

Greenville Health System and Greenville Mental Health Center “Partner Up” for NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson/Oconee/Pickens, held their annual NAMI Walk at Furman University, on a sunny June 3, 2017. At 10 am over 550 advocates of mental health wellness checked in to the walk in support of NAMI programs and services. Many walkers brought their furry four-legged friends as dogs of all shapes and sizes joined their owners on the mile and ½ walk around Furman’s lake.



green tee shirts.

The enthusiastic crowd was welcomed by lively music and staff and NAMI volunteers. Over 40 staff and families from the Greenville Health System Department of Psychiatry and the Greenville Mental Health Center created a “Better Together” team and slogan which was prominently displayed on their bright



The walk began and ended at the Furman lakeside amphitheater. Volunteers met walkers all along the way with water and words of encouragement. The walkers included teams from a variety of agencies and organizations representing mental health programs and services.

NAMI’s walk and fundraising effort has been a tremendous success, raising over \$102,000 dollars that will benefit NAMI’s Upstate services and programs, proving the slogan “Better

Together” really made a difference in raising mental health awareness, reducing stigma and having some really great fun in support of mental health and wellness.



Greenville Mental Health Center joined other sponsors that included the Greenville Health System, Michelin, The Carolina Center for Behavioral Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC, Spartanburg Regional Health System, B&R Events, BMW, Bon Secours Health System, Marshall I Pickens Hospital, Greenville Mental Health Center, Springbrook Behavioral Health, Genoa A QoL Healthcare Company, G5, CooperRlis, MAKO Medical Laboratories, Hartzell and Associates, ADG Payroll, Inc., CWS Insurance Services and the YMCA.

Ken Dority, the director of NAMI Greenville, reflected “The walk was a great success and we were very grateful to all who came out to support and bring awareness to such a worthy cause. Thanks again!”

