

DisAbled Women's Network

**HEALTH & DISABLED WOMEN
PROJECT**

WHO ARE WE?

DAWN is the DisAbled Women's Network. We are an organization controlled by and made up of women with disabilities. We are from all backgrounds and all disabilities. We are a feminist organization supporting disabled women in their struggles to control their own lives.

DISABLED WOMEN & THEIR SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS:

- 14% of all women are disabled
- access is more than just a wheelchair ramp; it can be the use of sign language; of print materials in many formats such as braille, large print, on tape, and in plain language
- support services for disabled mothers are almost totally inaccessible or do not exist
- women's services are often inaccessible to women with disabilities
- many doctors have difficulty dealing with women who are both pregnant and disabled
- women who are mobility impaired often miss their annual Pap test because of the problems in using a high and narrow exam table

- holistic health care such as: massage and chiropractic treatments are out of reach because they are not covered by OHIP and offices are often inaccessible

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GOALS:

- To organize a network which will help disabled women to become better consumers of health care services.
- To inform and educate health care workers about the health care needs and issues of disabled women.

ACTIVITES:

- To conduct regional workshops for disabled women.
- To organize a provincial conference to bring together women with disabilities and key health care workers.
- To develop a series of brochures about important health issues.
- To develop a DAWN Speakers Bureau.

- To establish DAWN Ontario as the provincial voice of women with disabilities.

We need you. We need your support, your ideas and your enthusiasm.

Become a member of DAWN Ontario. Send in the membership form and we will put you on our mailing list and keep you informed on what is happening and how you can be involved.

Join a growing network of disabled women who are working together for change.

Non-disabled women who are interested in being involved with our project are most welcome.

DAWN Ontario
4 Warner Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M4A 1Z3

(416) 750-DAWN (3296)

(416) 364-7065 Voice or T.D.D.



Join the Disabled Women's Network - DAWN Ontario NOW!!! Clip this form and attach it with a cheque or money order to: DAWN, 4 Warner Ave. Toronto, Ontario, M4A 1Z3 - This information will be kept confidential

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

Type of Disability: _____ Non-disabled: _____

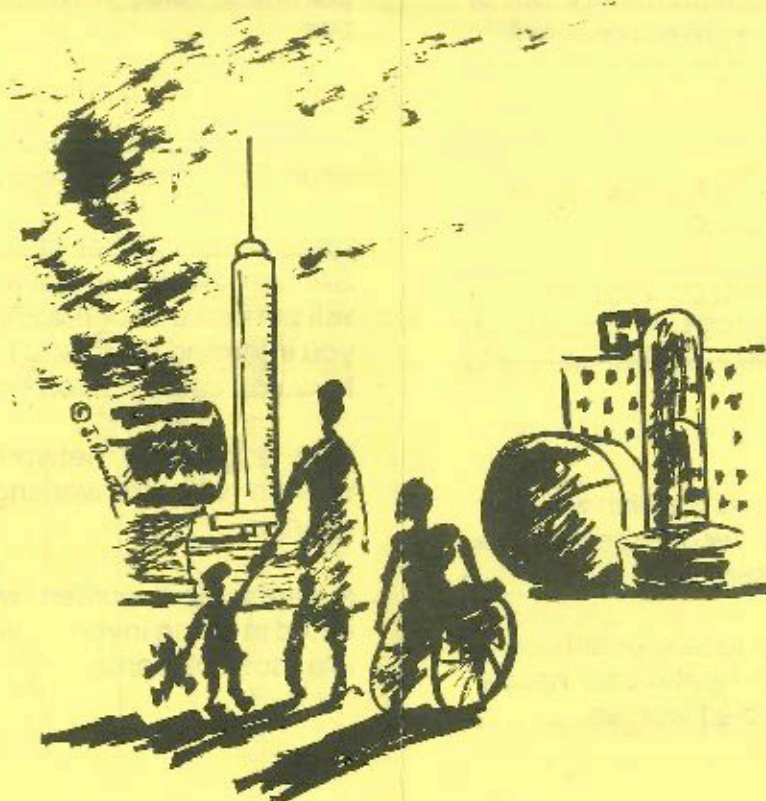
PHONE: (H.) () _____ (B.) () _____ FAX: () _____

Individual Membership \$5.00/yearly _____ Info in Print _____ On Tape _____

Donation: _____ \$35.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ Other _____

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The local DAWN contact in your area is:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for the user to write the name and contact information of their local DAWN contact.