

**Application for Membership in the Older Women's Network**

Annual Membership \$ 35.00      Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For information on preauthorized monthly contributions please call the OWN Office.

**COME INTO YOUR OWN**

Volunteer your time and expertise to strengthen OWN's advocacy work with mid-life and older women.

Participate in social and cultural activities that foster friendships and reduce isolation.

Stay involved through OWN's quarterly CONTACT and notification of OWN events by our Tel-Tree.

Become a Sustaining Member through monthly preauthorized contributions to give OWN the ability to make long term plans.

Donate to the Anam Cara Fund as a way to honour a friend or relative with a photograph and biography in the Anam Cara archive.

Designate OWN as a beneficiary of your estate or donate at any time to ensure the future of our unique organization.



**A VOICE FOR MID-LIFE AND  
OLDER WOMEN**

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## OWN'S OBJECTIVES

**OWN is a volunteer organization that addresses the social and political issues that are important to all women.**

**OWN works independently and in partnership with like-minded organizations for social justice in Canada and abroad.**

**OWN initiates and supports public discussion of issues that relate to security and justice for mid-life and older women. OWN acts as an advocate for redress through alternative policies and legislation.**

**OWN supports women's greater representation on decision-making bodies at all levels of government.**

**OWN enriches its members' lives by coordinating social and educational activities.**



## OWN'S MISSION

**OWN is a voice for mid-life and older women in Canada, one that challenges discrimination on the basis of age, gender, religion, or disability.**



**OWN works to achieve a society in which women are able to live in security and with dignity and to participate in the decisions affecting their lives.**

**OWN members offer mutual support and share creative interests and activities.**

**OWN is an educational organization that embraces a feminist perspective in order to empower women to overcome injustices and inequities of gender in the home, the workplace and in society at large.**



## OWN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

**Since 1988 OWN has sponsored public forums and advised government policy-makers on:**

- **Ageism and the feminization of poverty**
- **Gender equality and human rights**
- **Affordable, supportive housing for women**
- **Pension reform, financial planning and retirement security**
- **Ending mandatory retirement**
- **Legal aid entitlement**
- **Environmental responsibility**
- **Electoral reform**
- **Elder abuse**

**Developed the OWN Housing Co-op, a 142-unit apartment building in Toronto for people of low to medium income.**

**Formed a partnership in Peterborough to provide affordable housing for six mid-life women.**

**Designed and supervised action research and community development projects. Reports are available.**