



## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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

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**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 Eisenhower, 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

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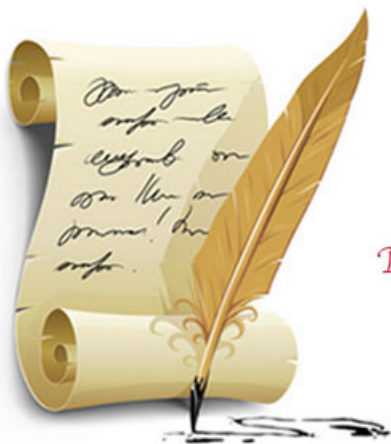
Hampton Behavioral Health Center

Integrity House



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

Derby Chukwudi, 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 Carographer*

*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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