

Finding Your Way? seminar open to Shelburne residents

Dear editor:

Did you know that 3 out of 5 people with dementia will go missing at some point? If not found within 24 hours, half of them will have a serious injury or die. That's why the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario and Ontario Seniors' Secretariat is promoting the groundbreaking Finding Your Way? program, a multicultural safety awareness initiative for people living with dementia who go missing or become lost. Please visit www.findingyourwayontario.ca to learn more.

One in ten Ontarians over 65 has dementia.

Dementia doesn't discriminate, affecting men and women of all races, religions and socio-economic backgrounds. There is little awareness of missing incidents in our communities and many people do not know where to seek help. Available in English, French, Cantonese, Italian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi and Spanish, Finding Your Way? now helps prevent people living with dementia from ?wandering? and going missing, and helps care partners and other family members prepare for such incidents, if they occur. We would like to hear from you on how our Alzheimer Society can play a partnership role in improving the lives of persons living with dementia and their care partners. We will look at the Local

Community Picture to determine:

- ? How is this a problem (person living with dementia going missing)?
- ? What local efforts are underway to help?
- ? How are police and emergency services involved?
- ? Who is at the greatest risk?

We will also determine a Local Action Plan that will help solidify:

- ? What further action is needed?
- ? How do we get started? Who can help?

You are invited to a join our community meeting on Friday, November 28, 2014 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Please register for this free community meeting ? lunch is provided. We can assist with travel expenses as well. Here is your link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/finding-your-waycommunity-meeting-alzheimer-society-dufferin-county-tickets-13828590687>

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