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Fr: Supervisor Ron Belmont
Re: NAMI of Westchester

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Stu Rudnick, board member of NAMI of Westchester, requests that, at the February 7th, 2013 Town Board Meeting, the Town Board approve NAMI's request to install white ribbons, on Town trees and light posts, during the month of May, 2013, in an effort to bring attention to mental health awareness and the related 5k Walk taking place on May 18th in Rye, NY.



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Dear Mr. Belmont

I am a board member of NAMI Westchester. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a 501(c)(3) charity. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to providing support, education and advocacy to individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI has a state organization in all 50 states and in Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. **NAMI Westchester**, located in Elmsford New York, is one of 1200 local affiliate chapters of NAMI.

In October, the mayors of Port Chester, Rye, and Rye Brook voted to approve our first **NAMI Westchester 5k Walk** to be held in Rye Town Park and at the Playland Boardwalk on Saturday, May 18th.

Along with our walk, NAMI Westchester is partnering with NAMI Stamford Greenwich to launch a **Mental Health Awareness ribbon initiative** during the month of May, 2013.

An awareness ribbon campaign (based on the success of the Susan G. Komen ribbon campaign) will not only bring the issue of mental illness to the forefront, it will also highlight the fact that we are doing an awareness walk in May. It is our belief that raising public awareness frees people from the stigma and shame that prevent so many from asking for the help they need.

The Boards of Trustees of Rye Brook and Port Chester and the city of Greenwich, CT have approved our request to tie ribbons around the trees in prominent, designated areas of their town during the month of May, 2013.

We respectfully request your permission to include your town in our campaign. Please let me know what next steps will be. We are eager to make this happen.

Thank you.

Stu Rudnick
NAMI Westchester Board Member

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