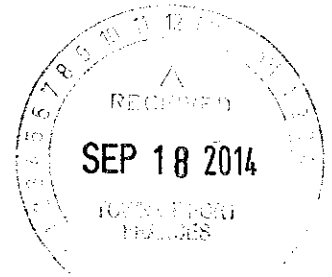


# Alzheimer Society

KENORA/RAINY RIVER DISTRICTS



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To: Fort Frances Town Council Meeting

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Re: Invitation – Alzheimer Society Walk for Memories

Mary O'Connor, Client Services Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society, Kenora/Rainy River Districts.

First off, I want to let you know about the Alzheimer Society. The Alzheimer Society is a nationwide, charity organization dedicated to helping people affected by Alzheimer's disease and their families.

The Society develops and provides support, educational programs and information to people with the disease, their families, caregivers and members of the health-care team.

The Alzheimer Society provides support throughout the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, which is a large geographical area. As the local Client Service Coordinator, I cover from Mine Center to Rainy River and as far north as Nestor Falls

The services we provided are:

- \*Family & Individual Support
- \*Support Groups
- \*Phone Support
- \*Education for families and professionals
- \*MediAlert Safely Home
- \*Virtual Dementia Tours

The need for the Alzheimer Society of Kenora/Rainy River Districts programs and services is now greater than ever. Currently, over 1,071 people in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts have been affected by disease. Demand for services is steadily climbing as the number of Canadians with dementia surges. An estimated 1.3 million Canadians will be affected by 2038. The risk for dementia doubles every five years after age 65.

The Alzheimer Society of Kenora/Rainy River Districts is only funded 45% by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (Northwest Local Integration Health Network), and the remaining 55% must come from the community to provide on-going services, operations and programs. Our programs are increasingly vital. We need funds to keep them active.

Today, I'm here to invite you and the community to participate in our Walk for Memories. It will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the New Beginnings Fellowship Centre in Fort Frances from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is an awareness walk for those coping with dementia and an fundraising event to support your local Alzheimer Society.

Is hope today, is that you will come out and participate.



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