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New Board Members Appointed to the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick

The Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors, bringing the total board size to fourteen. “With the additions to our Board of Directors, we bring to the table prominent members of the francophone community and strengthen our commitment in these areas. Our Board of Directors is well versed in issues related to Dementia, along with experience in the public policy arena. In all, these four appointments add a good deal of strength to our board,” says Kevin Brewer, Board Chairman, Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick.

New Board members include:



Renée Roy, LL.B.: native of Campbellton, a Crown Prosecutor who has also been a guest speaker in the Alzheimer Society’s Alzheimer Journey: First Steps family education series.



André Savoie, B.A., M.H.A.: Chief Executive Officer of the Msgr. Melanson Nursing Home in St. Quentin, New Brunswick; an experienced nursing home executive, he is also active in his community and well respected in the nursing home and long term care sector.



Robert B. Simpson, B.A., B.Ed.: respected secondary school teacher and principal, Robert also was Mayor of Nackawic then a Member of the Legislative Assembly, then Chairs for both the River Valley Health and New Brunswick Hospital Association, then Founding Chief Executive Officer for New Brunswick Health Research Foundation.



Michel Haché: brings a solid background in health administration in which he played several roles in hospitals within the New Brunswick' health region 5; most recently he has served for over 10 years successfully as Chief Executive Officer of the Les Residence Inkerman Inc. He is also well respected in his involvement in the long term care sector and a board member of the New Brunswick Nursing Home Association.

The Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick is the voice for those diagnosed and those families that are impacted by the group of dementia-related diseases, Alzheimer's disease being the most frequently diagnosed. The rapid growth in the incidence of these diseases in this country, and in New Brunswick in particular, make it very important that the Alzheimer Society is strong and robust in communicating the messages of its clients and in raising funds to enable better service to be provided to them. The Alzheimer Society provides educational programs, support services, Memory Cafes, and is currently piloting an in-home music therapy program.

About the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick:

The Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick has five Resource Centres around the province, and runs numerous monthly Caregiver Support Networks for people with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and their families. The Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick provides support and information through a toll free bilingual 1-800 line, and provides comprehensive information kits to help families navigate their way through a diagnosis or suspicion of Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer Society provides in-office and telephone support, and organizes various fund development activities to help fund the national Alzheimer Society Research Program.

Our Vision:

We see communities where no one suffers from dementia – we have taken a stand against the disease, defied its predicted path, and *defeated its dark shadow*.

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