

## **NAMI Southeast MN 2010 Award Nomination Categories**

### **Employer of the Year:**

Recognizes an employer that has demonstrated support for hiring and retaining people with a mental illness; has taken extraordinary measures to educate its employees about mental illness; has created a supportive work/life balance program to assist families suffering with a mental illness; or has created a supportive workplace for families who have a loved one with mental illness.

### **Faith Community of the Year:**

Recognizes a faith community that has reached out to include people with a mental illness and their families, has strived to provide a support network for individuals and families suffering with mental illness, and has worked to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

### **Professional of the Year:**

Recognizes a professional person, or staff member who provides high quality services, exemplifies best practices and demonstrates leadership in the field of mental health; is a step above the norm in support and compassion.

### **Provider/Agency of the Year:**

Recognizes a provider or organization, or staff member who provides high quality services, exemplifies best practices and demonstrates leadership in the field of mental health; is a step above the norm in support and compassion.

### **Criminal Justice Award:**

Recognizes an individual in the area of criminal justice that has gone above and beyond to support a commitment to the decriminalization of mental illness through crisis intervention, jail diversion, etc. Provides compassion and support in all aspects of their duties when confronted with mental health issues and fights stigma.

### **CIT Officer of the Year:**

Recognizes an individual in the area of law enforcement that has gone above and beyond to support a commitment to the decriminalization of mental illness through crisis intervention, jail diversion, etc. Provides compassion and support in all aspects of their duties when confronted with mental health issues and fights stigma. Is an advocate for person's with mental illness.

### **Media of the Year:**

Recognizes an individual or organization that has been instrumental in reducing stigma associated with mental illness, reporting on the needs of people with mental illness or effectively portraying the stories of people with mental illness and their families. Providing factual information to the general public about mental illness and the issues surrounding it.

### **NAMI SE MN Office Volunteer of the Year:**

Recognizes an office volunteer that has given generously of their time to help with various tasks within the NAMI SE MN office.

### **Volunteer/s of the Year:**

Recognizes an individual or group of individuals who have given generously of their time, resources, and energy to NAMI SE MN.