

Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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Raising Awareness, Money for MS

What makes a fundraiser successful? The volunteers!

The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada Okanagan Chapter holds two major fundraising events each year. Our next one is the MS Bike Tour held each year in September. As we approach the weekend of September 8th & 9th we find ourselves in great need of your assistance.

We have the volunteer fundraisers signed up at www.ms biketours.ca and working on their pledge and donation collection, but we are always looking for more volunteer fundraisers.

Most importantly we are in need of volunteers to make their weekend a success. We need venue hosts to be at various wineries to host the cyclists on both days. This is a three to four hour commitment.

Putting up and taking down direction signs for the cyclists is a big job and we are in need of four volunteers with a significant amount of time available on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th; then again on Sunday afternoon for a shorter period of time.

There are a variety of other positions available so please contact Miriam King at 250-762-5850 or email Miriam.king@mssociety.ca for a full list of available tasks and detailed job descriptions.

Next spring the Scotiabank MS Walk takes place and is in need of committee members from the community who can help the chapter increase its profile in the corporate sector. This event is an opportunity to inform the public about the effects of MS on the individual living with the disease, their family and the community.

Fundraising for this event starts in November 2012 when participants sign up at www.mswalks.ca and volunteer to collect pledges and donations until the walk in the spring of 2013.

For more information about these or other volunteer opportunities, go to kcr.ca and do a 'Volunteer Opportunities Search Central Okanagan'.

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