



Fact Sheet

About the Alzheimer Society of B.C.

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. provides a province-wide network of support, education, and information resources for families impacted by dementia. The Society is a non-profit organization that also advocates for better dementia health care and raises money to fund research and ensure there is Help for Today. *Hope for Tomorrow...*[®]

Established:

1981

Locations:

Provincial Office #300 – 828 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC
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Resource Centres: 19 locations serving:

Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley:

Abbotsford/Mission	Vancouver
North Shore & Sunshine Coast	Richmond/South Delta
Chilliwack/Hope	North Surrey
White Rock/Surrey Central/North Delta	Chinese Resource Centres (2)
Langley	Richmond/South Delta
North Fraser	

Interior and Northern Regions:

Kamloops & Central Interior	Dawson Creek & Peace River
Northern Interior & Skeena	

Okanagan:

North & Central Okanagan	South Okanagan & Similkameen
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Kootenays:

West Kootenay	East Kootenay
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Vancouver Island

Greater Victoria	North & Central Vancouver Island
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Key Activities:

Communities across British Columbia count on the Alzheimer Society of B.C. for:

Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support groups• Individual support• Dementia Helpline (1-800-936-6033 or 604-681-8651 in the Lower Mainland)
Information and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education programs: <i>Shaping the Journey: living with dementia™</i> and <i>Family Caregiver Series</i>• Workshops on a wide variety of topics from time of diagnosis to end of life• Tele-workshops for family caregivers• Print resources: Brochures, fact sheets and information bulletins to take home; books and videos can be viewed at Resource Centres
Advocacy & Public Policy	The Alzheimer Society of B.C. leads a provincial effort to transform dementia care in B.C., giving people the tools to participate in influencing government and the healthcare system, to ensure that the delivery of services and community programs meet their needs.
Research Funding	Each year the Alzheimer Society of B.C. funds research through the Alzheimer Society of Canada Research Program to find the causes and cure for dementia and to improve the lives of those already affected by it.

Employees:

58

Volunteers:

400+

Management Team:

Jean Blake, CEO

Larry Okotinsky, Director, Finance and Administration

Kathy Kennedy, Director, Programs and Services

David Walker, Director, Resource Development

Ruby Ng, Director, Marketing & Communications

Barbara Lindsay, Senior Manager, Advocacy & Public Policy

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Jim Mann, diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2007

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