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NAMI Texas serves in a unique position within the Texas mental health landscape. Here are a few of the factors that distinguish us from many other mental health organizations:

- We are peer/family-based.
- We are based in Austin and have positioned ourselves as one of the leading voices on mental health policy at the Texas State Capitol.
- Through our virtual programming, we can serve Texans in all 254 counties of the state.
- We are the most robust, accessible resource for local NAMI Affiliates aiming to expand their capacity.

It's no secret that Texans have been through a lot lately. Just over 4 months ago, severe winter storms swept across the United States, leaving millions of Texans without power, claiming the lives of more than 150 Texans, and causing shortages in water, food, and heat. The storm was a deeply traumatizing event and the mental health impacts of it have persisted. Then, of course, there's the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the beginning of this year, the 7-day-average of new cases in Texas was more than 22,000. Now, it's a bit more than 1,000. It is certainly encouraging to see this progress being made in combating the pandemic, but COVID-19 is still of great concern to public health experts. We must remain vigilant. Most relevant to our membership is the expected long-term mental health impact of COVID-19 that NAMI Texas is addressing through education, support, advocacy, and Affiliate assistance.

To help meet the growing need for mental health services in Texas, we are asking you to join our Circle of Hope by becoming a monthly recurring donor. Your support is critical for our ability to adapt to meet the mental health needs of Texans. The Circle of Hope is a passionate group of monthly givers who are on a mission to improve the quality of life of all individuals living with mental illness and their families.

We are extremely grateful for the 24 current members of the Circle of Hope. When we gather in-person for the 2022 NAMI Texas Annual Conference & Awards Celebration (2021 is virtual), Circle of Hope members will be recognized with a special Circle of Hope lapel pin and will be encouraged to stand for applause at the Annual Business Meeting. Their monthly gifts empower NAMI Texas to continue to bring hope and recovery through support, education, and advocacy for thousands of Texans living with mental illness and their families.
Please help us reach our goal of expanding our Circle of Hope from 24 members to 40 members by the end of July.

In the special video message below, Circle of Hope member Shveta Pillai shares what NAMI Texas means to her and why she invests in the mental health of Texans.

Will you join Shveta in making hope possible for Texans affected by mental illness? Become part of the Circle of Hope today.

Join Circle of Hope

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