

Friend of the Network Application

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City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

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I would like to help in the fight against misunderstanding and discrimination of Mental Health Clients. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation of:

\$100.00 _____ \$75.00 _____ \$50.00 _____

\$20.00 _____ Other _____

I understand that a contribution entitles me to consider myself a "Friend of the CNMHC" and to receive any newsletters published by the organization for the period of one year.

Please make check payable to CNMHC and return forms to 1722 J Street Suite 324 Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments/Suggestions:

Thank You for your interest and support!

In the long struggle to achieve true human dignity and personal empowerment for mental health clients, September 1983 was significant in the history of the United States. It was at this time in Sacramento that a new statewide organization composed of individuals whose lives had been dramatically affected by histories of psychiatric diagnoses and treatment come together in conference to form and build the **CALIFORNIA NETWORK OF MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS**. This was the first mental health client run state organization in the country.

OUR GOALS

To empower clients of the mental health system through self-help groups and networking statewide.

To confront stigmatizing attitudes about mental health clients in the public, the media, the mental health system, and within mental health clients themselves.

To provide a strong voice of, by and for mental health clients; to be heard on all issues concerning clients and public policies affecting them in the government, the media, and the community.

To promote and instill the rights of clients in and out of treatment situations, with special attention to the right to freedom of choice.

To provide every possible reasonable accommodation to enable persons with a psychiatric disability to work; and provide a range of employment opportunities from subsidized pre-vocational training to on the job skills development through to employment comparable to non-disabled individuals in similar positions.