Alzheimer Society
PETERBOROUGH, KAWARTHA LAKES, NORTHUMBERLAND & HALIBURTON

Pulling for Dementia - 2016

Thank you to all of the amazing Fire Truck Pull Volunteers!

By: Karen Beaney, Volunteer Coordinator

With the help of more than 40 volunteers, the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland & Haliburton (ASPKLNH) hosted another extremely successful Fire Truck Pull on Friday September 16, 2016.

Planning for this event began in November of 2015 and in the 10 months of preparation, as well as time spent working at the Peterborough Memorial Centre on September 16th, these dedicated volunteers contributed in excess of 300 hours of their valuable time in order to help make this event a success!

The dedication and hard work that this amazing group of volunteers put into helping organize and run this special fund-raising event resulted in approximately $26,000.00 being raised! This money will help the ASPKLNH continue to deliver programs and services *free of charge* to our clients and their families in the Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton areas.

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The 'World's Strongest Man' and Honourary *Pulling for Dementia* Chairperson, Kevin Fast, offered his expertise as a coach to each team entered into the event. With some instruction from Mr. Fast just prior to the pull, our fastest team (The Mighty Minors/Uniman) finished the pull in 16:03 seconds. In an effort to add a special surprise to the day, 'Team Volunteer' was quickly formed and completed the pull with a very respectable time of 18:07!

In addition to ALL event volunteers, we would like extend a great big 'Thank you!' to those volunteers that worked tirelessly on the Fire Truck Pull Committee: Mary McGee, Joanne Pritchard, Don Smith, Nicole Truman, Jeff Muller, Darryl Porter, Grant Gilbart, Mihaela Gaqollari, & Josh Chessman. We would also like to acknowledge extend our gratitude to Suzi Dunkley and Lorraine McCallum for excellent guidance and leadership.

Once again, I want to thank every single volunteer that helped make this event a success!

'Team Volunteer' taking their turn at pulling the fire truck with Kevin Fast observing on the right.

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We look forward to our 3rd annual Fire Truck Pull, which will be held on Friday September 15, 2017! For anyone that is interested in volunteering as a Committee member, please contact me at 705-748-5131 or @ karen@alzheimerjourney.ca

A final ‘thank you’ goes out to Mark Sager of Little Caesars for providing our hard working volunteers with a free pizza lunch!

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