



# VIRGINIA BLEND MEMORIAL AWARD

**I nominate:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how the person or organization you are nominating has made an outstanding contribution to the field of mental health and why they deserve this award.  
Please attach additional sheets.

Virginia H. Blend (1914-1981) was a cofounder of the Cascade County Mental Health Association in 1974 and was a community/state leader in mental health. When she passed away in 1981, a memorial award was created and given out since 1983.

Past recipients include Ron Swenson, County Extension Homemakers, MT Deaconess Medical Center Psych Unit, Golden Triangle Mental Health Center, Claire Del Guerra, Joan-Nell Macfadden, Andree Delegdisch, Jim Gamell, High Plains Day Treatment, Eleanor Yurkovich, Mike McLaughlin PhD, Ken Kleven, Robert Lelievre, George Sorenson, Jim Corrigan, Joan Trost, Richard Terra, Dick Boutilier, Cindy Dolan, Joelene Goodover, Rich Kuka, Eric Burger, Stormy Knight, the Ursuline Centre, Rev. Jim Petersen, Heidi Gibson, Mary Ann Cosgrove, Jim Day, and Angela Meyer. Patricia Calkin, Great Falls Police and Sheriffs Crisis Response Teams

I personally attest the information I have provided is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* *Print Name* *Date*

(406) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Contact Phone Number* *Email*

Please remember this award is a **\*SECRET\*** to the person being nominated. If chosen, we will arrange for the person to attend our MHAGF Annual Meeting Banquet in Jan /Feb  
**\*\*Please list contact information of friends/family who should be invited to the banquet.\*\***

**Please return this form by January 1st to:**

MHAGF Nominations Chairperson  
2719 Huckleberry Drive  
Great Falls, MT 59404

Questions: (406) 727-7831