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**MHA-NYC to Hold “Where There is Help, There is Hope” Gala Event
On June 6 at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City**

Honoring Longtime Veteran’s Advocate Kenneth Fisher



Honoree Kenneth Fisher

NEW YORK, NY – April 17, 2013 – The Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC) is holding its annual benefit gala on June 6th at Cipriani 42nd Street. The event, “Where There is Help, There is Hope” highlights MHA-NYC’s 50 years of providing people with mental health challenges and their families with the support they need to live productive and healthy lives.

This year’s gala will focus especially on the mental wellbeing of our nation’s veterans and military personnel whose psychological wounds are as painful and debilitating as the physical injuries sustained in war. To serve American veterans, MHA-NYC has partnered with government to provide life-saving programs such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Veterans’ Crisis Line. These lines respond to hundreds of thousands of calls for help each year.

The event also marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of MHA-NYC’s National Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Emotional Wellness Alliance. The Alliance will have a lasting legacy on many thousands of veterans, recreational and professional athletes, their families and others impacted by brain injury by raising awareness of the behavioral health impact of concussions and more severe TBIs.

“MHA’s annual benefit is the largest opportunity each year for our organization to raise needed funds to continue our vital, life-saving work. Whether it is emotional distress associated with TBI, or other traumatic events that can turn life for players, soldiers, and their families on a dime, MHA-NYC’s programs bring help, hope, and the promise of a better future,” said **Giselle Stolper**, President and CEO of MHA-NYC.

The benefit will honor a true philanthropic leader, **Kenneth Fisher**, of Fisher Brothers, and founder of Fisher Houses, a network of 60 "homes away from home" for military families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury.

Ric Clark, Chairman of Brookfield Office Properties and **Bruce Mosler**, Chairman of Global Brokerage, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. will serve as Dinner Chairs. Vice Chairs for "Where There is Help, There is Hope" are: **Frank Branchini**, President and COO of EmblemHealth, Inc., **Scott Cutler**, Executive Vice President and Head of Global Listings at NYSE Euronext, **Kevin J. Danehy**, Executive Chairman, Brookfield Global Relocation Services, Inc., and **Cynthia Zirinsky**, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, New York Gracie Square Hospital.

Learn more about the event and ticket purchases at www.mha-nyc.org/2013gala

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MHA-NYC is a non-profit organization that addresses mental health needs in New York City and across the nation. It is a local organization with national impact and has a three-part mission of services, advocacy and education. For over 40 years, MHA-NYC has identified unmet needs and worked to develop culturally sensitive services and programs to improve lives while promoting the importance of mental wellness. www.mhaofnyc.org