

## **2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY**

**June 18, 2021**

### **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.*

**Phil Lubitz, MSW**

Associate Director of Advocacy and Public Policy, NAMI NJ

### **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.*

**Bernadette Trendler**

Ending the Silence Presenter, NAMI NJ

#### ***NAMI NJ SPIRIT AWARD***

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

**Subha Bolisetty**

Northern Regional Coordinator, NAMI NJ SAMHAJ

#### ***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.*

**John Gesumaria**

NAMI NJ 2020-2021 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.*

#### **Meg Isbitski, LSW, DRCC**

Mental Health Administrator, Access & Functional Needs Coordinator, County of Somerset, Department of Human Services

### **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**

**David and Rachel Ludwig**

### **NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP AWARDS**

<b>Shagun Agarwal</b>	<b>Devonna Gonsalvez</b>	<b>Nozer Metha</b>
<b>Nelhy Barreiro</b>	<b>Dominga Gornell</b>	<b>Ann Muller</b>
<b>Beena Bhatcar</b>	<b>Anna Guida</b>	<b>Noreen O'Conner</b>
<b>Subha Bolisetty</b>	<b>Louise Hartman</b>	<b>Judy Offner</b>
<b>Charles Cantelmo</b>	<b>Annette Hoffman</b>	<b>Johnathan Ordonez</b>
<b>Rosemary Canuso</b>	<b>Ming Hong</b>	<b>Dan Orr</b>
<b>Cathy Chen</b>	<b>Leelan Hong</b>	<b>Brenda Pauwels</b>
<b>Maureen D'Andrea</b>	<b>Helene Kalkay</b>	<b>Maria Paz</b>
<b>Janice Depetria</b>	<b>Karin Kane</b>	<b>Carmen Reyes</b>
<b>Jeri Doherty</b>	<b>Kevin Kane</b>	<b>Quintero</b>
<b>Adriana Dohmen</b>	<b>Abbie Katz</b>	<b>Brian Regan</b>
<b>Susan Eisenhauer</b>	<b>Pat Klint</b>	<b>Khadijah Scott</b>
<b>Barbara Espinoza</b>	<b>Yin Lam</b>	<b>Martha Silva</b>
<b>Elaine Fehrenbach</b>	<b>Jane Liang</b>	<b>Maryam Suluki</b>
<b>Lauren Feliciano</b>	<b>Thomas Lizzi</b>	<b>Elizabeth Toledo</b>
<b>Sue Ferranti</b>	<b>Rachel Ludwig</b>	<b>Grace Travinsky</b>
<b>Chris Florentz</b>	<b>David Ludwig</b>	<b>Felix Ulrich</b>
<b>Denise Gesumaria</b>	<b>Lynne Malloy</b>	<b>Melanece Walker</b>
<b>Rob Gleason</b>	<b>Dayana Matallana</b>	<b>Donna Williams</b>

## **NAMI IN OUR OWN VOICE AWARDS**

**Strawberry Gallagher, M.A.**

## **NAMI CONNECTION AWARDS**

<b>Nelhy Barreiro</b>	<b>James Fehrenbach</b>	<b>Sara Muang</b>
<b>Milan Borde</b>	<b>Chris Fiala</b>	<b>Jeff Newman</b>
<b>Alvin Camacho</b>	<b>Max Fu</b>	<b>Laavanya Pasupuleti</b>
<b>Wayne Caprio</b>	<b>Strawberry Gallagher</b>	<b>Joan Racey</b>
<b>Ron Cassmassine</b>	<b>Lauren Haas</b>	<b>Eric Rauch</b>
<b>Victor Chou</b>	<b>Pang Yen Hu</b>	<b>Rupeet Singh</b>
<b>Robin Colarusso</b>	<b>Amy Hu</b>	<b>Jonah Sinowitz</b>
<b>Charlie Cramer</b>	<b>Lily Huang</b>	<b>Marianne Squire-Maszer</b>
<b>Emily Crowley</b>	<b>Jumoke Kolawole</b>	<b>Barbara Stewart</b>
<b>Robert Cubby</b>	<b>Elena Kravitz</b>	<b>Gary Tucker</b>
<b>Shavonne Davis</b>	<b>Viviana De LosAngeles</b>	<b>Wayne Vivian</b>
<b>Lianna DePinto</b>	<b>Megan McCurdy</b>	<b>Jay Yudof</b>
<b>John Drinkard</b>	<b>Sharon McKenna</b>	<b>Richard Zhang</b>
<b>Roselin Duenas</b>	<b>Patrick Mellin</b>	
<b>Shanee Frazier Eweka</b>	<b>Amanda Migden</b>	

## **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.*

**Atlantic/Cape May, Greater Bergen, Burlington, Camden,  
Essex/Passaic, Gloucester, Hudson, Middlesex, Mercer,  
Greater Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren**

### ***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.*

**Annie Glynn**

Past President, NAMI Sussex, Inc.

### **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***

**Lisa Powell, MA,**

Program Coordinator, AACT-NOW

#### ***CAMHOP RECOGNITION AWARDS***

**Maggie Luo, MA**

Program Coordinator, CAMHOP

**Dan Liu, PhD**

Program Assistant, CAMHOP

#### ***NAMI NJ EN ESPAÑOL RECOGNITION AWARDS***

**Nelhy Barreiro, BA**

Program Coordinator, NAMI NJ en Español

#### ***SAMHAJ RECOGNITION AWARDS***

**Beena Bhatcar, BA**

Program Coordinator, SAMHAJ

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

- 1st Place: Labor of Love by **Jyoti Singh**  
2nd Place: Gram's Fried Green Tomato Pizzas by  
**Sharon Kaye (Guerrazzi)**  
3rd Place: Memories sealed up by **Sharon Ivanauskas**  
4th Place: Food is Family by **Rescuepoetix™**  
5th Place: El sándwich de Papa by **Martha Rodriguez**  
6th Place: Homemade Soup by **Patricia Urban Korsak**  
7th Place: THE MADNESS by **Neelam Chandra**  
8th Place: Savor by **Aditi Tandon**  
9th Place: LET ME TELL YOU A DIFFERENT STORY by **Ojo Taiye**  
10th Place: Mulberry Mud Pies by **Dana I. Hunter**

## **2020 NAMIWALKS NJ RECOGNITIONS**

### ***TOP FUNDRAISERS***

#### **Platinum Club (\$7K +)**

ATLANTIC CAPE MAY BEACH AND BOARDWALKERS, Mental Health Warriors-  
Greater Monmouth

#### **Gold Club (\$5K - \$7K)**

NAMI Sussex, Burlington Stigma Stompers, NAMI Union County, Cory Wiegand 12,673-

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#### **Silver Club (\$3K - \$5K)**

Susan's Stigma Busters, Team SAMHAJ