



NAMI NJ 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Double Tree by Hilton
390 Forsgate Dr
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Register today! For more information, contact info@naminj.org

Join us for NAMI NJ 2023 Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At this in-person event, you will find a community, celebration, information and inspiration. All are welcome!

NAMI NJ presents awards at the Annual Meeting to recognize the efforts of mental health advocates to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness - they include our volunteers, affiliate members and program leaders across the state. Organizational updates will be provided at this event.

[Register Now](#)

Please register by Tuesday, June 20. Starting Wednesday, June 21, ticket sale price will increase to \$18, nearing the on-site registration.

Congratulations to our 2023 Awardees!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Sylvia Axelrod Award - Jay and Laura Yudof, longtime statewide recovery program leaders, NAMI Greater Monmouth affiliate leaders

NAMI NJ Spirit Award - Mike Jone and Mike Roche, NAMI Ocean

Exemplary Provider Award - Dr. Viji Susarla

Exemplary Provider Award - Dr. Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez

Media Award - Bobby Brier, Multimedia mental health reporter for New Jersey

Spotlight News

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award - NAMI Hudson

Youth Leader Award - Loraina London Calderon, NAMI Ending The Silence presenter,
NAMI Hudson Social Media Manager

Intern of the Year Award - Sarah Michaliszyn, 2023 Spring Intern

AFFILIATE AWARDS

Phil Lubitz Advocacy Award - Susan Eisenhauer, longtime mental health advocate,
NAMI Essex/Passaic Steering Committee member
Affiliate Leadership Award - NAMI Hunterdon
Affiliate Support Award - NAMI Hudson
Affiliate Education Award - NAMI Atlantic/Cape May

PROGRAM AWARDS

Marilyn Goldstein Family-to-Family Award - Carolyn Hespe & Jeanmarie Mason
School Education Award - Annah Kurkoskie & Lynne Brotman
Family Support Award - Maryam Suluki
NAMI NJ en Español Award - Perla Solis & Carmen Yeats
AACT-NOW Award - Chanel McCord
SAMHAJ Award - Saroja Ilangovan
CAMHOP Award - Yushi Wang, LCSW, MBA

WALK AWARDS

Top 10 Teams

NAMI Atlantic Cape May Boardwalkers
Board of Trusted Support
Mental Health Warriors - Greater Monmouth
NAMI Union County
NAMI Essex/Passaic
Burlington Stigma Stompers
CAMHOP
NAMI Middlesex Team
CNJ Jack and Jill Inc.
NAMI Hudson County

Top 10 Fundraisers

Francine Turner
Jeri Hurvitz
Marc Hurvitz
James Wiegand, Jr
Avani Shinde
Susan Eisenhauer
Shavonne Davis
Maggie Luo
Jennifer Hughes
Grungo Colarulo Law

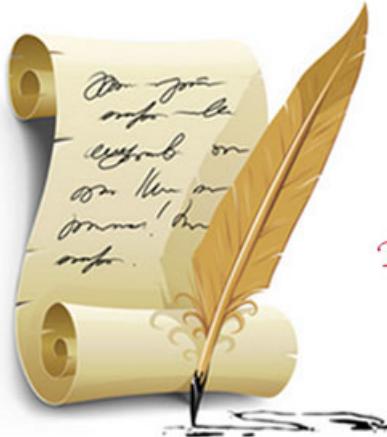
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We welcome Derby Chukwudi, Miss New Jersey USA 2023, and UmaSofia Srivastava, Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2023!

Derby Chuckwudi, Miss New Jersey USA 2023, and UmaSofia Srivastava, Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2023, will be present at our Annual Meeting to show their support for mental health. NAMI NJ looks forward to collaborating with Derby and UmaSofia to spread mental health messages of hope and “you are not alone.”



NAMI NJ Expressive Arts 2023 Mental Health Poetry Contest

Announcing the Top 3 Poets:

Bryan Franco - I Never Thought I Could Be a Cartographer

Chamylah General - Joy is in me

Zachary Peterson - Joy Within

Thank you all, poets and voters, for your participation!

NAMI NJ Dara Axelrod Expressive Arts 2023 Mental Health Poetry Contest Winners

The Top 10 poets of the **NAMI NJ Dara Axelrod Expressive Arts 2023 Mental Health Poetry Contest** were announced earlier this month, and their poems will be on display. You will also have the opportunity to hear the Top 3 poems read out loud. [View the contest results here](#)

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