



# NAMI South Carolina

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The Board of Directors of NAMI South Carolina has voted unanimously to nominate Guyla Daley as a candidate for the NAMI Board of Directors. We believe Guyla is highly qualified, by virtue of education and personal experience, to be an active member of NAMI's governing body.

Guyla is a 1968 graduate of the University of Georgia, with a degree in Accounting, and worked actively in that field for 9 years. For the past 26 years, she has owned and operated a Radio Shack dealership in Hilton Head, SC, which she has expanded to two stores, and which continues to be her principal business.

Guyla's first husband, who suffered from depression and alcoholism, committed suicide in 1991. She married Robert F. Daley in 1995 and became involved with NAMI later that year when her stepson came to live with them. He was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Since then, her NAMI activities have been: program chair for Beaufort Co. Affiliate ('96-'97), President, NAMI Beaufort Co. ('97-'00), NAMI SC Board Member ('97-'99), President, NAMI SC ('00-'03), Vice-President and Chair of Public Policy Committee ('03-present), President, NAMI Beaufort Co. ('04-present)

Guyla has been a member of the Board of Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center ('97-present), Vice-Chair ('99-'01, and '02-'04), and Chair ('05). In March of '03, she received from the SC Mental Health Commission, the Louise R. Hassenplug Award for Outstanding Advocacy for People with Mental Illnesses and their Families.

Other recognition includes receiving the James B. Hildebrand Board Service Award from Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center for dedicated outstanding service as a Board member ('98), and a Commendation from NAMI SC in recognition of "the extensive efforts, the unique and innovative solutions, the persistence in the face of certain failure, the tolerance and compassion for those helping and hindering, and success in turning NAMI SC around from despair to reestablishing an office and a respected identity in less than one year."

Guyla's experience as a caregiver, advocate, and business person make her an ideal candidate for the NAMI board of directors. As a caregiver she brings to the table first

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hand experience in living with mental illness and all of the challenges associated with finding treatment. As an advocate, she brings an understanding of the issues, and the know-how to do something about them. As a business person, someone who has run a business for over two decades, she brings an understanding of the practical aspects of running an organization, balancing a budget, bringing in revenue, and marketing products and services.

Clearly, Guyla exemplifies the principals of NAMI. It is our honor to nominate Guyla Daley for election to the NAMI Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,



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NAMI SC President



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NAMI SC Executive Director