, May 14 at 2:00 PM, 610-25 Ave. SW.

"Today's opening marks a significant milestone for Aventa. This new facility will enable us to continue to meet the growing need for addiction services in this community", said Susan Cassidy, Aventa Board Chair.

After completing a successful \$4.6 million Capital Campaign, Aventa has finished renovating its new 36-bed treatment facility. This provides a 100% increase from the 16 beds previously in use, and includes the first gender-specific crisis stabilization beds exclusively for women in the province of Alberta. Aventa's new crisis stabilization beds facilitate the immediate admission of pregnant clients and offers necessary residential addiction support to methadone maintenance clients.

Top donors for the Capital Campaign include: HRDC, AADAC, Alberta Gaming, Alberta Children's Services, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Vermillion Resources, Nexen & Imperial Oil.

Aventa's success has led to an ever-increasing demand for service. Since 1970, women with addictions have been able to turn to Aventa. During that time, Aventa has helped more than 25,000 women and their families. Aventa is the only agency in Western Canada that provides alcohol, drug, gambling and nicotine addiction treatment services exclusively to women and youth on a long-term, short-term, residential and outpatient basis.