

Société Alzheimer Society

NOVA SCOTIA

FACT SHEET

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

The Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia provides a provincial network of support and education to people concerned with memory loss and families impacted by dementia.

As part of a national federation, we are a leading health authority who exists in order to improve the quality of life for Canadians affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Together, we are working to meet the need for awareness, support, and a hope to find a cure.

Communities across Nova Scotia count on the Alzheimer Society for:

SUPPORT SERVICES:

The Society's toll-free Alzheimer InfoLine is a confidential service that provides information, education, guidance and emotional support to all those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Support is also available through our network of 21 Support Groups across the province. Created for people who care, or have cared for someone with dementia, these volunteer led support groups offer a time and place to connect with others who truly understand.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION:

Through our education programs, website and partnership with the Nova Scotia Public Library system, we provide information and strategies that can help those diagnosed with the disease and their families navigate their journey. The Society also hosts an annual provincial conference for people providing care. Guest speakers at this two day conference present the latest in research, treatment options and care practices that can improve the quality of life for persons with dementia and their families.

ADVOCACY:

One of the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia's five strategic directions is to advocate, to be a voice, for the needs of people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (ADOD). In collaboration with our stakeholders, ASNS champions best practices in diagnosis, care and treatment. The Society plays a leadership role in identifying initiatives, programs and services, public policy requirements and regulatory issues that need to be addressed, and helps to develop the creative solutions that can make a positive impact for those we serve.

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RESEARCH FUNDING:

We are committed to promoting excellence in national and local research that will significantly advance scientific and clinical knowledge and improve the quality of life of both those with the disease and their caregivers. We support research initiatives in a number of ways, including: a collaborative Alzheimer Society Research Program with the Alzheimer Society of Canada; our provincial Phyllis Horton Bursary that is awarded to a post secondary student in the field of dementia; the Maritime Brain Tissue Bank and our annual Research Breakfasts held in Halifax and Sydney that highlight the advances made by provincial researchers