NAMI NJ Annual Leadership Meeting and Awards Luncheon
Saturday, June 9, 2018

THE SYLVIA AXELROD AWARD

Mark Perrin, MD
Former President, NAMI NJ Board of Trustees

Ellen Grassman
Former 1st Vice President, NAMI NJ Board of Trustees

SPECIAL BOARD TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

Dale Ofei-Ayisi, MA, LCS
Former NAMI NJ Board Trustee

SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION

Philip Lubitz
Associate Director, NAMI NJ

NAMI NJ RECOGNITION AWARDS

NAMI NJ Spirit Award
Francine Turner
Melanie Yu, MA

NAMI NJ Young Leader Award
Ryan Berman

NAMI NJ Media Award
New Jersey 101.5
“Mental Health in New Jersey”
(Accepted by Dino Flammia)
PROVIDER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Julie Drew, LCSW
Chief Operating Officer, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health

Steve Silverstein, PhD
Executive Director, Division of Schizophrenia Research, Rutgers-UBHC

Shelly J. Thoms, MSW, LSW
Program Supervisor, IFSS-Middlesex, Rutgers-UBHC

AFFILIATE AWARDS

Affiliate Advocacy Award
Darlema Bey

Affiliate Leadership Award
Anna Guida

Affiliate Support Award
Dominga Gornell

PROGRAM AWARDS

NAMI Family-to-Family Education
Jeri Doherty
Gary Tucker
Marie Fuchida
Winifred Chain
Rachel Stetser
Adrienne Friedman
Pam Garanger
Steve Williams
Katie Satava
NAMI Connection
Bob Cubby

NAMI In Our Own Voice
Shanee Frazier
Tammy Smith

AACT-NOW
Melanece Walker

CAMHOP
Jane Liang & Cheng-Chung Liang

NAMI NJ En ESPANOL
Maria Elena Espinoza
Isora C. Bosch, EdD, LCSW

SAMHAJ
Ekta Gupta

DARA AXELROD EXPRESSIVE ARTS POETRY CONTEST AWARDS

1st Place: My victory song by Megha Sood
2nd Place: More Than Words by Laurie Goldman
3rd Place: Symphony by Maria del Carmen Rodriguez
   4th Place: Freedom by Brenda Vaughn
   5th Place: My Song (1) by Kelly Brennan
   6th Place: Cosmic Masterpiece by Sacha Batra
   7th Place: My Freedom Songs by Nicole Spector
   8th Place: “notes of silence” by Deesha Arabatti
   9th Place: Flirting with Suicide by Edward W. Fashole-Luke
   10th Place: My song (2) by Jaime Chaifetz
2018 NAMIWALKS NJ AWARDS

**Top 10 Teams**
1. NAMI Gloucester County
2. Sam’s Warriors
3. 12,673-1
4. Carter Crew
5. NAMI Sussex
6. NAMI Union County
7. NAMI FACE ROCKERS
8. NAMI Greater Monmouth
9. Team Warren County
10. NAMI Essex/Passaic

**Top 10 Individual Fundraisers**
1. Francine Turner
2. Ryan Berman
3. James Wiegand
4. Brenda Hahn
5. Annie Glynn
6. Stephanie O’Brien
7. Maggie Luo
8. Janice Depatria
9. Jennifer Pellecchia
10. Judi Fiederer

**Outstanding Walk Volunteers**
Judi Fiederer
Teresa Grolly
Donna Hairston
Amanda Peraino
Michael Roche
Melanie Yu, MA