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**Upcoming NAMI San Diego Recovery in Action awards dinner
gives opportunities to show local support of mental health**

SAN DIEGO – The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), San Diego Affiliate, is having their annual Recovery in Action Inspiration Awards dinner on September 28 and is looking forward to seeing you there.

“Mental health recovery IS occurring in this county and the Inspiration Awards are going to some of the very special people that are making it happen,” said Bettie Reinhardt, Executive Director, NAMI San Diego.

The annual dinner is one of the two big fundraisers that this non-profit organization holds, with the second being the yearly walk in April. NAMI San Diego depends on these fundraisers for operating costs as they provide their mental health support, education and advocacy services free to the community.

NAMI is very pleased to announce that Eli Lilly and Company has become one of the main sponsors of the inspirational awards event. They do need more sponsorships, however, and there is also still time to sign up for a seat at this very special dinner ceremony.

In addition to the meal, there will be a cocktail/mixer hour and a silent auction featuring attractive events and items to bid on. These include: a stay at a condo in Mammoth, swing dance lessons, a full day of handyman work, original paintings and jewelry, sailboat rentals and more.

The presentation will be emceed by the dynamic Nora Vargas, Executive Director of the Latino Issues Forum. Four awards will be given out to recognize recovery leaders who inspire the mental health community to strive towards living well with mental illness.

The Inspiration Awards dinner will be held on September 28, at the Marriott Hotel in Mission Valley, San Diego.

“Attendees will have a great opportunity to hear stories of recovery they can use in their own lives and work.” The dinner is open to the public. For information and tickets call James Starek at (619) 584-5564.

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