

Membership

We are a statewide network working to reduce suicide and to support those left behind. We are also an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your annual dues are tax deductible. We have a website – www.masponweb.org – and a Facebook account.

Our Work for Over 25 Years

- Develop and provide information and education concerning suicide awareness, prevention, intervention and postvention.
- Maintain alliances with state and national organizations dedicated to reducing the number of suicides.
- Develop and endorse the implementation of a statewide suicide prevention plan in accordance with the national strategy on suicide prevention.

Why?

- Over 38,000 Americans (including 1,100 in Michigan) killed themselves in 2010 and this number rises every year.
- Another estimated 456,000 Americans attempted to end their lives in 2010 but actual numbers may be even higher.
- Suicide is a leading cause 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 380,000 in the U.S. (including 11,000 in Michigan) each 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 may not believe that there is a better way to end their pain.
- 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.

Leadership (all volunteers)

- President – Tony M. Lewis
- Vice-President – Penny Corbin
- Treasurer – Mary K. Baukus, MSW, LMSW
- Education Chair - Vanessa Lewis, LMSW
- Membership Chair – Donald J. Davis
- Spiritual Chair - Steve Shelley, Chaplain
- Social Media Manager – Deb Canute
- Webmaster - Ain Boone, Survivor of Suicide Loss

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Membership Application (please complete all bolded portions and print clearly)

2/2015

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Organization (if any): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Org Title: _____</p> <p>Org Department: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: (_____) _____ home / work / cell</p> <p>E-Mail Address: _____</p> <p>Are you on Facebook? _____ yes / no</p> <p>How you did you learn about MASP? _____</p>	<p>Annual Dues (choose one):</p> <p>____ Survivor of Loss (\$20)</p> <p>Who? _____</p> <p>When? _____</p> <p>In Michigan? _____</p> <p>____ Individual (\$35)</p> <p>____ Family (\$50)</p> <p>____ Organization (\$150)</p> <p>Payment Type (choose one):</p> <p>____ Cash (on-site only)</p> <p>____ Check/Money Order (make payable to "MASP")</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>Interests?</p> <p>____ education</p> <p>____ policy</p> <p>____ survivors</p> <p>____ fundraising</p> <p>____ other</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Please complete, detach, and submit with payment to the on-site MASP representative, or mail to: Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention, c/o Mary Baukus, 2220 Mershon St, Saginaw, MI 48602