



LOVE Laughter Listening

The Turn a Frown Around Foundation, Inc.
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Praise for TAFFA:

"Mental-health advocates recognize the foundation as one of the most effective in bringing comfort to hundreds of people with mental illness." - *Holiday blues can snowball Published in Bergen Record, Hackensack, NJ*

"We must recognize that while medication, treatment and services are all vital components of wellness and recovery, emotional support, joy and self worth are also essential" - *Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer of New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies Inc.*

"The clients and staff have been—talking about how inspirational you were. It was amazing to look around the room and see how you—spread joy and hope to all."

- *L. Friedman, SERV Centers of NJ*

"The foundation has helped me in a great way and I feel that they can be of great help to many people...Through Drew's support and—contact...I found the will to go on."

- *C., Wheelchair-dependent MSW*

"We feel that your organization will be an effective tool in helping bring relief, awareness, hope and dignity to the realm of mental illness" - *Karen Lore, LCSW, Supervisor of Human Services, Town of Bloomfield*

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"The greatest poverty of all is not being loved."
Mother Teresa



What is TAFE?

"A friendly look, a kindly smile, one good act, and life's worthwhile."

Author Unknown

The Turn A Frown Around Foundation, or TAFE, is a non-profit with a mission to assist those living with psychiatric and physical disabilities who have lost hope—or feel isolated and friendless, by linking them with a "forever friend" network. TAFE reaches out to isolated individuals to help them attain a sense of hope and well-being through the affirmation and recognition of caring others.

A staggering 50% of nursing home residents and 75% of mental hospital patients will die without a friend. TAFE aims to change those statistics by bringing love, laughter and a listening ear to the lonely and isolated in nursing homes, mental hospitals, children's homes, etc.



What does TAFE do?

Led by "motivational and inspirational comic and clown" Drew Horn, TAFE activities include:

- stand-up comedy
- skits
- songs
- performances that showcase the talents of volunteers
- personal visits
- phone calls
- emails

Volunteers are people with and without mental illness. As they visit people across the state volunteers build a sense of purpose and value for themselves, as well as the people they visit. Often, those visited become volunteer visitors themselves.

How you can help:

Volunteer: Become a volunteer and bring the message of hope and encouragement to those in need. Whether you like to perform, give hugs, or handle administrative tasks, all volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Make a Donation: TAFE services are provided through generous contributions from people like you.

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How to contact TAFE:

To request a visit from volunteers of TAFE, to become a volunteer, or to make a donation:

Website: www.turnafrownaround.org

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The TAFE story:

After three failed businesses, two failed marriages and two failed suicide attempts, laughter saved Drew Horn's life and now he is trying to bring the same salvation to others. Drew is a self-proclaimed "motivational, inspirational comic and clown." In order to keep a promise to his daughter that he would never attempt suicide again, Drew began to pursue comedy and it gave him a reason to get up each morning. Eventually, Drew realized he wanted to do more than entertain – he wanted to teach others about "his people" – individuals isolated either by living in an institution or by their disabilities.

TAFE was founded in 2001 by Drew and Dr. Gregory Ervin, a pharmacologist with a PhD in neurobiology. Both men have a passion to help disabled people become empowered and realize they can take charge of their lives.

"So much of what is involved is simply love," says Gregory. "People with severe problems are unable to love themselves... and people around them are unable to love them enough. Our vision is this can change. We can help bring the love and promote healing."

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You can make a difference