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**STRENGTHEN NAMI'S IMPACT BY BECOMING A PAID MEMBER!**

**WHO SHOULD JOIN?**

**ANYONE AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS**

**MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

**CIVIC MINDED INDIVIDUALS**

**All dues and donations are tax deductible.**

**The Importance of Membership**

- Provides free of charge support, education and advocacy programs; Those affected by mental illness bear an enormous cost paying for mental health services and NAMI can help fill this void. Free community outreach programs remove barriers to educating the general public, health professionals, school personnel and government officials on supporting our mission.
- Only paid members can be counted in our advocacy efforts to policy makers. These membership numbers demonstrate the potential impact we have on representatives and legislators.
- Allows you to help direct the Atlantic/Cape May affiliate's policies and programs. Paid members can only vote for/or be elected to our board of directors and lead programs such as Family to Family classes and facilitate support groups.
- Provides up to date information from the National and New Jersey organizations through its main publications and access to member only websites.

On behalf our NAMI Atlantic/Cape May, we appreciate the time, energy and commitment our volunteers provide and hope you will become an active member of our community. I am always available to discuss how you can get involved.

All my best,

Gail Dembin  
President