



## 2018 NAMI Texas Conference

NAMI Texas leads education, support and advocacy for people living with mental illness through a network of local affiliates in 28 communities across the state. With your help, last year NAMI Texas improved life in Texas for people with mental illness by:

- **Educating** - 1,300 trained volunteer teachers, facilitators and presenters, all of whom have a lived experience, across the state,
- **Supporting** - 26,000 people who learned how to live with mental illness and support others through local affiliates' presentations, workshops and events, and
- **Advocating** - 32 times our trained advocates (with lived mental health experience) testified during the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session, resulting in *all* NAMI Texas priority bills that made it to the Governor's desk becoming law.

**The statewide NAMI Texas Conference** gathers more than 200 mental health experts, people living with mental illness, and supportive friends and family together to learn, share, and heal.

### Empower and heal Texans living with mental illness:

- Align your brand with the **only statewide organization that empowers people with lived experience** to give help and hope to others.
- Highlight your company's **commitment** to mental health care and recovery.
- **Keep this crucial conference affordable** for peers and families traveling from across the state.

"When I am teaching a class or sharing my story then I am not at home allowing for my dark thinking and depression to take root and get out of hand. It helps so much to talk about everything that I have experienced in my life due to my mental health diagnosis. I help peers know they are not alone and our dreams and life are not over because of a diagnosis."

- Michelle

# Empower Texans living with mental illness!

Your 2018 NAMI Texas Conference Sponsorship Benefits are:

| Level                          | Recognition at NAMI Texas Awards plenary sessions* | Name/logo on conference program | Additional Recognition              | Exhibit booth      | Conference Tickets |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Brave<br/>\$10,000</b>      |  |                                 | Website, newsletter & annual report | Prominent location | 6                  |
| <b>Resilient<br/>\$5,000</b>   |  |                                 | Website, newsletter & annual report | Prominent location | 4                  |
| <b>Sharing<br/>\$2,500</b>     |  |                                 | Website & newsletter                |                    | 2                  |
| <b>Stigma-Free<br/>\$1,500</b> |  |                                 | Website & newsletter                |                    | 2                  |

\* Texas NAMI Awards dinner, opening breakfast, first day luncheon, and annual meeting breakfast

“I was so excited [about the state conference] because I thought I could find out if I was getting effective treatment for my schizoaffective disorder and if there were any new treatments. **I took what little bit of money I had and scheduled the trip. It was one of the best decisions I ever made in my life. NAMI has transformed my life.** It has given me purpose and the ability to help others. **NAMI has been a part of my life since the 2009 convention** and my recovery has been possible because of it.”

- Leah

## New Opportunity! Host a Mental Health Hero as a Caring Friend

Your \$2500 Caring Friend Table Host donation provides:

- A NAMI Texas honoree (and a friend) the opportunity to attend the NAMI Texas Awards Dinner (2 seats) at 6:30 pm, Friday, October 26, 2018 at Marriott Austin South.
- 8 additional seats at the NAMI Texas Award Dinner for you and your guests, or you may choose to donate to NAMI Texas to provide to other guests with a lived experience of mental illness who cannot otherwise afford to attend.



**Yes, we want to empower Texans living with mental illness!**

**2018 NAMI Texas Conference Sponsorship Commitment Form**

Send this completed invoice to: [executive.director@NAMITexas.org](mailto:executive.director@NAMITexas.org) or donate online: <http://bit.ly/2018NAMITX>

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please recognize our donation with this name:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Giving levels:**

\$10,000 Brave Sponsor  \$5,000 Resilient Sponsor  \$2,500 Sharing Sponsor

\$1,500 Stigma-Free Sponsor  \$2,500 Caring Friend Table Host (inc. 8 Award Dinner tickets)

**Payment options:**

Check payable to NAMI Texas is enclosed

Please charge my credit card

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we will be using our conference tickets.

No, we will not be using our conference tickets. (Thanks, we'll offer them to someone who couldn't otherwise attend this meaningful statewide gathering for people living with mental illness.)

**Caring Friend Table Hosts only:** We will use \_\_\_\_\_ NAMI Texas Award Dinner tickets on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Marriott Austin South (8 tickets come with your gift).