



# DOROTHEA DIX AWARD

## CRITERIA

**The Dorothea Dix Award was established by the State of Maine Legislature in 2005 to honor Dorothea Dix, a woman who championed the rights of the mentally ill in the mid 1800's. She fought for humane treatment of the mentally ill in prisons and had a direct hand in founding 32 mental institutions in the United States.**

### **Award criteria:**

- ❖ The recipient will be a person or group with direct long-standing ties with Maine.**
- ❖ The recipient will have outstanding achievement in promoting recovery and/or improving the quality of life of people living with mental illness or mental disabilities.**