

Are You a Mystery Solver? **By: Betty Batten, Volunteer Coordinator**

As a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with dementia, one of our main goals is to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Articles featured in this edition summarize some of the latest news about Alzheimer's research, providing links to the Alzheimer Society of Canada's website for more key research data.

At a **"local"** Alzheimer Society, "research" is a broad term with both medical and non-medical applications. Activities leading to breaking news in the search for a cure are only one. Another is represented by the extensive collection of printed resources we provide to those living with this disease or those supporting someone who is. And then there is the boundless detective work involved with securing the necessary community based information that supports service delivery and sustainability.

That's where the volunteer role of a **"fund-finder"** comes into play. Not to be confused with a "fund-raiser", it is the challenging process of exploring sources to obtain targeted information. For those who would be uncomfortable asking others for money, regardless the cause, uncovering sources of revenue for others to make the "ask" is a rewarding contribution.

The nature of **"fund-finder"** research projects is particularly attractive to those who enjoy the challenge of discreetly digging for details. Someone who is adept in using the internet to source information and comfortable making community contacts by phone or in person. Often, assignments can be completed from home, with flexible schedules and shorter-term commitments. The resulting databases are then used to expand service capacity through increased funding.

Current research opportunities in PKLNH region include:

- Identifying applicable Grant Funding
- Documenting existing Festivals within our 4 County Region
- Exploring Corporate Matching Programs
- Updating Long Term Care and Retirement Residence Contact Lists
- Leveraging use of Social Media for Non-Profits

If the *"challenge of the find"* is one you enjoy, contact Betty in Volunteer Resources at 705-748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588