



# McHenry County

NAMI McHenry County  
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McHenry, IL 60050  
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Our Mission:

NAMI MC is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for those whose lives are affected by mental illness.

Our Vision:

We strive - to be a leader in mental health education for families and mental health consumers, to promote community awareness and eliminate stigma, to advocate for a mental health system of care that supports the best outcomes for personal recovery, and to offer hope to families and individuals who are living with mental illness.

Our Purpose:

We provide emotional support, education and resources for families and individuals who are living with mental illness. In collaboration with the entire community, we advocate for a life of quality and dignity, one without discrimination, for all people affected by these no-fault brain disorders. We promote and support research for more effective treatment and to find a cure.

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Hello,

**Everyone knows someone... Who do you know? One out of five children and adults in Illinois are affected by mental illness**, one out of four per year nationwide. The financial cost of mental illness to the nation in lost productivity is over \$63 billion.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Alliance on Mental Illness McHenry County Walk for Mental Health Awareness will be Saturday, October 1, 2011, at Veteran Acres Park in Crystal Lake. This Walk is our primary fund raising event for the year. As the State of Illinois continues to cut funding, mental health services in McHenry County continue to be cut. Donations like yours are more important than ever.

Your tax deductible donation benefits the McHenry County community by funding programs we offer free of charge.

- Mental Illness Education through classes and monthly presentations by expert speakers
- Presentations to businesses and groups upon request, including awareness of the symptoms of mental illness, available education and support programs, and resource referrals.
- Peer support for people living with mental illness, as well as family members and friends
- Contact information for resources within McHenry County

Please take a few minutes to consider how you might make a difference in the quality of life for those affected by mental illness. Donations can be mailed to 5320 W. Elm Street, McHenry, IL 60050. They can also be made now online at [www.namimchenrycounty.org](http://www.namimchenrycounty.org) by selecting the 'Donate' link at the top of the page. Consider becoming a sponsor or sponsoring an ad in our Program Booklet.

Team of friends, co-workers or organization members are forming now, and individual walkers are welcome. Online registration is encouraged.

If you would like more information, please call (815) 344-8300.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Rick Kirchhoff*

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President  
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