



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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Dear Mike:

On behalf of the NAMI National Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to inform you that NAMI New Hampshire has been selected to receive the Outstanding State Organization Award for 2010.

The Outstanding State Award is given to recognize exceptional efforts on the state level to further NAMI's mission. Since its inception 30 years ago, NAMI New Hampshire has been at the forefront of advocacy and education efforts on behalf of individuals and families living with mental illness. Your Connect Suicide Prevention Program has been recognized as a national best practice program which promotes early recognition of mental illness and is being lauded as a model program for the military and veterans. Your work on many fronts, particularly with children and with individuals with co-occurring disorders, is testament to the high standards set by a dedicated board and staff who work closely with volunteers to improve the quality of lives of people who live with mental illness, to reduce stigma, and to raise awareness about mental illness and recovery.

The Outstanding State Organization Award will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting during our 2010 National Convention, scheduled for June 30 – July 3 at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C. The Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday morning, July 3. We very much hope you will be able to attend to receive the award in person. Unfortunately, however, our budget does not allow us to offer support for your hotel, travel, or other expenses.

Our convention director, Connie Schantz, will be following up with you shortly. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Connie directly at 703-516-7986 or connie@nami.org.

Please accept my hearty congratulations on this well-deserved award. I look forward to welcoming you to our convention this summer.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, M.S.W.
Executive Director