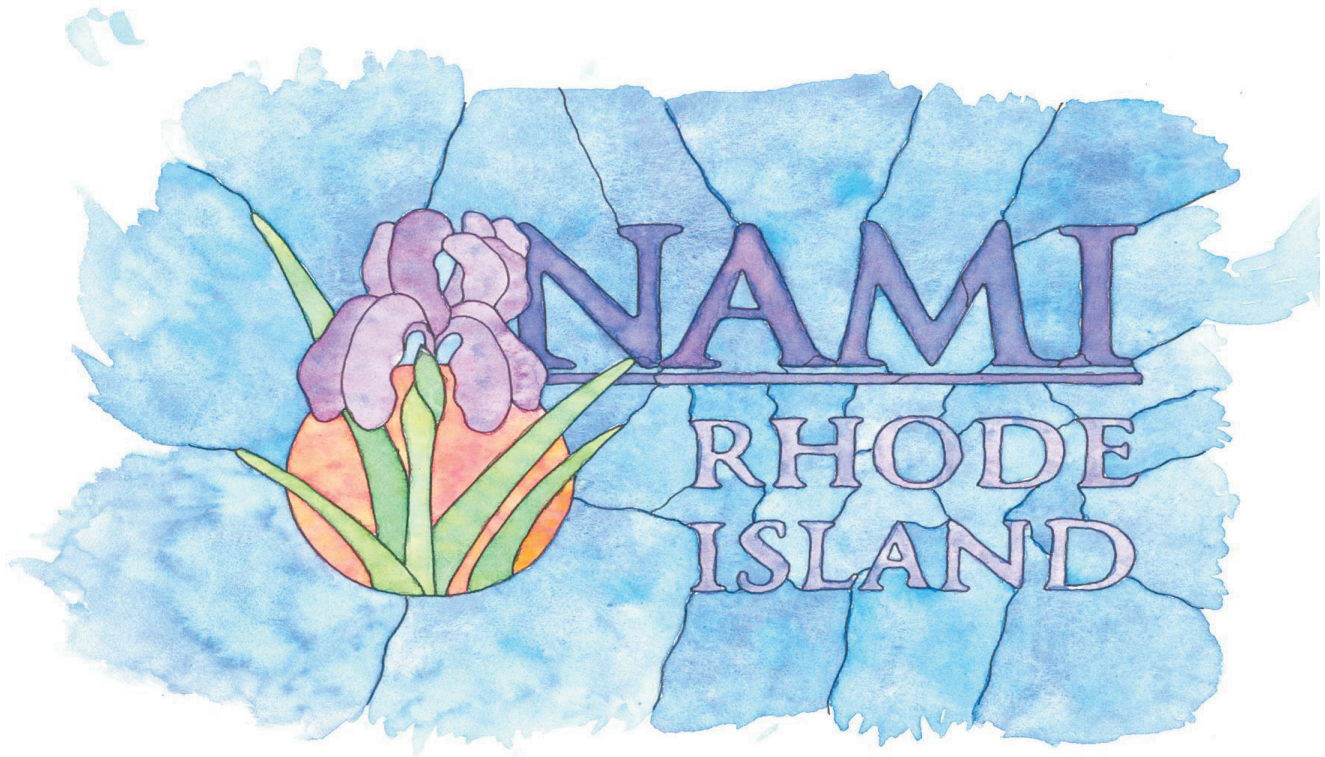


NAMI RHODE ISLAND

25TH ANNUAL MEETING

2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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25th Annual Meeting
Against The Rising Tide
25 Years of Support, Education and Advocacy in the Ocean State.

May 28, 2008

Butler Hospital, Ray Conference Center, Providence, RI



The major institution for social change is the human heart.

-Ram Dass

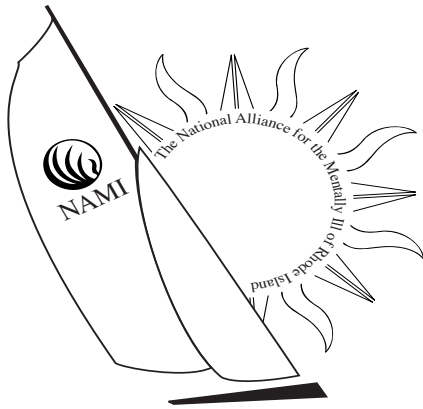
Thank you for taking time to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of NAMI Rhode Island with us. Since its beginnings, NAMI Rhode Island has strived to be a beacon against the rising tide of indifference, fear, lack of knowledge about, and the stigma surrounding mental illness.

As we pause to reflect back on our past accomplishments, we must also take some time and look toward new endeavors. I invite each of you to join me in moving NAMI Rhode Island into a new phase of advocacy and activity to broaden awareness of mental health issues here in the ocean state.

We are celebrating twenty-five years of support, education and advocacy at this year's annual meeting and it is indeed exciting to look back on the past and look forward to the coming years. As with any organization, there have been good years and there have been less than good years. The past few months have been ones filled with exceptional challenges, but ones in which many people joined together to fill in the gaps and keep the work of NAMI Rhode Island going strong. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals, including staff, Board members, NAMI Rhode Island members, supporters, and friends throughout the state who have spent many long hours making sure the organization remains as the state's voice on mental illness. I speak for many when I thank you as individuals and as friends for your dedication and commitment to the organization.

I believe those of us living in Rhode Island are at a serious juncture in how we are to deal with the rising tide of budgetary restrictions, and how we are to continue to meet the serious needs of those living with mental illnesses, not only within our organization, but also within the larger mental health system arena. I also believe we have an extraordinary duty to get involved with practical solutions that will make a difference. We must put aside our pessimism and take up the commitment of involvement. We have a responsibility to get our message out to those who need to hear from us, and to be part of the decision-making process. It is our duty as partners in the mental health system, to reconnect with each other, redefine the way we work together in our communities, and to once again raise our voices together for change across the state.

Chaz Gross, CAGS
Executive Director



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007-2008

Staff

- NAMI-RI hired an Inside Mental Illness Program Coordinator and a Media Outreach/Fund Development Assistant.

Support

- Statewide, more than eight NAMI affiliates and support groups, including five family affiliates and three consumer-focused groups.

Education and Outreach

- The 23rd Annual Bridging The Gaps Conference at the Crowne Plaza with plenary speakers Angela Grett, Tom Wootten and Michael Fine, MD.
- Family-to-Family and Peer-To-Peer courses: comprehensive education for people with psychiatric disorders, friends, family members, professionals, and the public.
- Developed a Multi-Cultural Outreach project in conjunction with NAMI National.
- Speakers' Bureau: presented to over 30 colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, community groups, human service agencies, nurses, social workers, and mental health providers.
- Continued our collaboration with RICCMHO by providing staff in the Community Support Specialist Certification Program with 4 Focus On Families Trainings.
- Inside Mental Illness presented to 14 schools and reached over 3,000 students. NAMI continued ongoing collaboration with Brown University to present IMI.
- We hosted the 1st Annual Heroes In The Fight Awards Dinner, celebrating everyday heroes within the mental health community in RI.
- Participated in The Future of Mental Health in RI, a panel discussion.

Advocacy

- NAMI-RI is leading the way in bringing Crisis Intervention Training to RI.
- NAMI-RI takes the lead in calling for improved services necessary to serve a changing population including those with mental illness co-occurring with substance abuse disorders, homelessness, lack of insurance, involvement with the criminal justice system, and significant progression of illness before access to treatment.
- Community mental health system budget: NAMI-RI has continued to be the most vocal, visible, and consistent organization in legislative testimony.
- NAMI-RI continues to be a major resource for the news media on issues involving mental illness. Five television appearances and two radio broadcast discussing issues related to our mission, and raising awareness about mental illness which includes NAMI Anti-Stigma efforts.
- Over 500 contacts; adults, children, elderly, with increasing numbers unable to access treatment until illness advances to crisis level.
- NAMI-RI is an active presence working to forward its mission wherever possible:

Campaign for Rhode Island's Priorities; Governor's Council on Behavioral Health; One Rhode Island; Rhode Island Disability Vote Project; Rhode Island Public Health Association; Save Our Mental Health Services Coalition; Repeal the Copays Coalition; Rhode Island Coalition for Mental Health; New England Health Care Forum and Justice and Mental Health Coalition.

- Second Annual NAMI Walks Rhode Island, October 2007



Family Affiliates & Support Groups:

NAMI Providence

NAMI Washington County

NAMI Westerly/Chariho

NAMI Forensic Unit Support

NAMI Kent County

Consumer Affiliates:

NAMI Alliance

NAMI Citizen

NAMI Recovery

**INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
6/30/2007**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
INCOME:		
State Contract	\$ 135,415	\$ 134,040
Grants	33,300	16,000
Donations	20,551	20,038
Investment income -Endowment	769	471
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment	1,843	1,013
Special Events	41,522	7,510
Other revenue	19,490	9,105
Interest	92	12
Total Revenue	\$ 252,982	\$ 186,705
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Programs and Activities	\$118,853	\$115,875
Fundraising	7,945	8,434
Management and General	94,375	79,722
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 221,173	\$ 204,031
Changes in Net Assets	31,809	(15,842)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 35,434	\$ 51,276
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 65,626	\$ 19,814



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