2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY
Celebrating 35th Anniversary
July 18, 2020

GOVERNOR RICHARD J. CODEY MENTAL HEALTH
CHAMPION AWARD
This award recognizes a leader and advocate who has fought tirelessly to bring issues surrounding mental illness to the forefront, and demanded respectful services for people with lived experience of mental illness.

Sherman T. Brewer, Jr., Esq
NAMI NJ Trustee, Public Policy Committee Member

THE SYLVIA AXELROD AWARD
This award recognizes an advocate for providing tireless service to those affected by mental illness - not only in depth of commitment, but in length of years committed to the cause.

Gail Dembin
Former NAMI Atlantic/Cape May President
NAMI Family-to-Family State Trainer

NAMI NJ ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

NAMI NJ YOUTH LEADER AWARD
This award recognizes a young adult who goes above and beyond in the efforts to overcome stigma and provide hope and healing to those affected by mental illness.

Madison Stiles
Royal International Miss New Jersey Jr. Teen

NAMI NJ SPIRIT AWARD
This award recognizes an individual who embodies the spirit of NAMI NJ: volunteering, inspiring, helpful and hopeful.

Winifred & Bob Chain
NAMI Burlington Board Members, Past AACT-NOW Peer Engagement Specialist
NAMI NJ MEDIA AWARD
This award recognizes a media communications professional for their exemplary efforts in raising mental health awareness in New Jersey and their contributions to improving the lives of people affected by mental health conditions.

Jennifer Amato
Managing Editor, Newspaper Media Group

NAMI NJ EXPRESSION ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award recognizes a leader in the movement of using expressive arts to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness.

Jacquese Armstrong
NAMI NJ Dara Axelrod Expressive Arts Coordinator

NAMI NJ INTERN OF THE YEAR AWARD
This award recognizes a NAMI NJ intern who demonstrates leadership, passion, and dedication to our overall mission, and who shows continued commitment and service to the NAMI NJ members and community.

Samantha Zelnock
NAMI NJ 2019 Intern

NAMI NJ DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD
This award recognizes an affiliate or an individual who demonstrates a commitment to diversity and inclusion. One that has shown exemplary efforts in engaging minority communities in programming, services, and in team recruitment.

Maggie Luo
NAMI NJ Associate Director of Communications and Technology, CAMHOP Coordinator

NAMI NJ SIGNATURE PROGRAM RECOGNITION AWARDS
This award category recognizes NAMI signature program leaders who have shown exemplary commitment and skills in serving communities through the evidence-based programs.

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY AWARDS
Adrienne Friedman
NAMI Middlesex

Nancy Grimaldi
NAMI Sussex
NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP AWARDS

Dominga Gornell
NAMI Warren County

Patricia Klint
NAMI Burlington County

NAMI IN OUR OWN VOICE AWARDS

Amanda Buchner
NAMI Mercer

Tarrin Morgan II
AACT-NOW

NAMI CONNECTION AWARDS

Elena Kravitz
NAMI NJ

Patrick Mellin
NAMI Somerset

NAMI SMARTS TEAM AWARD

Abbie Katz, Alex Zang, Arnold Hyndman, Dominga Gornell, Jayne Dempsky, Juliet Hyndman, Marc Hurvitz

NAMI NJ AFFILIATE AWARDS

AFFILIATE SUPPORT AWARD

This award recognizes an affiliate member who demonstrates empathy, passion, and dedication to supporting those families and individuals affected by mental illness - not only within the organization, but also in their local community and beyond.

Elaine Fehrenbach
NAMI Warren County President
AFFILIATE ADVOCACY AWARD
This award recognizes an affiliate member for excellence in advocating on behalf of those affected by mental illness in New Jersey.

Arnold Hyndman
NAMI Warren County, Public Policy Committee Member

AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award recognizes an affiliate leader who demonstrates their dedication, inspiration, and who has made an impact on furthering NAMI NJ’s mission and community service.

Vicki Harvey & Maureen Donais
NAMI Salem County
Lara Zucker
NAMI Greater Bergen President

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM RECOGNITION AWARDS
This award category recognizes multicultural program volunteer leaders who have shown exemplary commitment and passion in serving New Jersey’s diverse communities.

AACT-NOW RECOGNITION AWARDS
Donna Williams
Regional Coordinator, NAMI Family Support Group Facilitator
Tiffany Mayers
NAMI Family Support Group Facilitator

CAMHOP RECOGNITION AWARDS
Victor Chou
NAMI Connection Facilitator
Yin Y. Lam, M.Ed., M.S.
NAMI Family Support Group Facilitator, Phone Support Specialist, Regional Coordinator

NAMI NJ EN ESPAÑOL RECOGNITION AWARDS
Jasmin Perez
NAMI Family-to-Family Teacher, Long Time Volunteer
Viviana De los Angeles
NAMI In Our Own Voice Speaker, NAMI Connection Facilitator

**SAMHAJ RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Phil Koshy
NAMI Family Support Group Facilitator, NAMI Connection Facilitator (North Jersey/Online)

Yasmin Halim
NAMI Connection Facilitator (Central Jersey)

**DARA AXELROD EXPRESSIVE ARTS MENTAL HEALTH POETRY CONTEST AWARDS**

1st Place: My Survival Story by Megha Sood
2nd Place: Untitled by Jennifer McGraw
3rd Place: Silence by Michelle Belfiore
4th Place: Hello my name is: Resilience by Edward Ballo
5th Place: Metamorphosis by Karen Jung
6th Place: Visibility by Cooper Kidd
7th Place: Cosmic Revelation by Sacha Batra
8th Place: D.I.D by Jodie Intilli
9th Place: Signs by Aparajit Sriram
10th Place: The good the bad and the mental illness by Shelley Pickles

**2020 NAMIWALKS NJ RECOGNITIONS**

**TOP FUNDRAISERS**

**Platinum Club ($7K +)**
NAMI Gloucester County, NAMI Burlington County

**Gold Club ($5K - $7K)**
NAMI Sussex, CAMHOP, NAMI Atlantic/Cape May, NAMI Union

**Silver Club ($3K - $5K)**
NAMI Greater Monmouth, SJ AACT-NOW, Corey Wiegand 12,673-1, NAMI Hunterdon, NAMI Warren County, Bergen Connection
TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS

**Platinum**
Francine Turner

**Gold**
Winifred Chain

**Silver**
Marijo Paulus, Brenda Pauwels, Sudhir Jain, Susan Eisenhauer, Maggie Luo

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East Orange General Hospital

NAMI NJ STAFF RECOGNITION

LONG-TERM SERVICE TO NAMI NJ

Celina Sanchez
Executive Assistant | With NAMI NJ: 1996-2020

QUARANTINE SUPERSTARS

This special award recognizes staff members who have shown exemplary efforts and efficiency in pivoting to serve the unique needs of communities across NJ during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Jay Yudof**
Recovery Programs Coordinator

**Lynne Malloy, LMSW**
Director of Family Programs

**Stephanie Har**
Communications Technology Manager