



## NEW MEMBER QUICK REFERENCE

**What is the mission of M&M?** The Mission Statement of Moms & More, Inc. is to improve the lives of women within the community; through all stages, phases and transitions of motherhood.

**Why did you start your organization?** We were formally Mothers & More but that group dissolved and closed all of its chapters nationwide. We were one of the largest and most active chapters. Our group leaders and others on the board felt strongly to continue the life of our group within our community. We are active with over 80 members and growing strong!

**What is unique about your organization?** Members of our board are all volunteer based. The purpose of the group is to provide a fellowship of motherhood for local area moms whether it's just for mom or mom & family. There are so many options and points of interests in our group!

**How is the organization structured?** The property, affairs and business of Moms & More shall be managed by or be under the direction of the Board of Directors. Except for Board of Director positions, all other Governing Board positions may be co-chaired. We have (2) Co-Leaders, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator; Membership Coordinator, Marketing/Publicity & Social Media Administrators (s), Social Coordinators (s), Community Outreach, Care Coordinator, Kids Coordinator (s), and Resale Coordinator.

**What is expected of me as a new member?** Each member shall fulfill the following requirements in order to maintain a "good standing" status:

- (a) Pay dues as scheduled and determined by the Moms & More, Inc;
- (b) Support the purpose and objectives of Moms & More;
- (c) Notify the Membership Coordinator of any change in membership status, address, or phone number
- (d) Abide by the bylaws of Moms & More, Inc. (Please visit our Group Policies & Bylaws on our website)

**\*\*We also request that you "Give 3."** Giving 3 is pretty easy. It really just means members try to help out the chapter 3 times a year. It could be by hosting an event in our home, joining a committee, helping to plan a special event, helping at our resale, making a meal for a mom in need, or joining our board. We have found that the more you give to this group, the more you get back!

**What are my \$45 used for?** The annual dues are \$45, which helps run our organization. Because we are our own non-profit, we have to pay for a few things just to be in existence including Insurance and CPA/attorney fees. We also have a variety of member activities, children's activities, marketing, web hosting and more - although a majority of these are paid for with our primary fundraiser, Moms & More Children's Clothing and Equipment Resale, which is held two times per year.

**How are my Give 3 tracked and why?** Our Co-Leaders track our Give 3s. We have found that the more you give to this group, the more you get back! it is with the support of one another that keeps our group sustaining and active.



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**Who do I contact with my questions or ideas?** Depending on what your idea might be, any one of our Board members can assist you and direct you to the right person. You may also post your inquiry on the Facebook group page and the Social Media admin can direct you to the right person.

**How do I join the Facebook group?** Upon joining, new members shall receive a welcome letter, a current membership roster, a current newsletter, playgroup guidelines, and information on how to subscribe to the group's social media platforms. New members will be referred to the "files" section of the closed facebook group for current Group Bylaws and Social Media Code of Conduct.

**How do I learn about upcoming meetings and events?** All of our upcoming events are listed on our Evite. Our Socials Coordinators send evites out 3 weeks in advance.

**How do I get information about Board meetings I miss?** Regular Group meetings, are held 10-12 times a year. Meetings are held in the evenings at a public place. \*Children under 6 months of age are welcome to attend. The Secretary is responsible for the creation, distribution (posting to the files section of social media platforms), and maintenance of Board meeting minutes.

**I want to bring a guest to an event, what do I do?** Prospective members may attend up to a total of TWO Moms & More events before joining the Group and becoming a dues paying member. The prospective member may attend either two Moms-only events or may choose to attend one Moms-only event and one Mom & Tot event provided it is held in a public location. If the Moms-only event is to be held at a member's home, permission must be given by the host member before the prospective new member may attend.

**How is M&M connected in the community?** Our group is a member of the Oswego Chamber of Commerce. We have partnered with them in events such as Prairie Fest and plan to be involved in future events. We have hosted Car seat checks with the Oswego Police Department, and adopted families during the Christmas Holiday at Hesed House. We have involved our children in events at Bickford & Tillers Nursing homes to help bring joy to the tenants.

**I have an organization in mind that I'd like to do a service project for. Who do I contact?** We are always open to ideas involving community outreach, please contact our Community Outreach Coordinator with anything you think our group could potentially participate with.

**I am expecting a baby in my family. Who do I contact?** The Care Coordinator is responsible for organizing meals for members in times of need i.e. a new baby/child is born or adopted, after a death of a close family member, deployment of a spouse. The Care Coordinator reports who has volunteered to help to the Board and in the "Care Corner" article in the newsletter.

**I have a personal business I'd like to share with the Group Members. How can I advertise my Business?** Our moms come from all backgrounds and work place. We encourage our moms to share with one another their business operations on our Advertising Facebook site where we sell & re-sell within our "closed" group page. We ask that you abide by our Group Guidelines & Code of Conduct uploaded under "files" on our Facebook group page.