

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 EXPRESSIVE 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 **Aparaajit 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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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