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# NAMI Maryland Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Public Safety Grant

## Grant to support education and training programs

**Columbia, MD – December 3, 2013:** NAMI Maryland today announced it has received \$8, 680 as part of the Motorola Solutions Foundation's Public Safety and Security Institute. The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions Inc. Through the grant, NAMI Maryland was able to provide valuable hands-on skills training to first responders and corrections officers from across Maryland that will increase their capacity to respond effectively to individuals with mental illness.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation's Public Safety Grants aim to support safety education and training programs for first responders, their families and the general public in the United States and Canada.

"We are grateful to Motorola Solutions for this grant. This will help fund vital training for criminal justice and emergency responders that are often the first to respond to crises involving individuals with mental illness," said Kate Farinholt, Executive Director of NAMI Maryland.

"Motorola Solutions is dedicated to helping people be their best in the moments that matter," said Matt Blakely, director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. "Motorola Solutions Foundation aligns itself with this mission by supporting programs like NAMI Maryland that train people how to respond to potential safety problems. We are proud to see these valuable programs make a positive impact in the communities where we live and work.

Through the Public Safety and Security Institute, the Motorola Solutions Foundation serves as an investor, convener and supporter of issues that affect the public safety of communities worldwide, providing leadership in the sector to drive innovation and grow and engage the network of those interested in these issues.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation provides grants around the world with an emphasis on programming in communities where Motorola Solutions has a significant presence. For 84 years, Motorola has worked side-by-side with law enforcement to develop the solutions that support its mission. Since 2007, the foundation has provided over \$25M in grants to public safety organizations in the U.S and Canada.

### **About NAMI Maryland**

NAMI Maryland is a grassroots organization dedicated to education, support and advocacy for persons with mental illnesses, their families and the wider community. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with mental illnesses and their families. For more information go to www.namimd.org or call 1.877.878.2371.

### **About Motorola Solutions Foundation**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit www.motorolasolutions.com/giving.