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

Strawberry Gallagher, M.A.

NAMI CONNECTION AWARDS

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

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-

Silver Club ($3K - $5K)
Susan’s Stigma Busters, Team SAMHAJ