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Dear NAMI Walk Supporters,

It is a significant honor to be one of the Honorary Chairpersons for the 2019 NAMIWalk for Southern Arizona. The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona (NAMISA) and I very much appreciate your participation in this year's walk.

It is unfortunate that we still must confront the stigma of mental illness on a continual basis. As is symbolized by the walk itself, progress is made one step at a time, one donation at a time. Thank you NAMI walkers for stepping up to the front line in the cause of breaking down barriers for the mentally ill and offering hope to the mentally ill, their families and the many organizations that are perpetually 'walking' on behalf of this precious population.

Overcoming the challenges of early identification and treatment of mental illness is compounded when poverty, substance abuse and violence are tossed in the mix. Our mentally ill sisters and brothers are particularly susceptible to these scourges. It is the duty of all of us to protect the vulnerable from exploitation and suffering when we clearly have the resources to do so.

Thank you to NAMISA for never resting and always being there to support this special population that possesses limitless potential to contribute to society in so many ways. Thank you as well to all of the supporters of NAMISA who make it possible to support the mentally ill of our community.

This is a walk that symbolically will never end. Nevertheless, all of this year's walkers should take great pride that when in 2019 the call when out for help, you answered.

Again, thank you for this distinct honor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Bradley".

Dave Bradley
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