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COUNCILMEMBER TRACHTENBERG TO BE HONORED BY MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY

“HEROES” AWARD RECOGNIZES LEADERSHIP IN RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATING
OTHERS TO REDUCE THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

KENSINGTON, MD (OCTOBER 18, 2007) – Montgomery County Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg (D-At-Large) will receive a “Heroes” Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Montgomery County at an awards dinner on October 24, 2007 Wednesday October 24, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3 Research Court, Rockville MD, 20851.

The Heroes Dinner is an annual event when NAMI MC honors leading individuals for their time and efforts in helping those who suffer from a mental illness. This year's Honoree and Keynote Speaker is Kay Redfield Jamison acclaimed author and researcher in the area of Manic Depressive Illness (a.k.a. Bi-Polar) who was recently featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Along with the award to Duchy Trachtenberg, NAMI MC will also honor Volunteers of the Year Carol and Tom Moran.

“Duchy Trachtenberg has been an advocate for mental health and a great friend to NAMI Montgomery County,” said Esther Kaleko-Kravitz, NAMI MC’s executive director. “Over the past several years she has gone above and beyond to make a difference for our organization and the lives of those living with mental illness in our community and we’re proud to honor her at this year’s event.”

In addition to acknowledging this year’s honorees, NAMI MC will also present the first Dr. Wayne Fenton Memorial Award, named in honor of slain psychiatrist Dr. Wayne Fenton, to a member of the mental health community who best exemplifies the commitment to serving the mentally ill that was the hallmark of Dr. Fenton’s career.

ABOUT NAMI MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NAMI Montgomery County (NAMI MC) is a 501(c)(3) organization and the Montgomery County, Maryland affiliate of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) which is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. NAMI MC is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults living with mental illnesses in Montgomery County, Maryland. Since 1978, NAMI MC has provided self-help, support, education and advocacy for people with serious and persistent mental illnesses (often called “consumers”), their families, friends and caregivers.

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