

Each year from the month of May into June, [Alzheimer Society of Manitoba](#) hosts and assists others with walks to raise funds for Alzheimer's disease. These walks take place throughout Manitoba. This year Debra, recreation coordinator for Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home, contacted teacher Kris Klemchuk from Centennial Elementary School to let her know about these walks.

Debra was thrilled and overwhelmed with gratitude when Kris announced that students from the Lead Learners program, who take on extra responsibilities throughout the school year, decided to raise awareness for Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

These students from the Lead Learners prepared and facilitated a schoolwide assembly that introduced their fundraising campaign, and they organized fundraising events throughout the month. The students then did a walk from their school to Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home and fundraised a total of \$1,141.

Alzheimer's disease is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that destroys brain cells, causing thinking ability and memory decline over time. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging and is irreversible. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia and is a fatal disease that eventually affects all aspects of a person's life – how they think, feel and act. The symptoms of Alzheimer's disease can be treated, but not cured ... yet.

*Thank you to Debra Bilawka, recreation coordinator at Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home, for this submission.*