



The John Kalafat Awards In Applied Community Psychology
The American Psychological Association, Division 27
The Society for Community Research and Action

Dear Friend,

As you know, we lost a beloved friend and colleague with the passing of John Kalafat in October of 2007. John's life work integrated the principles and research of community psychology with their practical applications. John left a rich legacy in the published literature and in the many communities he helped strengthen. To continue his vision, two annual awards have been created in his honor, sponsored by the *Society for Community Research and Action* of the American Psychological Association.

The Community Program Award will honor *programs or initiatives* that demonstrate a positive impact on groups or communities as validated by program evaluation; build foundational bridges between theory, research, and improving the world, and/or demonstrate excellence in integrating training and program development in crisis intervention.

The Practitioner Award will be a monetary stipend to an *individual* who exemplifies John's unique characteristics as mentor, teacher, and advocate, and especially his passion in making the benefits of community psychology accessible to all.

To fund these annual awards we have created a Trust with the goal of raising \$30,000. We hope that you would consider a donation to this fund to honor John and to continue his work. Your contribution is tax deductible, and can be made payable to SCRA (The Society for Community Research and Action). Write "Kalafat Award" in memo line. Mail to: SCRA, 16 Sconticut Neck Rd. #290, Fairhaven, MA 02719. You will receive your tax deduction acknowledgment from SCRA.

John was the Coordinator of the Community Psychology Concentration at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology of Rutgers University. His gifts at bringing diverse people together led to the creation of a consensual definition of the field, and it is his vision of community psychology that is the context for these awards:

"By integrating research with action, Community Psychology seeks to understand and enhance the quality of life of individuals, communities, and societies. Community Psychology approaches are characterized by collaboration with stakeholders, interventions that focus on problem prevention and/or wellness promotion, ecological and systems levels of analysis and action, an outreach versus waiting orientation, and a commitment to the empowerment of underserved communities."

To learn more, email kalafataward@scra27.org or go to www.johnkalafat.com

John Kalafat was a Fellow of the Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27 of APA). He received his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, where he was Bernard Bloom's first Community Psychology student. Among his areas of specialization were youth suicide prevention, training and evaluation of crisis hotlines, and evaluation of community based prevention and intervention programs. He is a Past President of the American Association of Suicidology, a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, member of the Certification & Training Subcommittee, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network, and Member of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Evaluation Steering Committee. He is co-author of *Lifelines*, a nationally disseminated evidence-based youth suicide prevention program. His evaluations of prevention and intervention programs have included a statewide school based peer-led substance abuse and teen pregnancy prevention program, state-wide community-school coalitions for Coping With Sudden Loss in the Schools, and a statewide system of school-based Family Resource Centers to address barriers to student readiness to learn.