

## Community Information & Volunteer Centre

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#### **Alzheimer Walk needs a leader**

Let me begin this article with a few comments about last Saturday's Volunteer Fair. The 600 or so people who attended were definitely focused upon where to get involved. The question was not 'will I volunteer?' but rather 'where?'

A husband and wife who attended for the first time told me that they were leaving with information about four non-profits they were considering.

Just before closing, one organization was already receiving texts from students who wanted to sign up.

A middle-age man who created his volunteer profile was surprised by the variety of things to consider. He thought it was going to be about setting up tables and other grunt work.

A group hug goes out to our event sponsors: Beyond 50, Central Okanagan Foundation, City of Kelowna, ezROCK 101.5, Investors Group and the United Way.

A heart-felt thank you is extended to our media supporters for getting the word out: Astral Media, Capital News, Castanet, Daily Courier, and Welcome to Kelowna.

Our welcome table, spin the wheel, internet café, coffee and lunch were provided by: Dominos Pizza, Prospera Credit Union, Quality Greens, Rotaract, Starbucks, TELUS and TELUS Community Ambassadors.

Now, let's turn our attention to a volunteer leadership role for the Investors Group Walk for Memories on the last Sunday in January to raise money and awareness for families impacted by dementia.

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. is calling for a strong volunteer leader to help plan and coordinate this cherished community event in 2013 as the volunteer *Walk* Committee Chair.

This leader works with the guidance and support of the Society's Resource Development events team and has a primary role in recruiting, leading and motivating committee members.

The position offers training and networking opportunities, as well as the opportunity to enhance event planning and leadership skills.

If you are interested, please contact Angie Kok at [akok@alzheimerbc.org](mailto:akok@alzheimerbc.org) or 1-800-667-3742. For more information about the *Walk*, visit [www.walkformemories.com](http://www.walkformemories.com).

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