

Mental Health America of Greenville County's annual *Call for Compassion* conference seeks to bridge the gap in understanding and responding to the needs of those dealing with mental health problems.

Our 2014 "Opening the Door to Those Who Suffer with Mental Illness and Poverty" theme will highlight ways to understand and nurture those who struggle with poverty related issues who also have a mental illness.

Did you know...

- Individuals struggling with debt and hunger are more likely to have a mental illness
- 40% of individuals who are homeless struggle with mental illness
- 45% of veterans who are homeless have a mental illness

Responding with compassion instead of fear can have a positive impact on the individual's life and their mental health. Join us in promoting positive mental health in your faith community.



Did You Know....

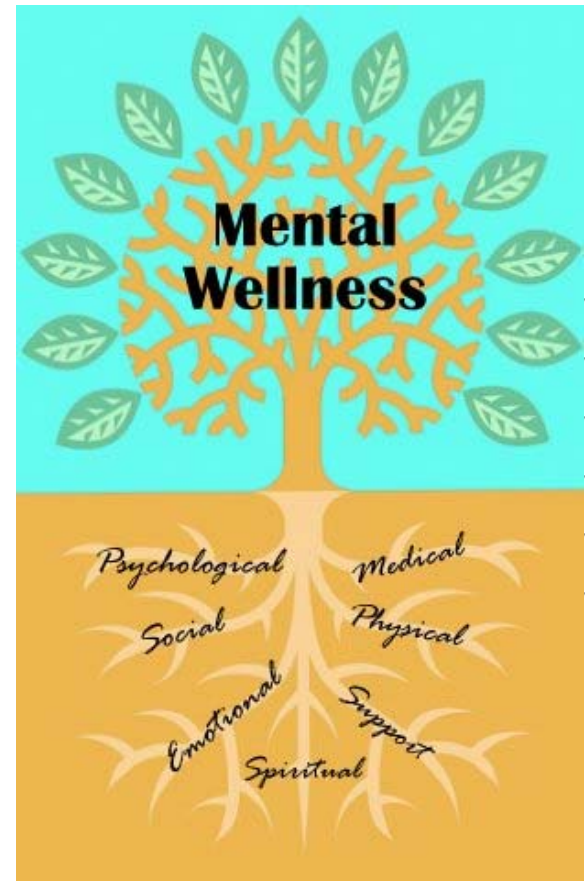
One in four Americans will be directly affected by mental illness this year. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children and friends. They are our neighbors and co-workers. One in four means that mental illness isn't just something that happens to people we don't know. One in four means that whenever four buddies are out golfing, two couples are dining together, or when four singers harmonize, one person in the group is likely to be affected by a diagnosable mental illness. Mental illness doesn't just affect strangers. It affects people we know and love. Mental Health America of Greenville County asks, "Who's your 1 in 4?" Because it's not one in four of them; **it's one in four of US.**



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Call for Compassion

Opening the Door to Those Who Suffer with Mental Illness and Poverty



Thursday, September 11, 2014

John Knox Presbyterian Church

35 Shannon Drive, Greenville SC 29615

8:00 **Registration, Exhibits and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 **Welcome and Devotion**

The Rev. Julie Schaaf
MHAGC Board Member

9:00 **“Crazy for Loving You: Dealing with Mental Illness and Addiction Among The Homeless”**

The Rev. Deb Richardson – Moore
Triune Mercy Center

Learn about ministering to people who live on the streets, most of whom have mental illness and/or substance abuse issues.

9:45 **“Reframing Homelessness”**

Monroe Free
Habitat for Humanity

Increase understanding regarding the stigma associated with individuals who are homeless, struggle with mental illness and are searching for help.

10:30 **Break and Exhibits**

10:45 **“Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Poverty”**

The Rev. Beth Templeton
Author, *Our Eyes Were Opened*

“Loving Our Neighbor” helps participants uncover some of their own ideas about how poverty affects people’s behavior. By highlighting funds of knowledge, how one’s social environment affects decision making, and routine language misunderstandings, the workshop opens the door for thinking about ways to help people who live in poverty.

11:30 **“Substance Abuse and the Family”**

Rich Jones
FAVOR, *Faces and Voices of Recovery*

Explore the impact of substance abuse on the family. Increase understanding of Recovery and how to support the individual and the loved one affected by substance abuse.

12:15 **Lunch provided by Jason’s Deli**

1:00 **“Hope and Healing in Greenville County”**

Monroe Free
Habitat for Humanity, *Moderator*

Learn from individuals whose lives have been changed by community support. Faith Leaders and Mental Health professionals will discuss the tools, resources available in Greenville County and what you can do to promote hope and healing in our community.

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To register, return this form to:

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RSVP by Tuesday September 9, 2014

3 CEU Hours

\$35.00 per person

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