**Sample Fundraising Message**

Dear \_\_\_\_,

We’re on a mission and we need your help!

(Insert personal story about ME/CFS)

About ME/CFS:

ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) is a devastating, life-altering, multi-system disease affecting up to 560,000 Canadians (or 20 million people worldwide). While its impact is widespread and devastating, relatively little is known about the disease, no CIHR-approved treatments exist, and patients are left to deal with the illness with little help from the medical establishment, in many cases for decades. In the most severe cases, patients are left bedridden, unable to speak or eat, extremely sensitive to outside stimuli, and totally dependent on the full-time care of others.

Unfortunately, the disease still receives very little government funding relative to its impact, instead needing to depend on private funding. Fortunately, there is now a committed community of scientists, doctors, and patients raising awareness and making great strides in finding treatments that bring ME/CFS patients some relief and hope for a normal life in the future. Open Medicine Foundation Canada is leading research and making real headway.

Open Medicine Foundation Canada is led by an impressive Scientific Advisory Board that includes two Nobel Prize Laureates, five U.S. National Academy of Science members and other world-renowned scientists. They have a collaborative team of more than 100 researchers working together to find answers. OMF Canada funds the ME/CFS Collaborative Research Centers at Stanford University, Harvard University, Working Group meetings, and other critical research around the world.

Our goal is to spread awareness of ME/CFS and raise $XX,000 to support OMF Canada. Contributions will fund research to uncover the underlying cause of ME/CFS and develop treatments for the disease, and ultimately find a cure, giving real hope for the first time to those who suffer with ME/CFS.

All donations made to OMF Canada any day now through December 3, 2019 will be tripled by generous matching donors! 100% of proceeds will go to OMF Canada to fund research to better understand symptoms and causes of ME/CFS to potentially identify treatments and a cure.

Thank you in advance for your support, and your willingness to make a difference in the lives of ME/CFS patients!

With hope for all,

Insert Name