



NEW ADDRESS

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NEW Membership and Donation Form 2010

Please note that after many years without an increase, we have raised our Membership Fee to \$25 annually just to cover the cost of our newsletters and mailings ... but we can now issue a charitable tax receipt for all memberships as well as donations, so everything you give is now eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Thank you for your support. You can also renew your membership or donate online through CanadaHelps.

Option #1: If you are sending your membership or donation by mail, please complete this form and mail it to us. Please make your cheque payable to **MEAO** or **Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario**.

Date: _____ Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Province _____ P.C. _____ Email Address _____

MEMBERSHIP SECTION

Why Become a Member?

- * Members receive our quarterly newsletter called *Reaching Out*, which is full of news on M.E., including research updates, tips on coping, legal and disability articles and more.
- * Members receive email alerts on upcoming television programs, workshops, conferences and events.
- * Membership fees and donations are the backbone of our organization.
- * The more members our Association has the larger our voice when we meet with government agencies, health care professionals, the media and the public.
- * Members have a voice and a vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Annual Membership fee: \$25.00. We can now issue tax receipts for Memberships as well!!

I AM A NEW MEMBER: I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP:

Requesting Complimentary Membership

We have a limited number of free memberships for those in financial need. If you would like to be a member and you are on Canada Pension, Ontario Disability Support Payments or other reduced income, please check here.

Do you wish to receive our Newsletter via Email instead of Mail? YES NO

If you are making a donation, please fill out the form on the back and add your \$25 membership fee to your gift.

SIGNATURE: _____

Option #2: Online Memberships and Donations: If you want to renew your membership or donate online, just go to our website at <http://www.meao-cfs.on.ca> and click on the CanadaHelps button on our first page. When you get to our online page, you will see a drop down box called "Fund/Designation". Select whether you are making a General Donation or click to choose Membership. To renew your membership, donate \$25 under the Donation Amount while you are giving to the Membership Fund. If you want to make a donation on top of your Membership, click on Fund/Designation again and go to "General Donations" and put the amount of your additional donation in the Donation Amount. CanadaHelps will total your two amounts and you will get a tax receipt for the total and we will get a print out telling us your Membership and Donation amounts (minus their 3% fee). You can also just make a donation. Simple.



DONATION SECTION

Why Make a Donation?

- * Did you know that more than 1,000 people call our Info Line or ask for Email via our Website? And we respond to each request with a personal call, with referrals and articles and whatever else is needed.
- * Your donation WILL HELP US OPEN ONTARIO'S FIRST CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH M.E./CFS.
- * With your donation, we can create a warm and welcoming Centre where people with M.E. can call into our Info Line and get the help they need. We can start a Resource Centre full of books and articles for everyone to use. We'll create a space for support groups and workshops.
- * With your help, we can help support groups across the province and train health care professionals and teachers
- * Your donations support our website, workshops, our publications and much much more.
- * The MEAO receives no ongoing funding from any government agency. We must raise the funds we need each and every year.

(The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association will issue a tax receipt for all donations over \$10.)

OPTION #1: MAKING A DONATION BY CHEQUE (please choose a one-time gift or a monthly gift):

- I want to make a one-time gift of \$35 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 Other _____
- I would like to make a monthly donation and I have attached a copy of a blank cheque marked VOID. My monthly donation will be \$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 Other _____
- Enclosed is my cheque payable to the **MEAO** or the **Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario**. I have marked VOID on my cheque if I am making monthly donations.

Signature: _____

OPTION #2: MAKING A DONATION BY CREDIT CARD:

If you would like to make a one-time or monthly credit card donation, go to our website at: www.meao-cfs.on.ca and click on CanadaHelps on our Welcome page. With CH you can make a fast, secure online donation. You have the option to make a one-time donation or to make a small monthly donation that will automatically be deducted from your credit card. Your charitable tax receipt will be sent to your Email address by CanadaHelps at the time of your donation. If you make a monthly donation, your receipt for the total amount will be sent to you by Email at the end of the calendar year.

Privacy Policy:

We protect your privacy. We will not exchange your information with anyone. Individuals and Groups donating \$100 or more will be thanked in our Annual Report. Individuals and Groups donating \$1,000 or more will also be recognized on our website. Please check here if you wish to remain anonymous.