

Alzheimer Society

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“We became involved with the Alzheimer Society because we want to change the perceptions of the disease.”

-The Ennis Sisters

The Ennis Sisters are one of the most talented musical groups to come from Newfoundland and Labrador. Their unique musical style gathers crowds from near and far. Because of their personal experiences with dementia, they have been motivated to help others managing life with this disease. Their commitment to the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is to work with us to raise awareness and to be champions in encouraging others to seek help and support.

The sisters recently released a new song, California Wine, in honor of their Dad, “their hero” who passed away from Lewy Body dementia in the winter of 2018. The video was created in partnership with the Alzheimer Society and captures the essence of the dementia journey for both the person diagnosed and the caregiver.

Dementia is a community disease – it affects 9,642 Newfoundlanders & Labradorians. The Ennis Sisters strongly believe that we can all play a role in supporting the individual and the caregiver, and it should not be a disease you experience alone. “We want to empower people to tell their stories and to link to the programs and services of the Alzheimer Society,” says the Ennis Sisters.

The Ennis Sisters partnered with the Alzheimer Society on many other initiatives:

- “Keeping Time” Bracelet in partnership with Elizabeth Burry
- Ambassadors for the Awareness Month Campaign—*Yes, I Live With Dementia*
- Spokespersons of the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s commercial

“The hope is that the community will join us in our support to the Alzheimer Society and register for the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s.”

-The Ennis Sisters



UPCOMING EVENTS

IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's

Join us in May and June!



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- The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is one of the largest national signature events.
- In 2018, there were about 20 IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's across Newfoundland and Labrador, which raised a total of \$103,753.
- Funds raised will support local programs and services, and the 9,642 individuals in Newfoundland and Labrador living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

No Walk in your area? No problem! Email: events@alzheimernl.ca to learn how you can host an IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's in your community.

St. John's Walk: Sunday, May 26th 2019 | North Bank Lodge (Pippy Park) | 2pm



Café of Memories 2019

April 2nd • May 7th • June 4th
2:00pm—4:00pm | Freemason's Hall

- Join the Lodge Westmoorland, in partnership with Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland & Labrador, for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers.
- Please register by calling the Alzheimer Society at (709) 576-0608 or e-mailing events@alzheimernl.ca

****There is no charge for this event****

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Did You Know....

Our First link clients have increased **55%** since 2017 —
We now have almost **700** clients.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

What's New?



DEMENTIA PASSPORT

Dementia Passport offers continuing education and training to health care professionals. The goal is to support the workforce in providing high-quality care to people living with dementia.

The educational modules will focus on topics, specifically related to dementia care, such as:

- Overview of the Charter of Rights for People with Dementia
- Common forms of Dementia
- Understanding Behavior
- Person Centered Care
- Cultural Sensitivity When Providing Care



The unveiling of the Dementia Passport Logo, on January 17th, 2019.



Thank you, Scotiabank for your donation!

ACCESSIBILITY

Dementia Passport allows users to learn at their own pace, without being limited to a physical classroom.

WEB BASED

Dementia Passport will be available online to any registered user with internet connection. It will also be accessible on tables, laptops, and mobile devices.

INTERACTIVITY

The modules will feature videos, quizzes and case studies based on real life scenarios.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION

Users will receive a certificate that verifies they have successfully completed the module topic.

Contact us today for Dementia Passport Sponsorship Opportunities!

Current Programs and Services offered by the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Information Kits
- 15-week Learning Series
- Educational Brochures
- Care at Home Courses
- Family Support Groups
- MedicAlert *Safely Home*®

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Dementia Communication Tips

- 🌸 Remember to CONNECT, not CORRECT.
- 🌸 Do not talk about the individual as if they are not there.
- 🌸 Agree with the individual, do not argue.
- 🌸 Use close-ended questions.
- 🌸 Be patient and respectful, while listening carefully.
- 🌸 Speak clearly, at a slightly slower pace and use short or simple sentences.



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