

Alzheimer Society of B.C.

Support Group Facilitators (Chase, Ashcroft, & Merritt)

Are you interested in making a real and profound difference in the lives of people caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia?

A support group facilitator organizes a caregiver or early stage support group meeting, communicates with the local (staff) Support and Education Coordinator on a regular basis, maintains group attendance records and uses Alzheimer Society materials to provide information to the group. ***Please note that we are looking for facilitators in Chase, Ashcroft, and Merritt at this time.**

Our support groups operate on an information and mutual aid model and are based on the philosophy that people with similar issues are in a unique position to offer support to others on the same journey. The objective of our groups is to strengthen the coping abilities of caregivers and reduce the impact of dementia on the community. Extensive training is provided.

A time commitment of 3 to 6 hours per month (determined by group schedule) is required, plus time to meet with Alzheimer Society staff as required.

A criminal record check is also required due to the work involving a vulnerable population.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to enhance facilitation skills
- Increased understanding of Alzheimer's disease and caregiving issues
- Knowledge that you are aiding the Alzheimer Society in being able to offer a variety of specialized support groups
- Knowledge that you are playing an integral role in helping those who are struggling to cope with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia
- Enrich the lives of others
- Ongoing training and development opportunities

Qualifications:

- Excellent listening and interpersonal skill
- High comfort level in facilitating group discussion
- Basic understanding of the issues surrounding caring for a person with dementia and a willingness to learn more
- Good problem-solving skills
- Personal maturity and a belief in self-help values
- Good time management skills
- Basic computer skills an asset (email, word, excel)
- Satisfactory criminal record check

This role is usually not suitable for college/university students.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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