



Membership Form

Send this form with your membership donation to:

Mike Mathers, Executive Director
ARCH c/o CHTOP, Inc.
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Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Affiliation: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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Select Membership:

Professional: \$75.00* **Family Caregiver:** \$25.00* **Student:** \$25.00*

Organizational Membership:

Company/ State Coalition Level 1: \$125*

For companies with annual budgets of under \$100,000 and small state respite coalitions. Membership includes two professional memberships.**

Company/ State Coalition Level 2: \$225*

For companies with annual budgets of under \$500,000 and medium-sized state respite coalitions. Membership includes three professional memberships.**

Company/ State Coalition Level 3: \$325*

For companies with annual budgets of over \$500,000 and large state respite coalitions. Membership includes four professional memberships.**

***Checks should be made out to ARCH-CHTOP, Inc**

**We have set up a website that facilitates the management of free professional memberships for companies, state coalitions and other organizations. Once you have joined at Level 1, 2 or 3, you will receive instructions to add professional (or family and/or student) members at no additional cost. You must include your email address to take advantage of this feature. If you would prefer, you may join or renew your membership online by going to the website at <http://arch.memberlodge.org/> and clicking on "Membership Application."



To: ARCH Members and Friends of Respite
From: Mike Mathers, Executive Director, CHTOP, Inc.
RE: Membership Renewal
Date: November 15, 2008

Please use the enclosed form to renew your membership in the ARCH National Respite Network for the calendar year, 2009. We have established a new website that will help us to better manage ARCH memberships; therefore including your email address is extremely important. You may visit the new site by going to <http://arch.memberlodge.org/>, and, if you prefer, you may join or renew through this website. Next year, we are planning for nearly all ARCH members to join or renew through this website.

There are other changes. For example, the enclosed form shows a slightly modified dues structure with one important new feature: the dues for organizational memberships, for state respite coalitions and companies providing respite care includes a number of free memberships that will be managed by the contact person who initiates the organization's membership. We hope that this will help you to encourage others (families, students or professional) to join the growing ARCH network.

With the passage of the Lifespan Respite Act in 2006, ARCH members have reason to celebrate. Through the work of Jill Kagan, we have been very successful in giving family caregivers, respite providers, and state agencies, a voice in Washington, DC on respite issues. But our work is far from over.

We need your membership in ARCH now more than ever!

Since 1991, ARCH has provided support to a national and state effort to make respite and crisis care available to all families caring for:

- children with disabilities and chronic illness,
- the elderly and
- those at risk of abuse and neglect.

Your membership will mean that:

- We will work to secure full funding for implementation of the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006.

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- We will work with federal agencies to ensure successful state implementation, and to grow the program as the need increases.
- We will assist states in implementing the Lifespan Respite Care Act, assist with state legislation, and help build and strengthen state respite coalitions.
- Members receive timely legislative alerts and announcements of crucial private and public funding opportunities as well as periodic issues of the newsletter “Respite Policy Perspectives.”
- We will continue to make available the publications and other products, such as respite start up manuals, funding guides, and coalition building materials developed by ARCH over the years. ARCH members receive a 10% discount when purchasing these products.
- Also, ARCH members receive a 10% discount when registering for the annual national respite conference.
- We will continue to maintain the ARCH Respite Locator Service at no charge to users. Each day more than 350 users find respite care in their local communities through this search service which has over 4,000 respite providers in its database.
- ARCH will continue to maintain a network, a central gathering place for respite and crisis care providers, family caregivers and supporting organizations, state and local agencies, and state respite coalitions.
- ARCH will continue to give you a voice in Washington, DC on other critical respite and crisis care legislation, finding and administrative issues, including reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Developmental Disabilities Act, evolving Medicaid and Medicare changes related to respite and home and community based services, and the Older Americans Act.

In 2008, membership donations were used for advocacy, website maintenance, conference participation, and other costs. In 2009, a substantial portion of your membership donations will go toward supporting Jill Kagan’s continuing advocacy on behalf of respite and crisis care.

Federal funding for ARCH came to an end several years ago and now we rely on foundation and membership donations to sustain this work. We are grateful to the US Congress and the US Department of Health and Human Services for their support over the years, but now we must look to you for the continuation of ARCH networking, advocacy, and programmatic services.

Use the enclosed form to renew your membership in the ARCH National Respite Network or visit the new ARCH membership website at: <http://arch.memberlodge.org/>

Because the ARCH parent organization, the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) organization, your contribution or membership donation in any amount is considered by the IRS to be tax deductible. You will receive a receipt to confirm your donation.

Thank you for your help and support.

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