



**NIAGARA FALLS**  
**Memorial Medical Center**  
*Niagara's Premier Health Network*

September 12, 2015

Dear Friend:

The numbers are startling.

- Nearly one of every five adults in the United States – 43.76 million – experiences mental illness in a given year.
- One in 25 individuals – 13.6 million – experiences a serious mental illness in a given year that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

Community Missions of Niagara Frontier and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, along with organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness, work hard to fight stigma, educate the public and advocate for equal care. At the same time, we work every day to provide that care to people in need of mental health services. We know raising community awareness and encouraging people who need those services to seek them can make a big difference.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 3:30 p.m., Community Missions and Memorial Medical Center will sponsor Niagara's 6th annual Interfaith Community Prayer Service for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. The service will be held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 822 Cleveland Ave., Niagara Falls.

Please join us for this observance.

Faith leaders from diverse faith traditions will join mental health consumers, their families and community members to seek sacred guidance and help in replacing misinformation, blame, fear and prejudice with truth and love in order to offer hope to all who are touched by mental illness.

Refreshments will be served following the service. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn A. Krueger".

Robyn Krueger, Executive Director  
Community Missions, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph A. Ruffolo".

Joseph A. Ruffolo, President & CEO  
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

Resources for promoting the service can be found at [www.communitymissions.org/community-prayer-service](http://www.communitymissions.org/community-prayer-service).