



Volunteers..... With your help, we continue to make a difference in the fight against cancer! Thank you!

Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division celebrates National Volunteer Week April 15 - 21, 2012

The Canadian Cancer Society wants to honour its 10,000 volunteers who give so generously of their time and effort in communities throughout Manitoba supporting our programs, service and events.

These dedicated people not only embody our mission to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer, they inspire us to do better and do more every day. Thanks to their support, the Cancer Society was able to be active in 110 communities throughout Manitoba and maintain vital services such as our transportation program that picks up and takes cancer patients to and from their cancer treatments in more than 35 communities. Volunteers also help us keep our administrative costs below 6% of our total expenditures and direct more funds to services that Manitobans need.

Cancer is a formidable foe but it's because of your efforts that we are making progress! Today, 62% of people diagnosed with cancer survive, compared to only half that number in the 1960's. This is thanks to research, better screening and improved treatment methods.

This army of volunteers is part of a proud 75-year tradition that has enabled the Cancer Society to become the largest national charitable funder of cancer research in Canada, a trusted source of information, services and programs and THE voice of cancer patients across the country.

It's amazing to know all of the different but important ways people volunteer: transporting clients to and from cancer treatments, organizing *Relay For Life* events, selling daffodils, providing peer support to people diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers, going door to door to raise money for research and programs, assisting in our offices, providing leadership on our Board of Directors, packaging supplies and materials for events, presenting prevention and information programs, advocating for change on behalf of cancer patients, organizing special fundraising events such as the Gala Ball, Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon and Winnipeg Dragon Boat Festival.

Yes, they do all that and much, much more. For their time and commitment to the fight against cancer, we are truly grateful. The Canadian Cancer Society offers its sincere thanks to each and every one of its volunteers now and throughout the year. Because of your commitment, you have

helped people in our province, our communities are better off, and we are one step closer to realizing a world where nobody fears cancer.

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For those who have not volunteered with the Society but would like to join the fight, visit our website [HERE](#).

