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2012 Illinois Heroes Announcement...

NAMI Illinois is pleased to announce the names of each of the winners of NAMI Illinois' **2012 Illinois Heroes** program.

This program – in partnership with Lilly USA - recognizes those individuals and organizations who exemplify care, dedication and unflagging determination in their efforts to make life better for those individuals and families who are fighting severe and persistent mental illness. This year's nominations were exceptional. All who were nominated are deserving of recognition and an award, but hard decisions were called for in selecting the best of the best! These individuals and organizations stood out as they clearly integrate their hearts and minds with meaningful actions.

We are happy to introduce the NAMI Illinois' **2012 Illinois Heroes**:

2012 Legislator of the Year: Fred Crespo, Illinois State Representative, 44th District

2012 Advocates of the Year: The North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness (The Housing Task Force)

2012 Friend of NAMI: Daveri Development Group, Larry Pusateri, Cullen Davis & Jessica Berzac, principals

Team Work / Innovation (two awards for 2012):

- **Thresholds, Wellness Management and Recovery Program**
- **Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare – Integrated Healthcare Program**

Psychiatrist / Mental Health Professional: Dr. John M. Davis, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center

Education / Katie Petray Excellence in Education: Tom Johnson / John FS Williams, Co-Facilitators, Illinois Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program

Journalist / Media – The John Rowley Excellence in Journalism Award: Bonnie Miller Rubin, Chicago Tribune

We'll share more about the extraordinary contributions and impact of these folks as we highlight them over the next couple of weeks; they will be recognized at the NAMI Illinois Educational Conference on October 20th in Lisle Illinois. We are grateful for the continued support of Lilly USA in being able to recognize and celebrate Heroes!

Please join us in congratulating – and thanking – each of the **2012 Illinois Heroes** for their selfless work that makes a difference in the lives of so many.



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