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Is your group interested in becoming a Sponsor
Organization of MindFreedom International (MFI)?

It's really easy, and it can help your group, MFI and the movement.

There are advantages for your group when it is a Sponsor of MindFreedom International, such as having a listing in the MFI directory, web site, and networking with other groups, members, board and the office.

But the main value is that sponsorship builds the unity and strength in numbers of a totally-independent leading coalition in our movement!

MFI's mission statement is a call for working together in unity:

"In a spirit of mutual cooperation, MindFreedom leads a nonviolent revolution of freedom, equality, truth and human rights that unites people affected by the mental health system with movements for justice everywhere."

Note: The official name of the nonprofit as of August 2005 is MindFreedom International. "Support Coalition" is a project of MFI. For clarity please note that the name of our whole organization is now MindFreedom International.

Since its founding meeting of 13 groups in May 1990, MindFreedom International's "Support Coalition" now unites about 100 grassroots organizations who support human rights, empowerment and self-determination in the mental health system. MindFreedom International (MFI) is the first psychiatric survivor organization to have UN accreditation. While MFI itself is led by a majority of psychiatric survivors, sponsor groups do not need to be organizations of psychiatric survivors.

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Win Human Rights in Mental Health

Each sponsor group has one or two liaisons – we call them Spoke or Co-Spoke – on MFI’s Support Coalition International Advisory SpokesCouncil, which advises the MFI board of directors. It helps very much if at least one of your liaisons has a reliable e-mail address.

As well as Sponsors, MFI also has affiliates. An affiliate is a sponsor group from a particular region that uses the name of MindFreedom, such as MindFreedom Ghana or MindFreedom Ireland. If you are interested in affiliation instead of sponsorship, please contact the office for more info. Affiliation requires a simple contract with the board of directors about use of MFI’s name. It is fine if there is both an affiliate and a sponsor group from the same region, because each group can mutually support the other.

Annual dues are 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) of a group’s annual budget or \$35.00, whichever is greater.

The main thing is to be sure to stay actively in touch — everyone in MFI wants the coalition to be more than paper. The intent is a real alliance of real grassroots organizations with real mutual support & empowerment. Given the low resources, staying in touch may take some initiative from members of your group!

Following this is the Sponsor Application Form. Just fill it out and e-mail it, postal mail it or fax it in. If your group may be new and unfamiliar to MFI, you may want to include some info about your group. The board makes final approval of organization requests to become sponsors. Once you are approved as a sponsor group, please be sure to let your members know you are proud of MFI in your web site, e-mail, newsletter, etc.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, just phone, e-mail, mail or fax it in to me. Thanks!

In support,

David Oaks, Director
MindFreedom International

Application for SPONSOR ORGANIZATION IN
MINDFREEDOM INTERNATIONAL's Support Coalition

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – Below is for a public directory -- list any PRIVATE contact information for MFI's database on separate paper, marked private.]

Date: _____

Full Group Name: _____

Short group name, if any (abbreviation, etc.): _____

Spoke name: _____

Co-spoke name (if any): _____

address [optional in public directory]: _____

city: _____ state/province: _____

postal code: _____ country: _____

phone [optional in public directory] :()

fax number (if any): _____

email: _____

website (if any): _____

Above information will be published in public directory. List private info separately.

Annual dues: \$_____ Please bill. Payment enclosed.

Make check or money order to MFI. Or pay by credit card, check one:

VISA Discover American Express Master Card

Credit card number: _____ Expiration: _____

(Or pay using your credit card at www.MindFreedom.org, click on Join/Donate.)

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