

NBHO**F** **IN YOUR CORNER**®

NATIONAL BOXING HALL OF FAME MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

In a world of hurt and misunderstanding of people suffering from mental illness, the NBHOF is developing an alliance of resources that are trustworthy and well established by way of our website - In Your Corner NBHOF. Our goal is to help others by linking “understanding the misunderstood” victims suffering from mental illness.

National Boxing Hall of Fame has encountered a wonderful inspirational advocate of mental health awareness, an Artistic Savant - Stephen Carnegie. His story of suffering with mental illness will be featured on our new website to help inspire others and bring awareness of how to conquer mental illness and enjoy the beauty of everyday living.

Our goal is to acquire the well established mental health organizations and out reach programs for our boxing community and families seeking help.

Stephen is officially recognized as a rare prodigious savant by a renowned Psychiatrist Darold Treffert of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Stephen is known for his extraordinary artwork in the sport of boxing since the 80's. For those who have known Stephen in the sport of boxing, its been 35 years since he has painted and now Stephen has expressed his desire to put his paintbrush to canvas again!

Stephen has introduced NBHOF to a wonderful advocate, Sgt. Jodie Sampson who saved Stephen's life. Sgt. Sampson is extraordinary in her developing the Salt Lake Metro Police Mental Health Unit. Articles and links will be featured on our website to connect the inside awareness of mental health by Sgt. Sampson.

It is with deep appreciation of Stephen Carnegie's inspiration and help in developing In Your Corner and Sgt. Jodie Sampson's support for Mental Health Alliance.

The Artist, The Rain Man.....

A fascinating story of two great men who were “almost abandoned” from society, one due to the stigma of mental illness and the other due to a handicap. Because someone cared and recognized their suffering, two geniuses appeared unleashing their talents into a world of confusion.

Stephen Carnegie and Kim Peek have inspired thousands of people to look deep into the minds of those diagnosed with mental illness and to understand their suffering. Their friendship and common ground evolved into helping others understand mental illness. The artistic savant, Stephen Carnegie and the mega savant, Kim Peek, the “real Rain Man” is stunning and a true gift to society. A renowned psychiatrist of Wisconsin Medical Society, Dr. Treffert “there are less than 100 known Savants”.

In Your Corner will feature Stephen Carnegie’s journey from isolation to a new life of recognizing his own gift as a Savant and to give new light on mental illness to help others to understand the misunderstood.



Stephen Carnegie with friend Kim Peek. Kim is the famous mega savant who was the inspiration for Barry Morrow’s Oscar Winning Film Rain Man



Sgt. Jodie Sampson
Salt Lake Police Mental Health Unit

.....and the Hero,

Sgt. Jodie Sampson, 29+ years as a Police Officer was called to a “fabricated story” by Stephen’s brother claiming Stephen was threatening the hospital because he couldn’t visit his dying mother. Sgt. Sampson intuition suspected the untold truth of what was the real issue....family inheritance and control. As the facts unraveled, the expertise of Sgt. Sampson’s genuine caring nature, rescued Stephen and took him to see his dying mother. Jim Sterzer, business manager, was also instrumental in Stephens rescue.

Sgt. Jodie Sampson was not only pro active in helping Stephen physically to acquire Drs, housing and more, but she recognized the hurt and misunderstanding of Stephen’s life. Common sense and a loving heart, her maternal instinct and everyday life’s experience in law enforcement saved Stephen’s life. To this day, Stephen calls Sgt. Jodie Sampson his hero and that she gave him a new perspective on life. It was her kindness and respect that was a lifesaving gesture and that he has a gift and that life is worth living. As Jodie states in her story, “I know that I made a difference in Stephen’s life, but what Stephen doesn’t understand, is the difference that he made mine.”