



National Alliance on Mental Illness

INFORMATION SHEET ON

Bridging the Gap NAMI Fun Day

a Satellite Event of the NAMI Georgia Walk

DATE: 9-13-08; WALKER CHECK-IN TIME: 8:30;

OFFICIAL START TIME: 9:00 DISTANCE: 3 miles

LOCATION: Waycross College Fitness Trail, 2001 S Georgia Pkwy W
Waycross, GA 31503

- The **NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America** is a nationwide fundraising and mental health awareness program that is being held in more than 70 communities around the country in 2008, including right here in Georgia. It is expected that these walks will raise approximately 8 million dollars in 2008 for NAMI and the mental health services it provides to thousands of families across the country.
- There is no walker registration fee for the Walk. All participants are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates in support of their participation in the Walk. Walkers are encouraged to join a team and utilize NAMI Walker Website www.nami.org/namiwalks/GA
- All the funds collected by Walkers will be used to fund NAMI's programs here in Georgia. These programs include support, education, research and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders.
- All walkers raising \$100 or more will receive a **NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America** event T-shirt. Walkers will also receive additional incentives prizes based on the amounts that they raise up to \$5,000 or more.
- Companies, organizations and families are encouraged to organize teams of walkers made up of employees, organization members, relatives and friends to take part in the Walk.
- Teambuilding and fundraising materials will be given out to team captains. Please contact Leslie White for Team Captain Packets lwhite@satilla.csb.state.ga.us
- **NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America** is a rain or shine event.
- There is a wide-range of corporate sponsorship opportunities available to local companies and businesses relating to the Walk. Anyone interested in information on how his or her company or organization can sponsor the Walk should contact Eric Spencer at the NAMI office at (770) 234-0855. For more info, visit www.namiga.org/Walk