

Alzheimer Society

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December 5 is International Volunteer Day By: Shawna Peddar, Volunteer/Friendly Visiting Coordinator

“Your world is changing. Are you?” What this brings to mind for me is the opportunities that volunteering creates for people to network in their communities, to learn new skills, and to make use of education they have gained to prepare for employment.

At the Alzheimer Society a number of volunteers support our mission in different ways. Julie Shaw, Gloria Lui, and Pinkal Mishra (right) were in the office on Tuesday, December 1st working on a variety of different projects. Julie has an education in marketing and is assisting with our social media and Giving Tuesday campaign. Gloria is a recreation and leisure student at Fleming College and is using her education to assist in developing activities for staff and friendly visiting volunteers to use in support groups and home visits. Pinkal is earning her degree at Trent with plans of applying to medical school in the future. She is completing a student placement with us, but has also volunteered as a Friendly Visitor.



These wonderful women have a variety of backgrounds and education but are all assisting in our programs and services which help the Alzheimer Society PKLNH further our vision of becoming a leader in the Alzheimer Movement and be recognized by our community as an essential provider of dementia-related services and support.

If you are interested in learning more or participating in the UN International Volunteer Day activities check out this website: <http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org/en/> or join the International Volunteer Day selfie campaign by taking a selfie and posting it to your social media account and tag with #IVD2015selfie.

If you would like to make a difference for someone with dementia and give back this holiday season please call us at 705-748-5131 or email info@alzheimersociety.ca for a volunteer application.