

2-15-12 Farewell to Carole Ann Glover:

Debra Lavergne, friend and board member of Meaningful Minds of LA wrote:

"Carole,

To my beloved Sister from another Mother :) I am so going to miss that awesome smile, that great hearty laugh and that passionate willful spirit. So Beautiful inside and out!!! Girl.....we had us some Good times and Great Laughs together Amen? :-)
I will treasure those days "Always and Forever". And as much as my heart is breaking and tears are streaming down my face, I know in my heart that you are HOME and you are finally at peace and finally getting the much needed rest you didn't allow yourself to have here. I know your spirit was so willing, but your physical "heart" could just not keep up with you! You were definitely a force of nature :-)
We got your back down here my life long friend and ALL the hard work you've done will not go by the wayside. You had your house in order (Jennifer told me that) :-) and your legacy with MMLA will continue on and I will try my best to assist to carry on what you worked so diligently to build.

I will also ask to make sure Dan Fisher shares your legacy and lets all the National Mental Health Leaders know of your passing. I am so honored to have worked side by side with you and been a part of those foundational years of MMLA. And It will give me great peace and pride knowing that I have my very special sister angel (with Flava) :-) watching over me and I will try not to let you down.

How I do I say Good Bye????I can't and I won't, as I will carry you in heart until we meet again. And then watch out as there will be some Big Time Dancin and Celebratin going on!!!

How exciting that will be with your FULL VOICE and Eyesight and no more cane
WOO HOO!!

Mags said she hopes you're up there keeping Daily Dupree' and David Romprey in line. :-)

Just know I will be down here and doing what we did best..... advocate, educate and Holding the Hope for others till they find their own again. You always kept me grounded Carole Ann and you were always so wise and patient with me which was by no means an easy task! :-) I will always remember "our" special chill out word when I could get a little too passionate during our advocacy meetings, conferences, board meetings etc. and you Always had my back as I yours. Now its making more sense to me why you asked me to come back to serve again on the Meaningful Minds Executive Board. I will do my best to help them any way that I can.

You will be sorely missed, by so many people and peers. Carole you touched so many lives and you served your peers so selflessly. You were such a role model and

advocate and you successfully modeled Recovery everyday. You had so many physical health challenges, your visual impairment, your voice, your heart in addition, to the mental health challenges we shared. But each day when most people would have given up, you persevered!! And most of the times (not always) with a big ole smile. As it was your belief and strong faith that was your Rock! I truly feel you had a uncanny God gift of discernment. And You were definitely a Don't tell me No kinda gal!!! I think that's why we worked so hard and played so well together LOL!! :-)

Lastly, I know that I know we will meet up again, so save a place for me as this world is not my Home.

and I've never been more Homesick than now. (Believers know what I talkin about). I am so, so happy we were apart of each others lives these past 9 years. And so honored to call you my friend, my colleague and my Sister in Christ.

Love you Carole Ann
Farewell for now my sister friend”

Margaret Mitchell, a friend and colleague wrote of Carole:

"It is with great sadness that I announce that Carole Glover has passed on February 13, 2012 after a brief illness. For those of you who may have not known Carole personally or may have not been aware of her accomplishments; she has tirelessly served the state of Louisiana for the past 20 plus years as a behavioral health advocate, including the last 4 as the Executive Director of Meaningful Minds of Louisiana, the statewide consumer organization. Beginning with her work with The Extra Mile, Region IV, then as Consumer Liaison and culminating with her role as a volunteer Executive Director with Meaningful Minds; she has always served as a voice for peers in Louisiana and advocated for individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis so that they could have a better quality of life and achieve goals and dreams they set out for themselves. This was especially evident in her final days, when one of her last questions of me was inquiring about the future of Meaningful Minds of Louisiana. She wanted to know that there was hope for the organization and for peers in Louisiana long term. So as we reflect on Carole's life and her invaluable contributions to Louisiana, I encourage us all to honor her memory by instilling hope in peers across Louisiana that recovery is a real and attainable goal."

Dan Fisher wrote:

"I was taken by Carole's energy, determination, and courage from the moment I met her in the wake of the hurricane Katrina six years ago. I had brought a group of persons in recovery to Louisiana to teach peer support and to help with the after effects of the hurricane. The late David Romprey, Beth Filson, and Laverne Miller worked with the budding statewide group Meaningful Minds of LA. Carole, Debra Lavergne, Daily Dupre, and Denver Nobles were among the local leaders who

stepped forward and enabled us out-of-staters to carry out two-days of training of peers at 3 locations. Carol and her gang taught us so much about community building. We would have lunch and after 45 minutes say we had to get back to the training and she would say, stay a little longer, the eating together is as important as the formal training. In the evenings we trainers wanted to go to our rooms, but no. Carol and the rest would insist we hear some real Cajun music and eat another big crawfish meal. You know what, they were right. They won our hearts and I and all the trainers I believe have a very warm spot in our hearts for Carole and her gang. Carole, you will always be with me and my family. We love you and miss you very much."