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Volunteer Monthly Spotlight
By: Betty Batten, Volunteer Coordinator

Joan's association with the Alzheimer Society first began in 2006 as a care partner supporting her late husband Frank. Having participated in an Alzheimer's Support Group herself, Joan has an experienced perspective of the encouragement and learning offered there. When the role of "Volunteer" Support Group Facilitator was piloted, Joan readily accepted the challenge and now facilitates a group. Since then, she has applied her experience of the Alzheimer Journey to serving as current Board Secretary and Chairperson for the Fund Development Committee.

In her photo, Joan sums up her motivation with this comment - "to continue the endless support that we had". And she does it tirelessly in so many different ways.

Suzi Dunkley, Fund Development & Special Events Coordinator has the pleasure of working closely with Joan and shares these thoughts… "When I first started working for the Alzheimer Society, I heard the name Joan in association with many events and activities – but there is nothing like meeting the woman herself to know that she is a force to reckon with – and that we are extremely blessed to have her support."

"Joan is an integral part of helping to make our Lindsay Walk happen. She is always supportive and upbeat and ready to lend a hand. She has been an invaluable source of support and enthusiasm for me and I am blessed for having her to work with. We share having lost an important person to dementia and somehow that makes her mission (and mine) that much more inspirational. Having a volunteer like Joan is like having a secret super power – always there just under the surface, ready to conquer whatever needs conquering at the time."

Thanks Joan. We appreciate you!