

CALL TO ACTION

Your Voice Can Make a Difference.

Alzheimer Society
MANITOBA
Dementia Care & Brain Health

Together we can help election candidates understand the impact of dementia on Manitobans.

This election season, the Alzheimer Society needs your help advocating for improved dementia supports. Currently, over 18,400 Manitobans have Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. This number is growing rapidly and by 2050 it is expected to reach over 39,100.

With the number of Manitobans living with dementia expected to increase significantly during the next 30 years, it's becoming more and more essential to have proper care systems and resources in place for those with the disease and the people caring for them. By listening to our clients and the issues they've brought forth, we've identified five priority areas we feel must improve to better support families impacted by dementia.

What do improved dementia supports mean for you?

Many of us are personally affected by dementia. Whether we care for someone living with dementia, have a family member, friend or neighbour with the disease, or have signs and symptoms of dementia ourselves, we can all benefit from improved care systems.

We believe all people have the right to age with dignity and respect. The priorities we've outlined below will help Manitoba's health and community care systems be more dementia-friendly, appropriate and inclusive.

Dementia Support Priority Areas

Learn more about each priority at alzheimer.mb.ca/election2023



Improved housing options for seniors, including those living with dementia.



Additional financial supports for care partners.



Strategies for building more dementia-friendly communities.



Improved home care supports.



Improved supports to navigate the healthcare system.

How can you help?

- Sharing your personal experience with dementia helps candidates understand its impact on families.
- Let candidates know that dementia care is an important topic to you and ask what they plan to do to improve dementia support systems in Manitoba.

Here are some ways you can advocate and let your voice be heard:

- Write an email or letter to candidates in your riding. [Download our letter template](#) to help you get started.
- Talk to canvassing candidates at your door.
- Request a one-on-one meeting with your candidates.
- Attend an all-candidate debate and ask questions.
- Spread the word by sharing with family and friends.

Suggested questions to ask candidates:

- Do you have personal experience with dementia? How did you find the process of getting a diagnosis or visits to the doctor? How could the experience be improved?
- If you haven't had personal experience with dementia, what has been your experience navigating our health care systems? Have you ever needed to access specialized care or support? What would you do to improve these systems?
- Have you had personal experience with home care? Have you experienced transitioning someone into long-term care? In what ways could their lived experience be improved?

*For a list of nominated candidates visit electionsmanitoba.ca