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TCMHS Annual Meeting Scheduled for October 18
Awards, 60th Anniversary, Veterans' Issues will be Featured

LEWISTON, MAINE – Tri-County Mental Health Services will observe 60 Years of giving hope at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. The Keynote speaker will be **Charlie Clements, MD, Executive Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights at the Harvard Kennedy School, on the topic of Veteran's Issues and Mental Health.** Charlie is a public health physician and human rights activist. He's the author of *Witness to War* (Bantam, 1984), which became an Academy-Award winning documentary film. Tri-County is featuring Clements and his story as part of its efforts to increase awareness of the effects of post traumatic stress disorder and the latest available treatments.

The evening also features dinner, presentation of the **Giving Voice and Inspiration Awards** for efforts on behalf of people with mental illness, and a **silent auction** to support services. Tickets are \$30 per person. Sponsorships are available, and donations to the silent auction are welcome. Please call 783-9141 for information or visit www.tcmhs.org.

Tri-County Mental Health Services is Maine's most comprehensive agency dealing with the psychological and social well-being of children, adults, and elders, serving more than 11,000 people each year. This year the agency marks its 60th year of providing innovative programs and services addressing mental health, substance abuse, mental retardation/developmental disabilities, autism, and more. Its philosophy of building toward recovery and sensitivity to traumatic experiences of consumers gives hope to individuals, families, and communities in Androscoggin, Northern Cumberland, Franklin, Oxford and York counties. For more information, visit www.tcmhs.org or call the referral line at 1-888-304-HOPE(4673).

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