

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES**



# *2021 Virtual Annual Celebration*

**October 20 at 7PM**

For more information, visit [bit.ly/MHAS-2021](https://bit.ly/MHAS-2021).



# ABOUT THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The Annual Celebration is Mental Health Advocacy Services' largest event of the year bringing together attorneys, mental health professionals, advocates, consumers, and supporters to honor those fighting to protect and advance the rights of people with mental health disabilities.

**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm. A streaming link will be provided to all guests a week before the event.**

## — 2021 HONOREES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON —

Each year, MHAS honors 2-3 individuals and/or companies who are making outstanding contributions to the field of mental health advocacy.

**Honorees for the Jim Preis Memorial Award and Advocates Award will be announced in the summer of 2021.**

In 2020, MHAS presented the Jim Preis Memorial Award to Former Congressman and Mental Health Advocate Patrick J. Kennedy and the Advocates Award to Author Esmé Weijun-Wang. MHAS was proud to honor their achievements and contributions to improving the lives of people with mental health disabilities.

# OUR MISSION

Mental Health Advocacy Services is a legal services nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and advance the legal rights of low-income adults and children with mental health disabilities and empower them to assert those rights in order to maximize their autonomy, achieve equity, and secure the resources they need to thrive.

## WHAT WE DO

Our primary areas of service include:

- Public Benefits
- Fair Housing
- Expungement
- Consumer Finance
- Homelessness Prevention

In 2020, MHAS provided **free legal advice and/or representation** to over **3,000 low-income clients** who would have otherwise been unable to afford an attorney.

MHAS also provided more than **100 trainings to over 1,500 attendees**, equipping them with information about mental health disability rights, community resources, and pandemic-related protections and services.

MHAS also participates in **impact litigation and policy advocacy** in an effort to improve the lives of people with mental health disabilities.

## HOW WE DO IT

Recognizing that systemic racism is embedded in all aspects of the civil legal system, MHAS engages in racial justice work every day in its fight to preserve and expand access to health, housing, economic opportunity, and justice for low-income individuals living at the intersection of race and disability.

MHAS further partners with local mental health and health care providers, social workers, and other community-based organizations to provide holistic, client-centered, and trauma-informed legal services.

## CHAMPIONS LIVE HERE

In June 2021, The Los Angeles Super Bowl Host Committee recognized MHAS as one of 56 "unsung hero" nonprofits who are making a transformative impact in underserved communities across Los Angeles.

The award includes a \$10,000 grant and a professionally produced video that will help raise awareness of MHAS' mission.

## WHO WE SERVE

MHAS serves low-income adults and children with mental health disabilities who reside in Los Angeles County.

Of the clients served in the past year:

- 75% identify as people of color,
- 36% lack stable housing, and
- 83% are 18-64 years old.





\*Name changed to protect client's privacy.

## EMPOWERING CLARA



At 21-years-old, Clara is balancing motherhood, mental health disabilities, and several legal battles. She is a survivor of intimate partner violence and is in proceedings with the child welfare system to maintain parental rights of her young children. Clara herself grew up in the same system and is actively working to provide a better and more stable life for herself and her young children.

### WHY CLARA CAME TO MHAS

Clara was referred to MHAS after her landlord:

- **Unlawfully evicted her** while pregnant and during the pandemic,
- Damaged her property,
- Refused to return her security deposit, and
- **Sued her in small claims court** seeking \$800 in unpaid rent from months after the wrongful eviction.

### HELPING CLARA DEFEND HER CASE

Because clients appear in small claims court without an attorney, MHAS helped prepare Clara to defend her case alone. With MHAS' guidance, Clara successfully advocated for herself at the small claims hearing. **The judge ruled that Clara's tenancy rights were entirely violated and went on to award her more than \$725** in damages for her counterclaims.

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR CLARA

MHAS' advocacy empowered Clara and gave her the footing necessary to not only avoid wrongful and abusive debt, but to also begin to rebuild her life with the funds she was awarded. Clara is now connected with a local intimate partner violence organization to continue working toward a safer future for herself, and to one day regain custody of her children.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Low-income people with mental health disabilities are much more likely to succeed in fighting housing discrimination, accessing public benefits, and connecting to other community resources when they have a legal advocate by their side. Your support helps Mental Health Advocacy Services ensure that our clients have the dignity, respect, and quality of life that they deserve.

	IN-KIND DONATION	BRONZE \$2,500	SILVER \$5,000	GOLD \$7,500	PLATINUM \$10,000	EMERALD \$15,000	DIAMOND \$25,000
Tickets	0	8	8	10	10	15	20
Digital Tribute Journal	Half-Page	Half-Page	Full-Page	Full-Page	Full-Page	Full-Page	Full-Page
Website, Newsletter, and Social Media	Name	Name	Name	Logo & Link	Logo & Link	Logo & Link	Logo & Link
Verbal Recognition during the Event	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party Box Logo Placement	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Program Speaking Opportunity	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

## INDIVIDUAL TICKETS & TRIBUTES

- **Full-Page Tribute:** \$1,000 (8"W x 4"H; landscape)
- **Half-Page Tribute:** \$500 (3.9"W x 4"H; portrait)
- **Individual Tickets\*:** \$100 each (Includes personally delivered party box.)

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Wednesday, October 20 | 7PM  
Streaming Link TBA

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## SPONSORSHIP CONFIRMATION FORM

Thank you for supporting MHAS' mission of protecting and advancing the rights of people with mental health disabilities. To confirm your sponsorship, tribute page, and/or individual ticket purchase, submit your payment at [bit.ly/MHAS-2021](https://bit.ly/MHAS-2021) or complete this form and return to:

**Mental Health Advocacy Services, 3255 Wilshire Blvd #902, Los Angeles, CA 90010**

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Refer to page 5 for a complete list of sponsorship benefits including tribute pages and tickets.

### INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL TRIBUTES

- Half-Page Tribute: \$500**  
(3.9"W x 4"H; portrait layout)
- Full-Page Tribute: \$1,000**  
(8"W x 4"H; landscape layout)

### INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

- \_\_\_\_ Individual Tickets x \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Includes personally delivered box.*

### DONATION

- I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Please designate my donation to the Jim Preis Memorial Fund.

**Reminder:** Please send guest lists and tribute artwork to Angie Gil at [agil@mhas-la.org](mailto:agil@mhas-la.org) by 10/07/2021. Artwork should be submitted in PDF or JPEG format.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check enclosed made payable to MHAS.**

**Charge my credit card.**

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS: \_\_\_\_\_