



# Mental Health Association

*in Orange County, Inc.*

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## **MHA (Mental Health Association in Orange County) Volunteer and Consultant receives the MHANYS (MHA in New York State) 206 Family Advocate of the Year Award**

Stacey Orzell, MHA in Orange County Volunteer and Consultant was recognized with the MHANYS (MHA in New York State) 2016 Family Advocate of the Year Award!

MHA Executive Director Nadia Allen stated "We are thrilled that Stacey was recognized at the New York State level for her many years of staunch advocacy and numerous contributions to countless individuals in the Autism Spectrum and their families".

The award was presented to Stacey by the renowned author and speaker Jesse Saperstein.

The recognition event took place in Albany on October 27, 2016. Present at the event were Stacey's beautiful and talented family members Brian, Jason and Eric, MHA Board Member David Goggins, Autism Move-a-Thon Volunteers Annie Kikel and Nickie Ronsini, MHA Executive Director Nadia Allen, MHA Associate Executive Director Debbie de Jong, MHA Finance/HR Director Maureen Janes, MHA Executive Assistant/Office Manager Carole Lindsell, and MHA Developmental Disabilities Division Manager Janet Eckerson.

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