

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES

2022 Annual Celebration

The New Center for Pyschoanalysis

2014 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

October 23 at 3PM





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.

We are currently planning for this year's Annual Celebration to return as an in-person event. To protect our guests' health and wellbeing, MHAS will continue to consult local guidelines leading up to the event. Please note that the time and location are subject to change.

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2014 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Sunday, October 23, 2022

3PM | Registration & Cocktail Hour
4PM | Awards Ceremony

— 2022 HONOREES —

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 2022.

In 2021, MHAS presented the Jim Preis Memorial Award to The Honorable Tony Coelho, primary author and sponsor with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*.

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
- Special Education
- Expungement
- Consumer Finance
- Homelessness Prevention

In 2021, 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 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 included 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.

SASHA'S STORY

Sasha* receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits due to health complications from an immunodeficiency virus and mental illness. To maintain benefits, Sasha and other SSI recipients may not exceed \$2,000 in personal assets.

LOSING BENEFITS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Last year, the Social Security Administration terminated Sasha's benefits alleging that her receipt of federal Economic Impact Payments (also known as stimulus checks) placed her over the \$2,000 resource limit. Sasha was told that not only had her benefits been terminated but that she in fact owed \$10,000 in alleged overpayment.

REFERRAL NETWORK IN ACTION

Sasha's health deteriorated. When Sasha's doctor learned that Sasha hadn't received benefits for six months and was now at risk of homelessness, he immediately referred her to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Medical-Legal Community Partnership.

HOW FREE LEGAL SERVICES HELPED SASHA

Sasha was connected to an MHAS attorney who told her that her SSI benefits should never have been terminated since stimulus checks don't count against the \$2,000 resource limit. As a result of MHAS' advocacy, the Social Security Administration reinstated Sasha's benefits, cancelled the \$10,000 overpayment charge, and agreed to reimburse Sasha for the six months' worth of benefits that she had been improperly denied. For Sasha, SSI is the only safety net program standing between housing stability and homelessness. Sasha can now focus on her health without the imminent threat of eviction or debt.

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	10	10	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
Photo Booth 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 (4"W x 4"H)
- **Individual Tickets:** \$200 each

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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/MHAS2022 or complete this form and return to:

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

SPONSORSHIPS

- Diamond - \$25,000**
- Emerald - \$15,000**
- Platinum - \$10,000**
- Gold - \$7,500**
- Silver - \$5,000**
- Bronze - \$2,500**

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

INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL TRIBUTES

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

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

- _____ Individual Tickets x \$200 = \$ _____

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 by 10/01/2022. Artwork should be submitted in PDF or JPEG format. Contributions in excess of \$50 per ticket are tax-deductible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

COMPANY/FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

- Check enclosed made payable to MHAS.**
- Charge my credit card.**

CARDHOLDER NAME: _____

CARD NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ EXP. DATE: _____ CVV: _____

ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS: _____