

Our mission is to work together to improve the quality of life for persons with autism and pervasive developmental disorders and their families, and to ensure that those with these disorders live with dignity within their own communities."

Membership in Autism Society Ontario is important to you and your family.

- 1. Your membership will help develop the resources needed to provide public awareness of autism/PDD.
- 2. Your voice will be added to our extensive membership.
- 3. You will have the opportunity to attend your chapter and provincial Annual General Meetings and participate on issues directly affecting the Society.
- 4. A quarterly newsletter from ASO will be issued to all members.
- 5. Your chapter will provide a newsletter that includes events and news in your area.
- 6. Chapter meetings enable you to share experiences and knowledge with others.
- 7. Current information on issues and research is available through the ASO web site: www.autismsociety.on.ca
- 8. ASO works with municipal, regional, provincial and federal government policy makers and program planners.

Membership in our chapter strengthens your voice in York Region

Some of our Chapter Activities include:

- Advocacy, Outreach and Public Awareness, speakers available on request
- Workshops September to June, with presenters from multiple disciplines
- Monthly support and chapter meetings
- Linkages to agencies both in York Region and the GTA
- Operate 'ASK Camp' a summer day camp for students of all ages with autism
- Newsletters, both in print and e-distribution
- Fundraising bingo twice a month, other community and corporate fundraising events
- Resource Office and Lending Library at 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
- Participate in the National Autism Awareness Month community activities each October
- Participate in the Provincial 'Toonie for Autism Awareness Campaign' in York Region schools in April

Chapter Member representatives:

- Autism Society Ontario provincial office (ASO)
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for both York Region Boards of Education
- Autism Action Committee of York Region
- BBB Autism OnLine Information and Support Network; website www.bbbautism.com
- Government of Ontario committees
- Parent Outreach Program

To join AUTISM SOCIETY ONTARIO - YORK REGION CHAPTER, please complete the membership form information below, and e-mail to: $\underline{asoyork@axxent.ca}$

THEN PRINT THE COMPLETED FORM AND MAIL WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

Autism Society Ontario 1179A King St. W. # 004 Toronto ON M6K 3C5

Tax Receipts will be issued for memberships and donations. Charitable Registration Number: 11924 8789 RR0001

Membership Application Form

New Member Renewal		Parent/Guardian Relative Supporter Person with autism/PDI Professional/Agency					
Name							
Address							
City		Postal Code					
Home Phone:		Business					
Fax: How did you learn about ASO?		Email:					
Membership in Autism Society Ontario includes membership in your local Chapter and Autism Society Canada. "Newslink" is the official ASO quarterly newsletter.							
MEMBERSHIP FEES: Individual or Family - \$30.00 one voting member and Newslink Senior/Student - \$10.00 and Newslink Professional or agency - \$50.00 one vote (3 Newslinks each issue)							
I would also like to make a donation of: \$35, \$50, \$100 or I prefer to give: \$							
TOTAL payable (membership + donation) = \$							
I wish to pay by: ☐ Cheque – Enclosed is a cheque payable to Autism Society Ontario (York) or ☐ VISA - Provide Visa Number and Expiry: ☐ Mastercard - Number and Expiry Date:							
Signature:							

ADVOCACY INFORMATION

The following confidential information assists ASO in its advocacy efforts. Providing a name avoids duplication of information.

Name of person with diagnosis	Are you a person with autism	YUNU					
Date of Birth	Gender	M 🗆 F 🗆					
What is the actual diagnosis		Autism 🗖	PDD □	Asperger's Syndrome □			
Is the person with autism in school? Y \square N \square							
If yes – What kind of school?		Public 🗖	Catholic 🗖	Public 🗖			
Name of School							
Type of School		Regular 🗖	Special \square	Public 🗖			
Classroom Situation		egregated 🖵	Partially Integrated □	Fully Integrated □			

Please consider membership in York Region Chapter. Your support is invaluable. The information we are able to provide to parents and professionals can dramatically change the lives of our children. The more people we can reach, the more we can help. Membership fees, donations and fundraising underwrite the cost of educational seminars and workshops, printed materials and postage.

Thank you for your consideration.