

## Activism

# "Lives Uncommon" Call for Stories

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Vanessa Gaudette is writing a book called "Lives Uncommon". The book will examine the social impact of environmental illness through the stories of people with EI. Vanessa chose the title to emphasize the unique circumstances that people with EI face and the creativity needed overcome them.

Her mission is to have this book create understanding of the urgent need for proper care and housing for those with EI. It is meant to pull people out of their complacency, both those with and without EI, to deal with this issue.

She's provided the following guidelines for those interested in submitting stories for possible publication.

### Contribution Guidelines

1. Stories must be limited to no more than 10 pages, single sided, single spaced, either Arial 12pt font or handwritten.
2. Stories are limited to 10 per state. Total 500.
3. City and state required. Names and photos are optional.
4. Email stories attached in a Word 2007 document to

5. [nessagaudette@yahoo.com](mailto:nessagaudette@yahoo.com).

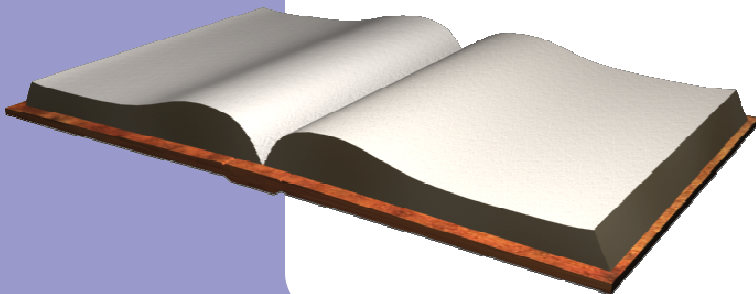
Or mail them to:

V. Gaudette  
2905 N Montana Ave #193,  
Helena MT 59601

5. Stories will not be taken on the phone; however, questions can be answered at 406-461-1111

### Content to Include in Stories

1. How were you injured or when did you become aware that you were ill.
2. How long have you been ill.
3. What type of EI do you have? (electromagnetic field sensitivity, chemical sensitivity, etc.)
4. How did you handle the news when you were diagnosed?
5. Had you ever heard of this illness before you were diagnosed?
6. How did you begin to cope and use strategies to modify your life?
7. How did the illness impact or change your life?
8. What has been your experience with treatment in the medical establishment?
9. If you were on a talk show, what would you want to tell the world in 5 minutes or less?
10. Looking back, what advice or resource do you wish you had when you were first diagnosed?
11. Finally, complete the confidential questionnaire below to help Vanessa determine the housing status of people with EI.



## Questionnaire for "Lives Uncommon" Story Contributions

**Contact:** V. Gaudette  
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Questionnaires are strictly confidential and may be submitted separately from stories.  
For email submission, download this questionnaire at: [www.mcs-america.org/vgbook.doc](http://www.mcs-america.org/vgbook.doc)

Thank you!

Vanessa Gaudette

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State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you Male or Female? (circle one)
2. Are you living out of your vehicle full-time? Yes or No (circle one)
3. Are you living out of your vehicle part-time because your residence makes you ill?  
Yes or No (circle one)
4. Are you moving from home to home because you cannot find safe housing? Yes or  
No (circle one)
5. Are you renting a safe(r) home? Yes or No (circle one)
6. Are you renting a home that is making you ill, but stay because you cannot afford to  
move? Yes or No (circle one)
7. Do you own a home that is making you ill, but stay because you cannot afford to  
move? Yes or No (circle one)
8. Are you staying with relatives? Yes or No (circle one)
9. If you own a safe(r) residence?
  - a. Did you have personal funds available to build?
  - b. Did you receive benefits that allowed you to build? If so, what kind?
10. Please add any other information which may be useful.