

Alzheimer Society of York Region celebrates its Honorary Family during walk

For the Schoenrock family, highlight of the upcoming IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is raising funds to help York Region residents impacted by dementia

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AURORA, ON (June 4, 2019) – For Stouffville's Schoenrock family, dementia hits close to home. Mark's mom is living with early-onset dementia, while his grandmother has dementia. Mark, his wife Lorie and their children Katlyn, Emma, Mackenzie, Eric and Jenna, will be taking part in the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's Saturday, June 8 at Richmond Green Park, 1300 Elgin Mills Rd., in Richmond Hill as part of the Blue 7's. **They are the Alzheimer Society of York Region's Honorary Family.**

Emma, who sits on the AS York Walk for Alzheimer's committee, said it's important to raise money and awareness about these diseases because dementia affects so many people and will only impact more as the population ages. While dementia is not a normal part of aging, age is the No. 1 risk factor developing the disease.

"So many people don't know or understand dementia and that little bit of knowledge about the topic can help a diagnosis make more sense. It helped me make sense of my Granny's diagnosis and it has given me more peace knowing that I understand what is happening to her, and I know what to expect."

Lorie said events like Saturday's walk helps those struggling to cope. "Caregivers often put their own health at risk (in caring for those living with dementia). The Alzheimer Society of York Region is a lifeline."

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's takes place rain or shine beginning at 9 a.m. with registration. The 2.5- or five-kilometre walk begins at 10 a.m. The event goes until 12:30 p.m. and includes entertainment, crafts, games and food. Visit www.walkforalzheimers.ca to register as a team or individually and donate.

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About the Alzheimer Society York Region

The Alzheimer Society of York Region is a leader in actively supporting individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our quality, dementia-specific DAY program services, enriched social work program and education opportunities is well respected.

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Read more about the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's: <http://bit.ly/WFAASYork19> . AS York celebrates its Honorary Family from Stouffville: <http://bit.ly/HonoraryFamily19> Donate to their campaign at http://bit.ly/Blue7_19

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