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Mental Health Charities to Receive Grants

28 Mental Health Charities Will Reap Rewards of 2007 CFC

Salem, MA – Mental Health Addiction and Retardation Organizations of America (MHAROA) has admitted 28 national charities into the CFC’s 2007 workplace giving campaign. MHAROA, formerly Mental Health Organizations of America (MHOA), is the only federation of charities designed to receive and distribute CFC funding specifically to mental health-focused initiatives.

MHAROA distributed \$150,000 in grants to its 17 charity members based on the 2006 CFC. “We are pleased to have grown significantly in 2007,” commented MHAROA President Ben Waxman. “28 nationally-focused mental health charities will reap the rewards of this fall’s CFC.”

This is the second year 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 \$260 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 be handed a catalogue of approved charities and invited to identify up to five they wish to support. Generally, one-third of the federal workforce elects to donate, mostly through payroll deduction.

About MHAROA

MHAROA helps qualified mental health-focused organizations 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 2007 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	American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	www.aacap.org	12515
4	American Association on Mental Retardation (now American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)	www.aamr.org	11224
5	American Music Therapy Association	www.musictherapy.org	11588
6	American Psychiatric Foundation	www.psychfoundation.org	11225
7	American Psychiatric Nurses Association	www.apna.org	12516
8	Asperger's Association of New England	www.aane.org	12115
9	Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research	www.beckinstitute.org	11590
10	Blanton-Peale Institute	www.blantonpeale.org	12517
11	Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation	www.bpkids.org	10802
12	Disaster Psychiatry Outreach	www.disasterpsych.org	12518
13	Family Institute, The	www.family-institute.org	11592
14	Freedom From Fear	www.freedomfromfear.org	12520
15	International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies	www.istss.org	11227
16	Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law	www.bazelon.org	11166
17	Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation	www.bpchildresearch.org	12148
18	National Black Alcoholism & Addictions Council, Inc.	www.nbacinc.org	12145
19	National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University	www.casacolumbia.org	12169
20	National Center on Family Homelessness	www.familyhomelessness.org	12519
21	National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare	www.nccbh.org	11231
22	National Families in Action	www.nationalfamilies.org	11594
23	Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc.	www.ppal.net	11595
24	Screening for Mental Health	www.mentalhealthscreening.org	12521
25	Sidran Traumatic Stress Institute	www.sidran.org	11229
26	Suicide Prevention Alliance (Glendon Association)	www.glendon.org	12116
27	Survivors International	www.survivorsintl.org	11230
28	Therapeutic Communities of America, Inc.	www.therapeuticcommunitiesofamerica.org	11596