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**IMPROVING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMMING AND CARE FOR  
FRANCOPHONES IN DURHAM REGION**

*In time for World Alzheimer's Day and Franco-Ontarian Day,  
Alzheimer Society of Durham Region Recognized for French Language Services*

WHITBY, ON, September 16, 2020 – The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), following a recommendation by Entité 4, has identified the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region (ASDR) as a French language services provider. This achievement highlights the ongoing commitment of the ASDR to support the more than 13,300 Francophones living throughout Durham Region.

“The Alzheimer Society of Durham Region is dedicated to helping people living with dementia live well,” says ASDR CEO, Denyse Newton. “Through our work with the Francophone Community Table on Health, we are actively building our French language service offerings including our First Link® Learning series, our Care Partner Support Social Group and workshops on Dementia Awareness and Brain Health.”

“As we prepare to mark World Alzheimer's Day on September 21,” continues Denyse Newton, “Our commitment to our French-speaking clients remains top of mind. Our virtual celebration will include a French panel segment.”

Supporting the identification process is an integral part of Entité 4's work to ensure the sustainability of French language services over time.

“By accepting our recommendation to identify the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, the Central East LHIN is improving access to safe, high-quality French language services,” says Entité 4 Board Chair, Yves Lévesque. “Consultation with our Francophone communities have demonstrated a need for services for seniors. Thanks to our partnership with ASDR, we are helping build critical services.”

“September 25th is Franco-Ontarian Day,” continues Mr. Lévesque. “The identification of the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region has certainly given Francophone communities across the Central East Region something to celebrate. We congratulate ASDR for its continued efforts to support our communities.”

Founded in 1979, the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region provides family support and educational programming to meet the needs of people living with dementia, their families and their professional care partners. Individuals identifying as French-speaking can receive support and tools in the official language of their choice.

With a mandate to improve access to French Language Health Services, Entité 4 provides guidance and support to health service providers to increase their capacity to provide French language services and help promote existing services.

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