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Mental Health Charities to Receive Grants

31 Charity Members Admitted to \$270 Million Campaign

Salem, MA – Mental Health Addiction and Retardation Organizations of America (MHAROA) announced its 31 national charity members admitted into the CFC's 2009 workplace giving campaign. **MHAROA is the only federation of charities designed to receive and distribute CFC funding specifically to mental health-focused initiatives.**

“In the three years since we began distributing funds to our members we have raised more than \$650,000 in unrestricted funds for them,” commented MHAROA Executive Director Ben Waxman. “Our 31 nationally-focused, mental health charities will reap the rewards of this fall’s CFC.”

Through MHAROA, mental health organizations will be highlighted for federal employees interested in giving to such groups. “MHAROA calls attention to the need for and benefit of giving to mental health organizations including those working on addiction and developmental disability issues,” said Waxman. “Our members are some of the nation’s top charities helping people and organizations address the daily struggles we all face as human beings.” [See MHAROA Member Charity Listing Attached]

The CFC has been operating for more than 40 years and is the only charitable giving program permitted in the federal workplace. Nearly four million federal workers are eligible to donate to CFC certified charities. These employees generously support those organizations they feel strongly about giving a combined total of more than \$270 million each year.

“It is not easy to become an approved CFC charity,” said Waxman. “Each year we review material from scores of organizations before submitting our recommendations to the government,” he noted. “Only those meeting strict criteria benefit from becoming part of the CFC—the world’s most successful workplace giving program.”

The CFC kicks off in September across the US. During the fall, federal employees will have the option of donating to approved charities.

About MHAROA

MHAROA helps qualified mental health-focused charities develop effective fund raising strategies. MHAROA's access to national and state-focused workplace giving campaigns provides organizations with a tangible resource to build program capacity and fund specific initiatives. Our member charities address mental health, addiction and developmental disability issues including: clinical care, education (for professionals and consumers), research, public policy at the national and state-level, and public awareness. MHAROA is a US-based, non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. To find out how to join MHAROA visit us at: www.mhfederation.org. (CFC # 11591)

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MHAROA Members Approved for the 2009 CFC

#	MHAROA Member Name	Website	CFC Designation Code
1	Academy for Eating Disorders	www.aedweb.org	12513
2	Ackerman Institute for the Family	www.ackerman.org	12514
3	Active Minds	www.activemindsoncampus.org	16455
4	American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	www.aacap.org	12515
5	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	www.aaid.org	11224
6	American Friends of Herzog Hospital	www.herzoghospital.org	36114
7	American Music Therapy Association	www.musictherapy.org	11588
8	American Psychiatric Foundation	www.psychfoundation.org	11225
9	Asperger's Association of New England	www.aane.org	12115
10	Attention Deficit Disorder Association	www.add.org	11589
11	Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research	www.beckinstitute.org	11590
12	Betty Ford Center at Eisenhower	www.bettyfordcenter.org	73345
13	Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation	www.bpkids.org	10802
14	Childhood Anxiety Network	www.selectivemutism.org	96786
15	Children's Institute	www.childrensinstitute.org	11226
16	Disaster Psychiatry Outreach	www.disasterpsych.org	12518
17	Family Institute, The	www.family-institute.org	11592
18	Freedom From Fear	www.freedomfromfear.org	12520
19	International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies	www.istss.org	11227
20	Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law	www.bazelon.org	11166
21	Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation	www.bpchildresearch.org	12148

22	National Black Alcoholism & Addictions Council, Inc.	www.nbacinc.org	12145
23	Nat'l Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University	www.casacolumbia.org	12169
24	National Center on Family Homelessness	www.familyhomelessness.org	12519
25	National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare	www.nccbh.org	11231
26	National Families in Action	www.nationalfamilies.org	11594
27	Screening for Mental Health	www.mentalhealthscreening.org	12521
28	Sidran Traumatic Stress Institute	www.sidran.org	11229
29	Suicide Prevention Alliance (Glendon Association)	www.glendon.org	12116
30	Survivors International	www.survivorsintl.org	11230
31	United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	www.uspra.org	13754