Champion for Dementia

This is a volunteer position with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario (ASO) and in partnership your local Alzheimer Society.

One of the responsibilities of ASO is advocating for improved supports and policies for persons with dementia and their families. This is done regionally and provincially by:

- Meeting with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) to help support our cause and promote within the Legislature
- Meeting with local candidates during provincial election time to further educate
- General awareness activities in local communities

NOTE:
- You must have and be able to use your own phone and computer *(Reimbursement will not be made for usage)*
- Work will be done remotely, with occasional phone calls/emails with Society staff.
- You are responsible for your own transportation when needed *(Reimbursement will not be made for transportation costs incurred)*

Tasks and responsibilities

- Become familiar with your local Alzheimer Society objectives and services
- Communicate with your local Society during your Champion work so you can work together and feel supported (Contact information will be provided)
- Review the Champion materials, templates and resources provided by the Alzheimer Society of Ontario
- Collect needed materials from your local office (or have them mail to you) so you can supply information during meetings (i.e. brochures)
- Create a plan with you local Society for raising awareness locally and meeting with MPPs in your area, or candidates during provincial elections
- Schedule and attend meetings
- You may also wish to raise awareness through writing to your local newspapers or speaking on local radio shows etc. Please work with the Society and use appropriate templates to ensure your message is aligned
- Provide a report to local Society contact and Coordinator of Public Policy and Stakeholder Relations on activities

Qualifications

- Excellent communication skills
- Innovative and insightful
- Ability to work independently and within a team
- Dependable and able to stay on task
- Awareness of Ontario government structure and processes is an asset (training provided)
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Time commitment
- 4 hours per month or as needed on a project to project basis
- Ongoing position depending on desire to continue with the Society

Orientation and training
- Orientation will be provided by supervisor on needs and direction of tasks
- Opportunity for dementia specific education

Screening
- Resume and application required
- Screening will be completed by the Coordinator of Volunteer Strategy by phone or in person

Supervision
- Reports to Coordinator of Public Policy and Stakeholder Relations and local Society contact
- Supported by Coordinator of Volunteer Strategy

Benefits & How you will make a difference!
- Experience will be of benefit when applying for future professional or volunteer positions
- Be a leader within a larger cause, providing assistance for the Alzheimer Society, supporting persons with dementia and their care partners
- Connect to a network of other Champions across the province

Please contact our Coordinator of Volunteer Strategy for more information: fwhite@alzheimeront.org

About us

Founded in 1983, the Alzheimer Society of Ontario (ASO) is the province's leading care and research charity committed to helping people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias by:

1. Providing care, support, information and education for people living with dementia
2. Funding research to find a cure
3. Educating decision-makers about the need for improved health care services and qualified health care workers to support people with dementia
4. Increasing awareness of dementia and its impact on the whole family

* Please note we make every effort to support our volunteers, however we are a not-for-profit organization and therefore do not have the funds to reimburse costs associated. We thank you for your understanding.