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## Membership Drive 2010

Dear Member:

While debate on healthcare reform and ongoing economic strife have dominated the national dialogue, our focus in Maryland has remained clear: protect access to mental healthcare for all Marylanders, whether living in communities, receiving inpatient care or experiencing incarceration. Now, more than ever, we need your help.

**Please join MHAMD today** to help us achieve our vision of a just, humane and healthy society in which all people are accorded respect, dignity and the opportunity to achieve their full potential free from stigma and prejudice.

Despite our state's economic challenges, we emerged from the 2010 legislative session with significant victories. Proposed cuts to local mental health grant funds were substantially reduced to just \$750,000, ensuring that flexible funds will continue to be available to address urgent mental health needs in communities throughout the State.

Our leadership in securing passage of legislation requiring a 30 day medication supply upon release for jail inmates with mental illness will improve community reentry for many individuals.

And, the united efforts of coalition members prevented an initiative with potentially devastating consequences, which would have placed sexually violent predators in state psychiatric hospitals upon the conclusion of their sentence, regardless of the existence of a treatable illness, or lack thereof. Instead, the General Assembly significantly increased sentences for repeat offenders.

Working in tandem with our policy work is MHAMD's comprehensive public education and outreach agenda. Through Mental Health First Aid, we have trained more than 2000 Marylanders to recognize emerging mental health problems and help a person experiencing a mental health crisis. We have forged strategic partnerships with community leaders throughout the State in our efforts to make Mental Health First Aid as common as CPR.

The Harford County Sheriff's Department adopted Mental Health First Aid for all new officers and civilian staff, and Maryland's full network of Administrative Law Judges is being trained in Mental Health First Aid in this spring.

Howard County Memorial Hospital now offers Mental Health First Aid through its wellness promotion program. And, higher education, from Chesapeake College to UMBC, has embraced the program for students, faculty, staff and community partners.

For ninety-five years, MHAMD has worked to improve access to quality care, fight stigma and ensure equal opportunity for children and adults living with mental illness. Renewing your membership helps us achieve these goals and stay focused on our mission. **Please send your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope or join online at [www.mhamd.org](http://www.mhamd.org). Thank you for your continued support.**

Sincerely,

Linda Raines  
Executive Director

Donna Rawlings  
President

p.s. Watch for our Children's Mental Health Matters! Campaign, conducted in partnership with the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, on television, radio, and social media this month. For messages, text KIDS to 45203.



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**Your membership helps us:**

- **Promote Mental Health**
- **Eliminate Stigma**
- **Advocate for Accessible Mental Health Services for all Maryland Citizens**

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**Yes, I want to join/renew my annual membership with MHAMD. Enclosed is my tax-deductible membership donation.**

- Senior/Consumer - \$20.00                       Family - \$50.00  
 Individual - \$30.00                               Organization - \$300.00

Additional Contribution - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my name to MHAMD's statewide Legislative Network

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request by contacting MHAMD at 711 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 460, Baltimore, MD 21211, 410-235-1178. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary for the cost of copying and postage.**