

IMPORTANT NOTICE - WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE THE FXRFC!

Hello everyone,

The FXRFC is **URGENTLY** seeking new members for the Board of Directors. The current President and Vice-President and founding members of the FXRFC, Dr. Carlo Paribello and Barbara Byers have informed the remaining Board of Directors they will be stepping down very soon. This leaves the FXRFC in a situation that requires new people to step forward before the end of this year. We must have 2 to 4 new Board Members with time to devote to the Foundation for a 3-year term. Experience in communications, marketing, fundraising or scientific research, and/or IT expertise are sought after skills. Knowledge of Fragile X syndrome is important. This is a volunteer position and new Board members can be located anywhere within Canada since the Board of Directors meet virtually 2-3 times a year.

We also **URGENTLY** require help to administer and coordinate the day to day running of the Foundation. This volunteer role entails issuing tax receipts, checking mail, admin. work and ideally would have some knowledge of accounting and reporting abilities. This role could be shared between two people if desired and would take up approx. 2 hrs. per week. **If we are unable to secure new board members and administrative help, the FXRFC will be in real danger of closing.** We'd hate to see this happen so please consider stepping forward and assisting to keep the presence of a Canadian charity that focuses on Fragile X syndrome a viable entity.

If you have questions or would like more information about what is involved, please call Lori @ 647-231-9401. Please email an expression of interest together with a brief statement as to your qualifications to: fxrfc@on.aibn.com The deadline for receipt of applications is **Wednesday December 30, 2020**.

**More than ever, the Fragile X Research Foundation of Canada needs your help.
We're eager to fund research grants that could lead to an effective treatment.
We ask that you show you care and provide support to the FXRFC.**

We know this year has been a challenging year for most families and we are sure yours is no exception. The world-wide pandemic has altered the way we do everything, from school to work to grocery shopping. Many families with children impacted by Fragile X syndrome have also had to deal with therapy and medical appointments that are happening in a very new and different way. The way many of our children attend school and learn has also had a huge impact on family life. Our children thrive on routine and this year has been anything but that, and many of them have extra difficulty with the changes Covid-19 has made in 2020.

Please consider making a much-needed donation to the FXRFC before the end of this year. You will receive a tax receipt immediately by donating directly on our website at www.fragilexcanada.ca and go to the "Click here to DONATE NOW" button on our homepage. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.