

## Our Volunteer Staff

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## Our Work for 25 Years

The mission of the Michigan Association  
for Suicide Prevention is to:

- Reduce the number of suicides and attempts in the state,
- Support those left behind, and
- Reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide.

We promote education, training, research and community awareness. We also maintain alliances with other state and national organizations, and endorse the implementation of Michigan's suicide prevention plan.

### Why?

- Over 33,000 Americans (including 1,000 in Michigan) kill themselves every year.
- Another estimated 5 million Americans attempt to end their lives but actual numbers may be even higher.
- Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, especially for youth and the elderly.
- Each death by suicide leaves behind an estimated 6-10 survivors, which amounts to up to 330,000 in the U.S. (including 10,000 in Michigan) every year.
- Surviving family and friends not only suffer the trauma of losing a loved one to suicide, but are at higher risk themselves of attempting it and developing other emotional problems.
- Most suicidal people desperately want to live. However, they cannot see alternative solutions to their problems.
- Some suicidal persons show signs of their intentions. However, people may not be aware of the significance of these warnings or how to react to them.

## MASP Membership Application (cont'd)

### *Interests (check all that apply)*

\_\_\_ education

\_\_\_ fundraising

\_\_\_ policy

\_\_\_ diversity

\_\_\_ survivors

\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Annual Dues Levels (choose one)*

\_\_\_ Survivor (\$20)

Lost Who and When? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Individual (\$35)

\_\_\_ Family (\$50)

\_\_\_ Organization (\$150)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please detach this completed application along the fold and mail with payment. Make checks or money orders payable to "MASP". Thank you!***

## MASP Membership Application

*Please complete the bolded portions (at least) on both sides and print clearly.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Department** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone1** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ h / w / cell

**Phone2** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ h / w / cell

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Checked how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Trained in? QPR\_\_ ASIST\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you first learn of MASP?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How far you are willing to travel for activities?** \_\_\_\_\_ miles

(over)

## **Our Name**

We started as the "Michigan Association of Suicidology", the Michigan chapter of the American Association of Suicidology. Then, in 2006, we began doing business as the "Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention" to clearly state our purpose and reflect the membership's interests.

However, this change does not exclude our community of survivors. They have always been a cornerstone of our organization and we will continue to support them as they heal and become powerful advocates of suicide awareness and prevention.

## **Some Benefits of Membership**

- Regular e-mails to alert you of our on-going work and other suicide-related events, locally and nationally.
- Activities designed around your interests and skills.
- Opportunities to work with others in Michigan who genuinely share your commitment to suicide reduction.
- Our organization is an approved non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status (under our old name) so your annual dues are tax deductible. We rely on dues to support our efforts and staff.

**Please join us today!**

## **The Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention**



**Informational Brochure with Membership Application**