NAMI SUMMIT COUNTY - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
(National Alliance on Mental Illness)

- **NAMI Summit County** is a grassroots organization comprised totally of volunteers.

- **NAMI Summit County** sponsors support group meetings for families at several locations; see the website at [www.namisummit.org](http://www.namisummit.org) for current meeting information or call 330-258-0811.

- **NAMI Summit County**’s Board of Trustees meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 150 Cross Street, Akron 44311, north entrance, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

- **NAMI** members teach Family-to-Family - a free, 12-week course, educating families about the complex problems of mental illness and how to cope with them as well as Hand-to-Hand, a similar course for parents of young children with mental illness.

- **NAMI’s Needy Soles** program provides clients with new shoes, boots and socks.

- **NAMI’s Housewarming Project** provides household items to clients enabling them to live independently in their own apartments.

- **NAMI’s Client Activity and Socialization Fund (CAS)** provides clients with movie passes, baseball tickets, picnics, holiday meals, etc.

- **NAMI Summit County** provides a monthly pizza and pop party to clients staying at Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES).

- **NAMI Summit County** helps brighten the holiday season by providing gifts to clients at local mental health agencies which are supported by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADM Board) and the Summit County Jail.

- **NAMI Summit County** has a fundraising dinner & silent auction in May to help support our various projects. We also sponsor the Greater Akron Area Walk for the Minds of America scheduled for October 1, 2011 at Munroe Falls Metro Park.

- **NAMI** distributes Newcomer Packets which contain helpful, informative materials about mental illness, locally available services and coping strategies.

- **NAMI** helps fight stigma by making presentations to the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) classes, Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) residents at Akron General Medical Center and Summa, the University of Akron School of Nursing, Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare, the Summit County Sheriff’s Department, civic organizations, churches, and staff from local fire departments and EMS workers.

- **NAMI Summit County** maintains a voice mailbox service at 330-258-0811 as well as a website at [www.namisummit.org](http://www.namisummit.org) and distributes mental health literature throughout the county.