

Letters

Volunteers made cancer society fundraising drive a success

Dear Editor,
Thank you to Canadian Cancer Society Volunteers.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society would like to acknowledge and thank each of its many volunteers. These dedicated individuals give tirelessly of their time and energy to further the Society's mission - the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer.

Everyone has their own personal reason for volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society. So many lives have been touched by the disease that often people just want to give something back. As part of the Society's patient services program, volunteers in Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville transport patients to and from medical treatments, provide one-to-one emotional support to cancer patients, facilitate the Living With Cancer self-help group, and help patients with their information needs. Health promotion volunteers distribute

information on cancer prevention and early detection, and promote four key healthy lifestyle messages, sun sense, healthy food choices, breast health, and tobacco reduction. Numerous fundraising volunteers work hard to raise funds to ensure that these programs are maintained by organizing special events such as Jail-N-Bail, Daffodil Days, and the April residential canvass. In addition to supporting patient services and health promotion programs, approximately one-half of the funds raised support research through grants awarded by the Society's research affiliate, the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Only through the commitment and dedication of its volunteers can the Canadian Cancer Society continue its battle against cancer. Together, we can make a difference.

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