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LAO Past and **Present**

The Lymphedema Association of Ontario (LAO) is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with lymphedema by connecting individuals and healthcare professionals across Ontario with lymphedema resources.

Founded in 1996 as the Lymphovenous Association of Ontario, the LAO was created in response to the absence of support services by a group of lymphedema patients and family members. In 2010 the organization changed to its current name to more actively promote lymphedema education, prevention, treatment and quality of life for those with the condition.

Since then, the organization has both grown and met challenges in its path. What hasn't changed is its commitment to keeping the needs of people living with lymphedema at front and centre, with its work being made possible through the dedicated effort of our generous volunteers, donors and members.

This year marks the beginning of a new era for the LAO, with a new Board of Directors being cultivated to advance the organization to its next level as the provincial voice and advocate for quality lymphedema knowledge and care.

We look forward to engaging with members at our upcoming Annual General Meeting, and sharing more information in the coming months about the exciting direction of our organization to best serve the growing lymphedema community in Ontario, and beyond.

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