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| **Submit Your 2022 Change Agent Appreciation Award Nominations for our Annual Virtual Mental Health Awareness Month Dinner Ceremony by May 6, 2022** |

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|                In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, NAMI CC will hold it's 3rd Annual Community Change Agent Appreciation Awards for our General Meeting on May 19, 2022.  It will be another special event as many NAMI CC community members, family and friends will gather for recognition of their outstanding achievements in mental health.               We ask members to submit their nominees, with the intent to recognize sixteen (16) community members/organizations who have made an extraordinary difference and improved the quality of lives by supporting people and/or their families with mental health challenges.                Submit your nominees to gigi@namicontracosta.org by Friday, May 6, 2022.  Thank you for all you do in the mental health community and for all who will join us in celebrating this memorable event! \*CHANGE AGENT AWARD CATEGORIES:1. SOCIAL JUSTICE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. VETERANS AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. EDUCATOR: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. MOVER AND SHAKER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. PEER TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. ELECTED OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. FAITH-BASED CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. FAITH-BASED LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. REDUCING DISPARITIES CHANGE AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. YOUNG MOVER AND SHAKER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. FAMILY MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. MEDIA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last Year’s Winners:* VETERANS AWARD - Art Honneger, For his long-time commitment in support of Veterans.
* EDUCATOR - Professor Aminta Mickles, For her leadership and dedication to empowering and educating those impacted by mental illness.
* MOVER AND SHAKER - Taun Hall, For working to protect families and promoting more compassionate care for those experiencing a mental health crisis.
* AGENCY - CCBH Forensic Mental Health Unit, For their dedication and support of those most impacted by mental illness.
* PEER TEAM - C.O.R.E. Outreach Team, For their commitment to using their lived experience and working with the unsheltered.
* ELECTED OFFICIAL - Councilmember Carlyn Obringer, For her demonstrated leadership and support of those most impacted by mental illness throughout Contra Costa County.
* FAITH-BASED CHURCH - The Church 4 Me, "Leave No One Behind" Program, For their dedication to addressing the complex needs of those who sleep underneath the stars.
* FAITH-BASED LEADER - Rev. Fred Weidmann, For his demonstrated commitment to addressing social issues and praying for those most impacted by mental illness.
* PROGRAM - Putnam Clubhouse, For reducing stigma and being there for those impacted by mental illness through difficult times.
* VOLUNTEER -Lydia Koerner, For her commitment to serving families in the AAPI community through endless hours of volunteering and offering support.
* LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY - San Ramon Police Department, For participating in efforts to improve outcomes for those impacted by mental illness.
* REDUCING DISPARITIES CHANGE AGENT - Dr. Phillip Lowe, PsyD, For his commitment to ensuring individuals from the AAPI community are supported through training and culturally specific tools.
* REDUCING DISPARITIES CHANGE AGENT - Anna Roth, Health Care Services Director, For taking a bold step and declaring racism a public health crisis in Contra Costa County.
* YOUNG MOVER AND SHAKER - Ming Cheng, For showing up and removing barriers to ensure the needs of young people in the community and beyond are met.
* FAMILY MEMBER - Mae Bragen, For her long-term commitment and dedication to supporting families and offering clinical supports.
* MEDIA- Frank Somerville, For his responsible and accurate reporting of issues for those impacted by mental illness.
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