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National Alliance on Mental Illness

Greater Cleveland

Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony



May 23, 2019

Jonathan Epstein

The Scott Adamson Memorial Peer Award



Jonathan Epstein

As a Hospital Network Program volunteer for more than 4 years, Jonathan has generously shared his story of recovery with patients at Lutheran, MetroHealth & Highland Springs Hospitals.

Jonathan Epstein

Jonathan's service to NAMI GC totals more than **850 hours** since 2014. He serves as a peer group leader, and is a frequent presenter of ***In Our Own Voice*** programs directed to veteran police officers, police training academies, and medical professionals.

Lisa Moser

Mental Health Family/Caregiver Award



Lisa Moser

After her son Vinny experienced his first psychotic break, Lisa seemed to know innately that this was the beginning of a long journey.

Lisa Moser

Lisa researched, formed plans, scheduled appointments, and searched for programs, eventually assembling a team stretching from Cleveland to the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Anita B. Bradley, MSW, LSW, LICDC-CS Valeria A. Harper Cultural Competence in Mental Health Award



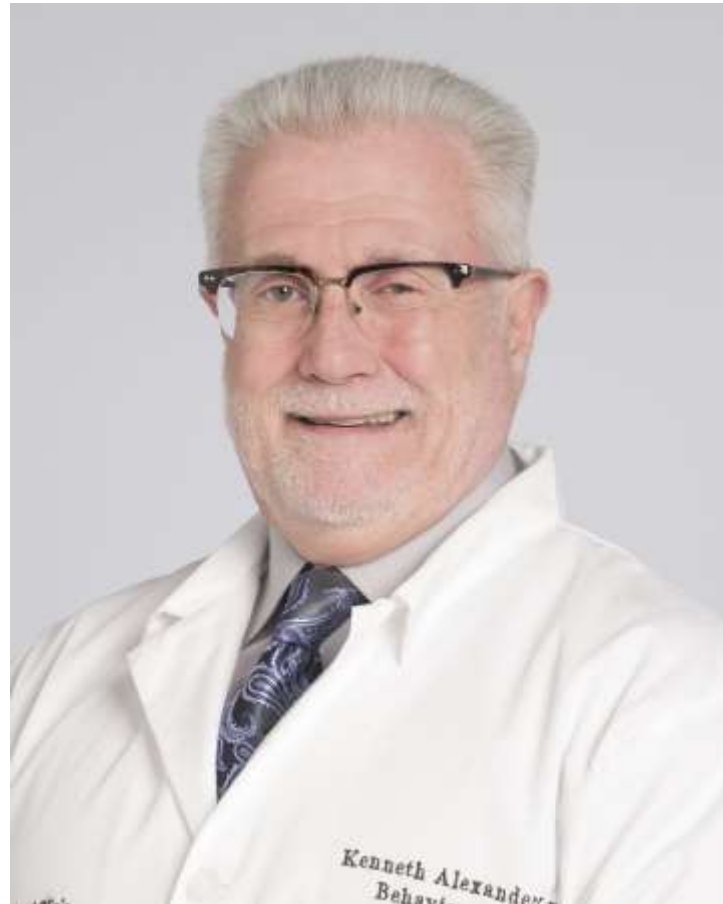
Anita B. Bradley

Anita is an entrepreneur who has dedicated her career to providing treatment and mental health resources to those who want to change their lives.

Anita B. Bradley

She founded Northern Ohio Recovery Association to provide training and peer coaches to women seeking recovery.

Kenneth G. Alexander M.Ed., LPCCC, LICDC-CS Mental Health Provider Award



Kenneth G. Alexander

During his 40 year career, Ken has become more than a clinician. At the Cleveland Clinic, his name is synonymous with educator, supervisor, lecturer, and mentor for both nursing and physician trainees at all levels.

Kenneth G. Alexander

Ken's passion for mental health is not limited from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. During his "free time," he generously lends his expertise to organizations addressing the mental health needs of youth, LGBTQ, and indigent communities.

Beech Brook

The Eugene Brudno Memorial Organization Award



Beech Brook

Since 1852, Beech Brook has tailored its services so that its staff members may respond to relevant circumstances preventing the children in its care from leading stable and productive lives.

Beech Brook

Today Beech Brook impacts the lives of more than 15,000 children and families annually, breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect, providing treatment to overcome trauma, and supporting and strengthening families.

Terrance Coursen

Teen Mental Health Award



Terrance Coursen

To raise awareness of the prevalence of mental illness, Terrance developed a month-long unit in his Health Class geared for Seniors that includes a presentation of NAMI's *Ending the Silence*.

Terrance Coursen

Students demonstrate their new-found knowledge through research papers on famous people with mental illness, trifold-board diagrams on a specific illness, and individual flip-card videos of a mental health condition set to music.

Officer Michael Viancourt Inaugural Crisis Intervention Team Officer Award



Officer Michael Viancourt

When faced with a man who had a self-inflicted knife wound and was threatening to harm himself further if police approached, Officer Viancourt immediately put his CIT skills into action to de-escalate the situation.

Officer Michael Viancourt

He spoke with the man for over an hour, going so far as to share his personal cell phone number to gain his trust. Officer Viancourt keeps in contact with the man and regularly checks up on his well-being.

Lee Rutti

Outstanding Community Service Award



Lee Rutti

Minimizing the stigma associated with mental illness is Lee's vocation. At 90, she continues to teach Family-to-Family classes, so that others may gain a better understanding of how they can support their loved ones.

Lee Rutti

Lee wears her proverbial “NAMI” hat everywhere. With Lee’s encouragement and guidance, Old Stone Church has:

- Become a NAMIWalks Sponsor
- Hosted a NAMIWalks Team
- Established a dedicated section for mental health resources in its Library.

Danielle Serino, WKYC-TV3 Outstanding Advocacy Award for *Mental Health in Media & Journalism*



Danielle Serino

A long-term supporter of NAMI GC, Danielle shares her personal journey at NAMIWalks events, so that others may have an example of a person affected by mental health diagnosis living a full life.

Danielle Serino

In an industry where perception is reality, Danielle selflessly lays her reputation and career on the line to advocate for those affected by mental illness.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

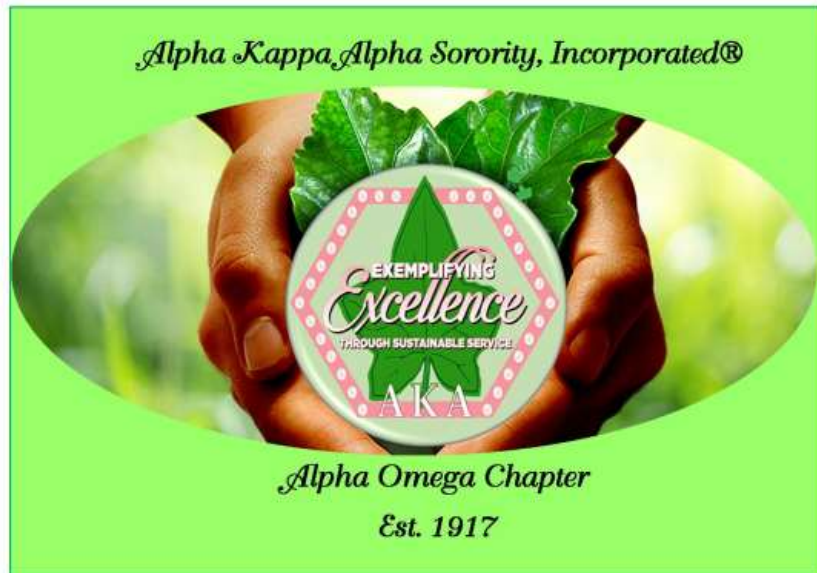


Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)

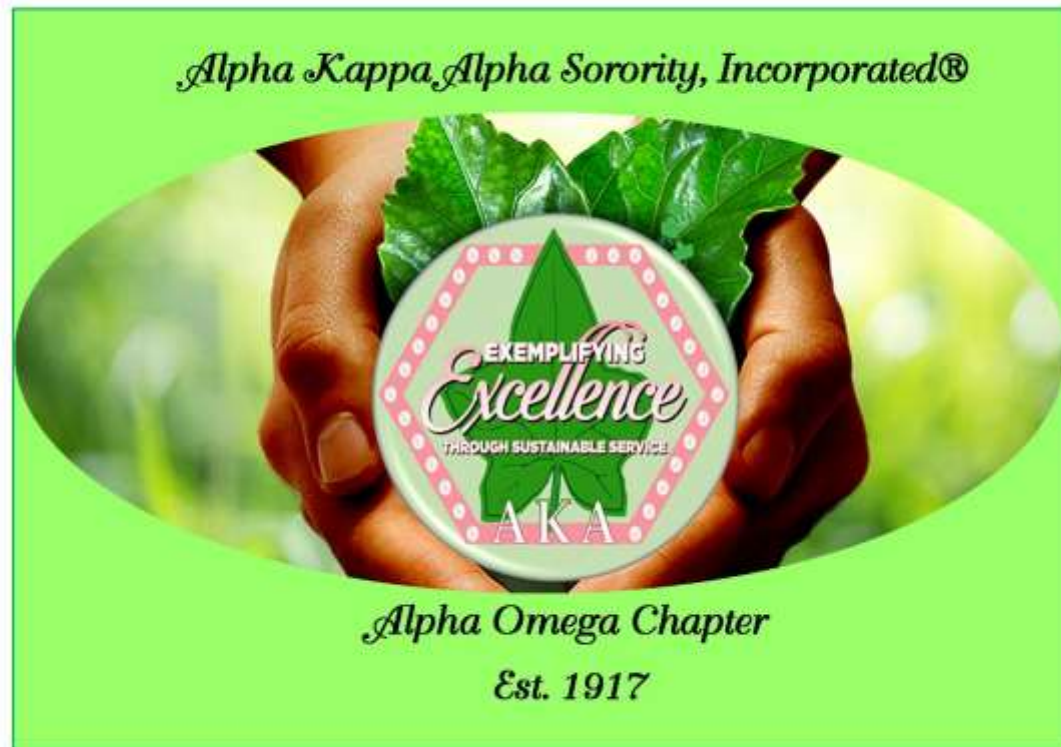
In 2014, AKA chapters and NAMI affiliates across the country embarked on a four year partnership to minimize the stigma associated with mental illness in African American communities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)

NAMI GC was fortunate to work with two AKA chapters:



Alpha Kappa Alpha - Alpha Omega Outstanding Community Partner



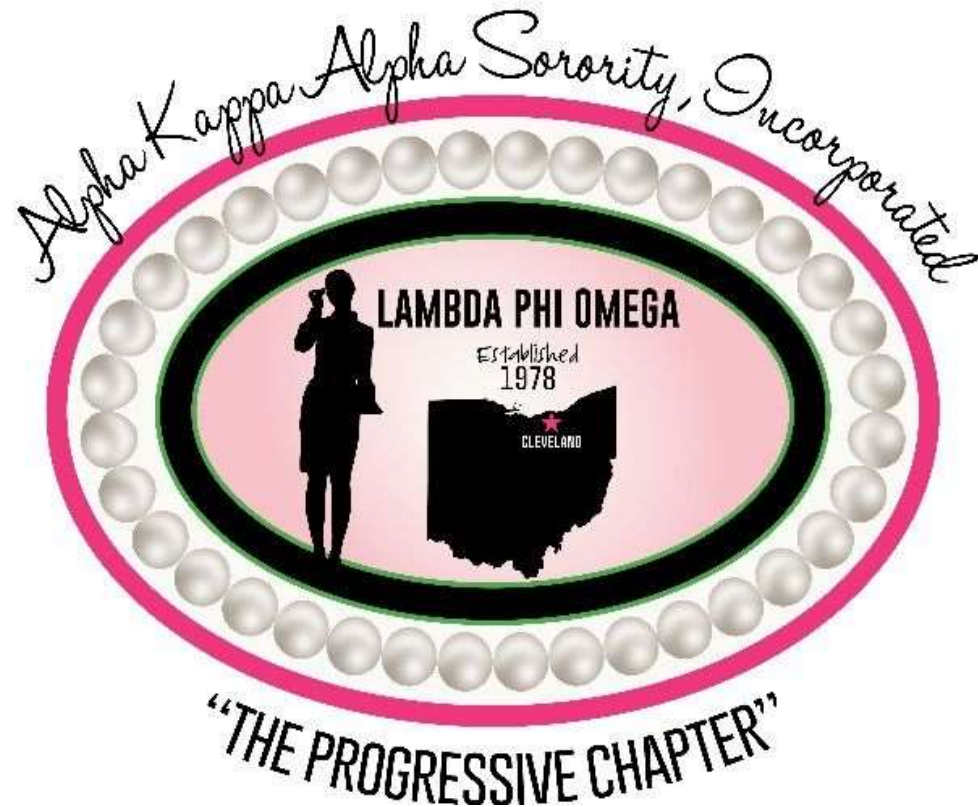
Alpha Kappa Alpha - Alpha Omega

AKA-Lambda Phi Omega members helped to create education partnerships where NAMI GC could share information about mental health symptoms, resources, and the hope of recovery.

Alpha Kappa Alpha - Alpha Omega

AKA-Alpha Omega chapters from across the region collaborated to donate and assemble over 1,000 hygiene and mental health “kits” that were distributed to people living with a severe mental illness who were recently released from jail.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Lambda Phi Omega Outstanding Community Partner



Alpha Kappa Alpha - Lambda Phi Omega

The efforts of the AKA-Lambda Phi Omega chapter, such as the lighting of the Terminal Tower in pink and green in honor of Mental Health Month helped raise NAMI GC's profile in the community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha - Lambda Phi Omega

Chapter members volunteered at NAMI GC conferences and proceeds from the Chapter's Swag Walk and their sponsorship of NAMIWalks helped to underwrite NAMI GC's multicultural outreach initiatives.

Congratulations
to all of
NAMI
Greater Cleveland's
2019 Award Winners!