

WELCOME TO HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The establishment of *Health and Human Rights* corresponds with the recognition of new dimensions in the fields of human rights and health: workers in both disciplines have begun to see that their goals are complementary; that they face common obstacles; that human rights violations translate directly into morbidity and mortality at the individual and group level; and that with planning and cooperation, health and human rights professionals can more effectively advance toward their mutual objectives.

This new journal aspires to facilitate that dialogue with articles that explore and document relationships between the two fields. *Health and Human Rights* will disseminate the observations of health and human rights workers who have collaborated to bring about positive change, will help researchers to communicate their insights and accomplishments, and will provide a forum for the exploration of health and human rights work.

Human rights and health represent global, as well as personal, community and national issues. Therefore, we have made it an important part of our mission to encourage genuine and active international participation in the investigation of the relationship between health and human rights in all parts of the world. If you have been working at the intersection of health and human rights, we are anxious to hear from you and your colleagues who are publishing research articles, reviewing books and writing commentary in this area.

This commitment to participation is also demonstrated in our distribution policy: we have developed a list of health and human rights experts and advocates from developing countries who will receive the journal without charge. Half of our first mailing will go to individuals in developing countries who will be invited to continue receiving the journal free of charge.

Individuals in industrialized countries are invited to help underwrite the cost of this effort to broaden the impact of the journal by subscribing to *Health and Human Rights* at the Sponsorship rate of \$48. As our circulation grows, we will be able to

increase the number of journal recipients in developing countries.

Health and Human Rights represents a kind of estuary, where two great forces meet. It's a fertile confluence, filled with life, hope and the potential for great rewards; yet at times the waters are turbulent and treacherous. Seeking to navigate and map them is our goal, and I'm glad to say that we are on our way to doing just that.

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