

Volunteers Catalyzing Inclusion

Volunteers Catalyzing Inclusion, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Parkland County

Stony Plain Family and Community Support Services

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Volunteers Catalyzing Inclusion will address the issues of dementia, ageism, and isolation. Community champion volunteers will be trained in dementia, elder abuse, loneliness, and other challenges facing people living with dementia, and will work to connect people living with dementia to the community. Community champions will develop intergenerational activities, provide information on community resources, and invite people living with dementia to community events and activities.

People living with dementia will experience an improved quality of life and benefit from increased community support and social engagement. Through project activities, the community will be comfortable with, and welcoming to, people living with dementia. Building upon existing community partnerships and using an asset-based approach, this unique and innovative project will further develop collaborative relationships within health, social services, business, and volunteer sectors.

