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**Mental Health Association Honors  
Community Service/Volunteers and Announces Annual Meeting**

Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting and will honor its many volunteers and supporters with a Reception and Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, at Middletown Elks Lodge #1097 in Middletown, NY. MHA's Annual meeting will precede the Community Service/Volunteer Reception Recognition Ceremony. MHA will be recognizing and honoring the following individuals, agency and businesses:

**The 2013 Program Volunteers of the Year are:**

Adult Family Support **Dhanu Sannesy & Catha Wieben**

Helpline **Mara Garfinkel**

Eating Disorders Coalition **Karen Pikul**

**The 2013 Program Community Service Award Recipients are:**

All Programs **Fishkill Fencers**

All Programs **Price Chopper Bakery (Warwick)**

Parents Run AMOC (Autism Move-a-Thon of Orange County) **Orange County Sheriff's Department  
&  
SUNY Orange Occupational Therapy  
Assistant Program**

Home-to-Stay **Middletown Humane Society**

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**MHA James A. Lagarde Sr. Volunteer of the Year Award**

**Brandon VanLeeuwen**

MHA's Executive Director, Nadia Allen, spoke of all the volunteers and community services being honored. "MHA Board of Directors, staff and program participants are very grateful to all the award recipients. MHA's mission continues to be fulfilled on a daily basis thanks to their priceless contribution to the individuals we serve. Their selfless and caring volunteerism and community service are vital to our success."

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