



## About Citizens Commission on Human Rights

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) was established in 1969 by the Church of Scientology to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights and to clean up the field of mental healing. Its cofounder is Dr. Thomas Szasz, Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse. Today it has a network of hundreds of chapters in over thirty countries. Its board of advisors, called Commissioners, includes doctors, lawyers, educators, artists, businesspersons, and civil and human rights representatives.

CCHR's work aligns with the UN *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, in particular the following precepts:

- Article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person,"
- Article 5: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,"
- Article 7: "All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law."

CCHR has inspired many hundreds of reforms by testifying before legislative hearings and conducting public hearings into psychiatric abuse, as well as working with media, law enforcement and public officials the world over.

### Mission Statement

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights investigates and exposes psychiatric violations of human rights. It works shoulder to shoulder with like-minded groups and individuals who share a common purpose to clean up the field of mental health. We shall continue to do so until psychiatry's abusive and coercive practices cease and human rights and dignity are returned to all.